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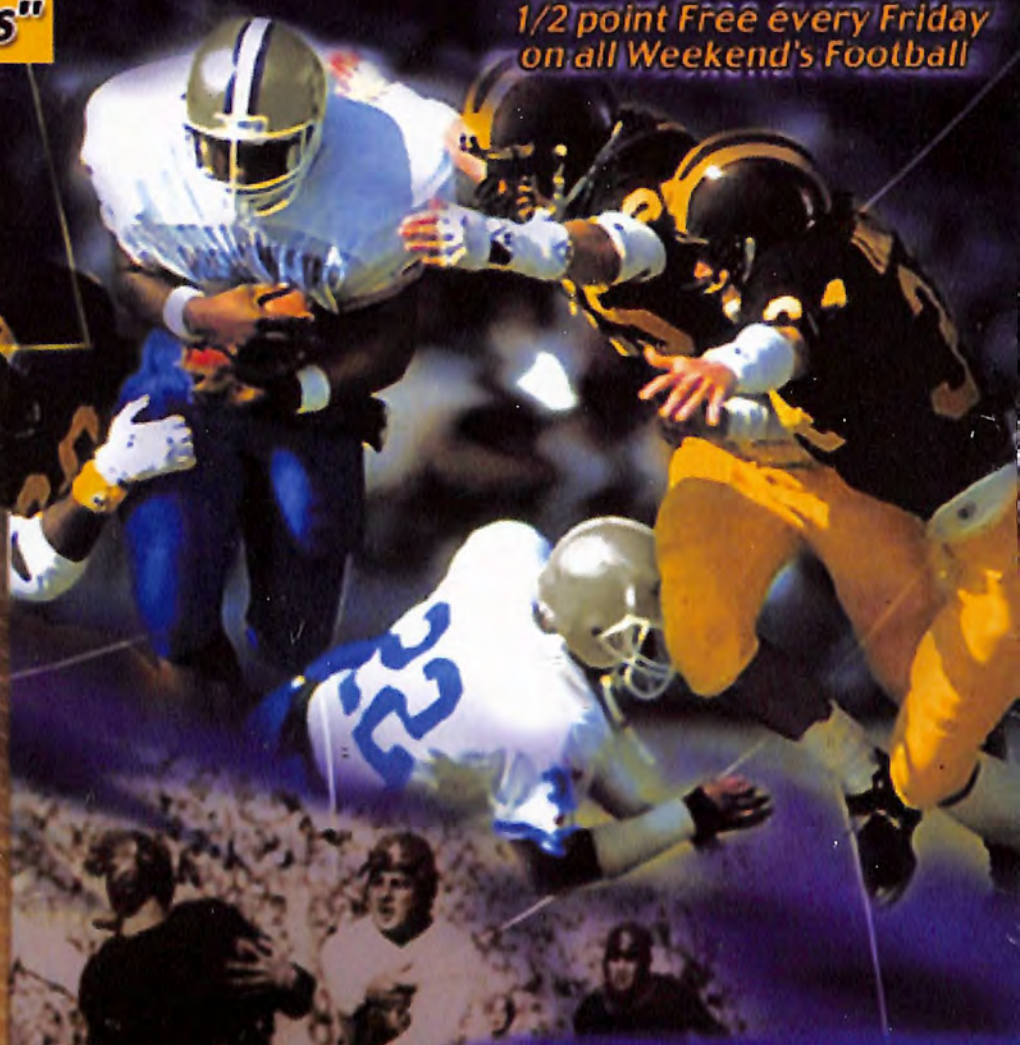

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There are some fine preseason magazines out there, like "The Sporting News," "Athlon," "Lindy's," "Sports Illustrated" and "GamePlan." Magazines in this class usually use numerous writers from around the country to analyze each school or conference. As always I have written EVERY single team preview myself. I do not know of any other magazine that is as in-depth as mine. Please check out the two full pages crammed with information on each team and see if you agree. If you like the information in this magazine, you will love Power Sweep. It is an eight page newsletter that is also loaded with information and comes out each week during the football season.

My Preseason Top 25's have had more teams make it to bowls in the past 8 years than any other preview. This past year 23 of my Top 25 teams were bowl eligible!! So take a look at 2002's Top 25 and hopefully the majority will make it to bowls once again this year. I am also pleased that we have been graded the most accurate preseason magazine over the past three years (see page 291). Also this year we here at Northcoast are once again writing an NFL Preview magazine. Make sure to check out page 309 for details on how you can receive it ABSOLUTELY FREE!!

You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the writing. This is done so I could put as much information in this book as possible. Check out the glossary on page 3 if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations. We have also added an index (see pg 3) so you can find your favorite team more quickly.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away a little over a decade ago. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which always will be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration.

In closing, I hope you are as excited about this magazine as I am. I want the 2003 version to be even better. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can improve this magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 310. I will try to incorporate all of your good ideas into next year's magazine. You can order the 2003 version early, directly through our office. The Preview will sell for $7.95 and **we will pick up the cost of the shipping if you order before March 1st of 2003. Call us at 1-800-654-3448 to order today.**

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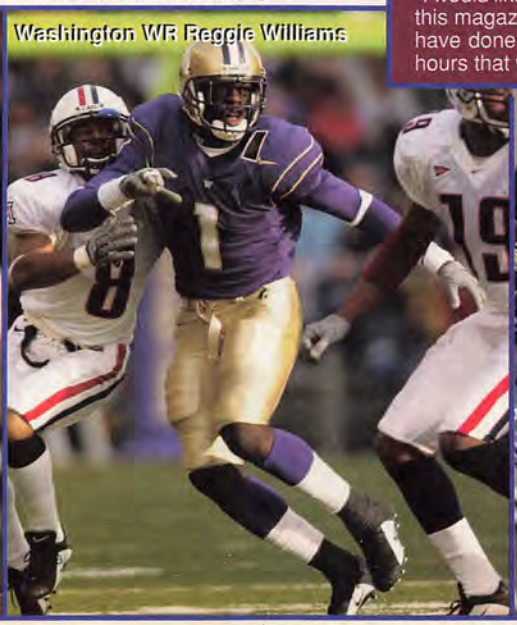

Washington WR Reggie Williams

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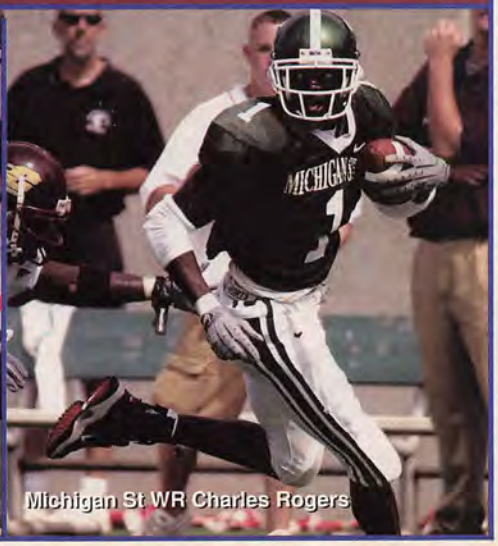

Michigan St WR Charles Rogers

2002 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

For More Projected Bowl Matchups check out page 15.

GMAC BOWL

S Mississippi
vs
UCF

GMAC BOWL LAST YEAR

2001 Marshall (+2) 64 E Carolina 61

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

Boise St
vs
Oregon St

HUMANITARIAN BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Clemson (-6') 49 Louisiana Tech 24
2000 Boise St (-9) 38 UTEP 23
1999 Boise St (+1') 34 Louisville 31

SAN FRANCISCO BOWL

BYU
vs
Syracuse

CONTINENTAL TIRE BOWL

NC State
vs
Virginia Tech

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

2002's Projected Championship Games:

Big 12 Texas vs Kansas St
SEC Tennessee vs Arkansas
MAC Marshall vs N Illinois

Past Championship Games:

2001

Big 12 Colorado 39 over Texas 37
MAC Toledo 41 over Marshall 36
SEC LSU 31 over Tennessee 20

2000

Big 12 Oklahoma 27 over Kansas St 24
MAC Marshall 19 over W Michigan 14
SEC Florida 28 over Auburn 6

1999

Big 12 Nebraska 22 over Texas 6
MAC Marshall 34 over W Michigan 30
SEC Alabama 34 over Florida 7

1998

WAC Air Force 20 over BYU 13
Big 12 Texas A&M 36 over Kansas St 33
MAC Marshall 23 over Toledo 17
SEC Tennessee 24 over Miss St 14

1997

Big 12 Nebraska 54 over Texas A&M 15
MAC Marshall 34 over Toledo 14
WAC Colorado St 41 over N Mex 13
SEC Tennessee 30 over Auburn 29

1996

SEC Florida 45 over Alabama 30
Big 12 Texas 37 over Nebraska 27
WAC BYU 28 over Wyoming 25

1995

SEC Florida 30 over Arkansas 3

1994

SEC Florida 24 over Alabama 23

SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC

Fresno St
vs
Mississippi

SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC LAST 2 YEARS

2001 Michigan St (+4') 44 Fresno St 35
2000 Air Force (+1) 37 Fresno St 34

HOUSTON BOWL

TCU
vs
Texas Tech

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2001 Texas A&M (-5) 28 TCU 9

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Middle Tennessee
vs
E Carolina

NEW ORLEANS BOWL LAST YEAR

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Purdue

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AA	All American
AC	All Conference
AD	Away Dog
AD	Athletic Director
AF	Away Favorite
ATS	Against the Spread
AG	Away Game
B2B	Back to Back
BAN	Bandit
C	Center
CB	Cornerback
CONV	Conversion
DC	Draft Choice/Def Coor
DD	Double Digit
DE	Defensive End
DL	Defensive Line/D-Lineman
DNQ	Did Not Qualify
DT	Defensive Tackle
EZ	End Zone
FB	Fullback
FG	Field Goal
FL	Flanker
FD	First Down
FMBL	Fumble
FR	Freshman
FS	Free Safety
G	Guard
HB	Halfback/H-Back
HC	Homecoming/Head Coach
HD	Home Dog
HF	Home Favorite
HG	Home Game
HM	Honorable Mention
HS	High School
HT	Highly Touted Athlete
ILB	Inside Linebacker
INC	Incomplete
INCL	Including
INEL	Ineligible
INT	Interception
JC	Junior College
JR	Junior
JUCO	Junior College Transfer
JV	Junior Varsity
KD	Knockdown for an OL
K/P	Kicker/Punter
KR	Kick Returner
L	1L,2L,3L,4L (letters earned)
LB	Linebacker
LS	Long Snapper
LT	Left Tackle
LW	Last Week
LY	Last Year
MLB	Middle Linebacker
NB	Nickel Back
NG	Nose Guard
NL	No Line
NT	Nose Tackle
OC	Offensive Coordinator
OG	Offensive Guard
OL	Offensive Line/O-Line
OLB	Outside Linebacker
OOB	Out of Bounds
OT	OffensiveTackle/Overtime
PD	Passes Defended (pbu +int)
PT	Playing time
PEN	Penalty
PBU	Passes Broken Up
POG	Player of the Game
POW	Player of the Week
POY	Player of the Year
PPG	Points Per Game
PQ	Partial Qualifier
PR	Punt Returner
PS#	Phil's ranking out of HS
QB	Quarterback
QBH	Quarterback hurries
RB	Running Back
REC	Receiver/Reception(s)
REDS	Redshirt Frosh
RET	Return
RFR	Redshirt Frosh
RG	Road Game(s)
ROV	Rover
RS	Return Specialist
RT	Right Tackle
RZ	Red Zone
S	Safety
SB	Slotback
SE	Split End
SK	Sack/SKS-Sacks
SO	Sophomore
SOD	Stopped on Downs
SR	Senior
SS	Strong Safety
ST	Special Teams
SU	Straight Up
T	Offensive Tackle
TB	Tailback
TD	Touchdown
TE	Tight End
TFL	Tackle For Loss
TKL	Tackles
TOP	Time of Possession
TO	Turnovers/ Timeout
TPG	Tackles Per Game
TRANS	Transfer
TRUE	True Frosh
TTL	Total
TY	This Year
VL	Vertical Leap
VHT	Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
WR	Wide Receiver
XP	Extra Point
XPNG	Extra Point No Good
YD	Yard/YDS-Yards
YPC	Yards per Carry/Catch
YPP	Yards per Point
YPG	Yards per Game
1H	1st Half, (2H)
1Q	1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
2PT	2 point conversion
2PTNG	2 point conversion no good
†	Neutral Site

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 PRESEASON OFFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
QB	Casey Clausen, Tennessee	Byron Leftwich, Marshall	Dave Ragone, Louisville	Rex Grossman, Florida
RB	Lee Suggs, Virginia Tech	Cedric Benson, Texas	Dahrran Diedrick, Nebraska	Anthony Davis, Wisconsin
RB	Earnest Graham, Florida	Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech	Carnell Williams, Auburn	Dwone Hicks, Middle Tenn
WR	Roy Williams, Texas	Reggie Williams, Washington	Lee Evans, Wisconsin	Billy McMullen, Virginia
WR	Charles Rogers, Michigan St	Kelley Washington, Tennessee	Andre Johnson, Miami, Fla	Michael Clayton, LSU
TE	Jason Witten, Tennessee	Trent Smith, Oklahoma	Bo Scaife, Texas	Robert Johnson, Auburn
C	Al Johnson, Wisconsin	Jeff Faine, Notre Dame	Brian Ottney, Michigan St	Alonzo Ephraim, Alabama
G	Montrae Holland, Florida St	Kevin Breedlove, Georgia	Shannon Snell, Florida	Cedric Williams, S Carolina
G	Anthony Oakley, Indiana	Vince Manuwai, Hawaii	Adrien Clarke, Ohio St	Kirt Doolin, Cincinnati
T	Brett Williams, Florida St	Kwame Harris, Stanford	Garry Johnson, Arkansas St	Jake Kuppe, Minnesota
T	Ben Johnson, Wisconsin	Vernon Carey, Miami, Fla	Enoch DeMar, Indiana	Damian Lavergne, La Tech
K	Seth Marler, Tulane	John Anderson, Washington	Luke Phillips, Oklahoma St	Nick Setta, Notre Dame
KR	Chris Massey, Oklahoma St	Chad Owens, Hawaii	Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	Roc Alexander, Washington

PHIL'S TOP 30 QUARTERBACKS

NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1. Casey Clausen	Tennessee	Jr	6-4	215
2. Byron Leftwich	Marshall	Sr	6-6	240
3. Dave Ragone	Louisville	Sr	6-4	250
4. Rex Grossman	Florida	Jr	6-1	220
5. Ken Dorsey	Miami, Fla	Sr	6-5	205
6. Chris Simms	Texas	Sr	6-5	225
7. Carson Palmer	USC	Sr	6-5	225
8. Eli Manning	Mississippi	Jr	6-4	215
9. Chris Rix	Florida St	So	6-4	210
10. Seneca Wallace	Iowa St	Sr	5-11	193
11. Jason Thomas	UNLV	Sr	6-4	230
12. Jared Lorenzen	Kentucky	Jr	6-4	275
13. Kliff Kingsbury	Texas Tech	Sr	6-4	208
14. Chris Lewis	Stanford	Sr	6-3	215
15. Ben Roethlisberger	Miami, Oh	So	6-5	240
16. Jeff Smoker	Michigan St	Jr	6-3	212
17. Philip Rivers	NC State	Jr	6-3	236
18. Luke McCown	La Tech	Jr	6-4	199
19. Brian St Pierre	Boston College	Sr	6-4	217
20. Gino Guidugli	Cincinnati	So	6-3	215
21. John Navarre	Michigan	Jr	6-6	224
22. JP Losman	Tulane	Jr	6-2	202
23. Craig Ochs	Colorado	Jr	6-2	210
24. Jason Gesser	Washington St	Sr	6-1	200
25. Mark Farris	Texas A&M	Sr	6-2	206
26. Cody Pickett	Washington	Jr	6-4	215
27. Derek Anderson	Oregon St	So	6-6	234
28. David Greene	Georgia	So	6-3	213
29. Brett Engemann	BYU	Jr	6-4	235
30. Willie Simmons	Clemson	Jr	6-1	195

PHIL'S TOP 25 TIGHT ENDS

NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1. Jason Witten	Tennessee	Jr	6-5	260
2. Trent Smith	Oklahoma	Sr	6-5	230
3. Bo Scaife	Texas	Jr	6-3	250
4. Robert Johnson	Auburn	Jr	6-6	270
5. Chad Bartoszek	Buffalo	Sr	6-6	250
6. Benjamin Watson	Georgia	Jr	6-3	251
7. Donald Lee	Mississippi St	Sr	6-4	248
8. Doug Zeigler	Mississippi	Sr	6-4	254
9. Ben Utecht	Minnesota	Jr	6-6	242
10. Ben Hall	Clemson	So	6-5	250
11. LJ Smith	Rutgers	Sr	6-4	252
12. Keith Willis	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-5	241
13. Jason Rader	Marshall	Jr	6-4	261
14. Aaron Walker	Florida	Sr	6-6	261
15. Ronnie Ghent	Louisville	Sr	6-3	237
16. Patrick Estes	Virginia	So	6-5	247
17. Alex Holmes	USC	Jr	6-2	265
18. Tim Euhus	Oregon St	Jr	6-5	238
19. Eric Edwards	LSU	Jr	6-5	260
20. Dallas Clark	Iowa	Jr	6-4	240
21. Jeff Dugan	Maryland	Jr	6-4	266
22. Spencer Nead	BYU	Sr	6-4	265
23. Brett Pierce	Stanford	Jr	6-6	245
24. Ray Thomas	Wake Forest	Sr	6-4	245
25. Bennie Joppru	Michigan	Sr	6-4	244

Marshall QB Byron Leftwich

VA Tech RB Lee Suggs

Wisconsin C Al Johnson

Tennessee TE Jason Witten

PHIL'S TOP 40 RUNNING BACKS

NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1. Lee Suggs	Virg Tech	Sr	6-0	201	21. Lydell Ross	Ohio St	So	6-0	210
2. Earnest Graham	Florida	Sr	5-9	215	22. Steven Jackson	Oregon St	So	6-1	226
3. Kevin Jones	Vig Tech	So	6-0	211	23. Chance Kretschmer	Nevada	So	6-2	220
4. Cedric Benson	Texas	So	6-0	205	24. Quentin Griffin	Oklahoma	Sr	5-7	190
5. Dahrran Diedrick	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	225	25. Justin Fargas	USC	Sr	6-1	210
6. Carnell Williams	Auburn	So	5-11	200	26. Cedric Houston	Tennessee	So	6-0	223
7. Anthony Davis	Wisconsin	So	5-8	183	27. Willis McGahee	Miami, Fla	So	6-1	220
8. Dwone Hicks	Middle Tenn	Sr	5-11	225	28. Reggie Duncan	Kansas	Jr	5-9	215
9. LaBrandon Toefield	LSU	Jr	6-0	225	29. Derrick Nix	S Miss	Sr	6-2	232
10. Cedric Cobbs	Arkansas	Jr	6-1	221	30. Bruce Perry	Maryland	Jr	5-9	188
11. Clarence Farmer	Arizona	Jr	6-1	215	31. Santonio Beard	Alabama	Jr	6-1	207
12. Sultan McCullough	USC	Sr	6-0	190	32. Derek Farmer	Texas A&M	So	5-11	192
13. Greg Jones	Florida St	Jr	6-1	243	33. Mewelde Moore	Tulane	Jr	6-1	203
14. Dontae Walker	Miss St	Sr	5-10	225	34. Kerry Carter	Stanford	Sr	6-2	235
15. Onterrio Smith	Oregon	Jr	5-11	195	35. Andrew Pinnock	S Carolina	Sr	6-0	255
16. Thomas Tapeh	Minnesota	Jr	6-1	228	36. Thomas Hammock	N Illinois	Sr	5-8	214
17. Chris Brown	Colorado	Jr	6-3	220	37. Avon Cobourne	W Virginia	Sr	5-9	190
18. Marcus Houston	Colorado	So	6-2	205	38. Musa Smith	Georgia	Jr	6-1	226
19. Julius Jones	Notre Dame	Sr	5-10	200	39. Antoineo Harris	Illinois	Sr	6-1	221
20. Jermaine Green	Wash St	Jr	6-2	228	40. Larry Johnson	Penn St	Sr	6-2	222

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PHIL'S TOP 40 GUARDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Montrae Holland	Florida St	Sr	6-3	325
2.	Anthony Oakley	Indiana	Jr	6-4	305
3.	Kevin Breedlove	Georgia	Sr	6-4	305
4.	Vince Manuwai	Hawaii	Sr	6-2	285
5.	Shannon Snell	Florida	Jr	6-5	301
6.	Adrien Clarke	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	325
7.	Cedric Williams	S Carolina	Sr	6-3	300
8.	Kirt Doolin	Cincinnati	Sr	6-4	306
9.	Torrin Tucker	S Mississippi	Sr	6-5	316
10.	Antoine Murphy	Baylor	Sr	6-3	353
11.	Marico Portis	Alabama	Sr	6-3	308
12.	Todd Wike	Maryland	Sr	6-3	300
13.	Greg Schindler	Stanford	Sr	6-5	307
14.	Rex Richards	Texas Tech	Sr	6-4	315
15.	Derrick Dockery	Texas	Sr	6-6	310
16.	John Crossley	Arkansas St	Sr	6-2	323
17.	Taylor Whitley	Texas A&M	Sr	6-4	305
18.	Alex Jackson	Georgia	Sr	6-4	345
19.	Bryan Anderson	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-5	310
20.	Jeff Roehl	Northwestern	Sr	6-4	299
21.	Sherko Haji-Rasouli	Miami, Fla	Sr	6-6	310
22.	Derrick Roche	Washington St	Sr	6-5	295
23.	Elton Brown	Virginia	So	6-6	340
24.	Milford Brown	Florida St	Sr	6-4	319
25.	David Ashkinaz	UCF	Jr	6-4	310
26.	Sean Mahan	Notre Dame	Sr	6-8	285
27.	Eric Steinbach	Iowa	Jr	6-7	284
28.	Morgan Pears	Colorado St	Sr	6-7	309
29.	Zack Wilson	USC	Sr	6-5	300
30.	William Whitticker	Michigan St	So	6-6	298
31.	Bryce Bishop	Ohio St	So	6-3	312
32.	Shane Hall	S Carolina	Sr	6-6	300
33.	Jonathan Colon	Florida	So	6-7	311
34.	Jason Respert	Tennessee	So	6-3	285
35.	Dave Petruziello	Michigan	Sr	6-4	298
36.	Jeb Terry	N Carolina	Jr	6-6	305
37.	Kyle Croskey	C Michigan	Sr	6-3	310
38.	Shalimar Jackson	N Mexico St	Sr	6-3	324
39.	Augie Hoffmann	Boston College	Jr	6-2	305
40.	Ken Dawson	S Florida	Sr	6-6	295

PHIL'S TOP 40 WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Charles Rogers	Michigan St	Jr	6-4	200
2.	Roy Williams	Texas	Jr	6-4	210
3.	Reggie Williams	Washington	So	6-4	220
4.	Kelley Washington	Tennessee	So	6-4	225
5.	Lee Evans	Wisconsin	Sr	5-11	192
6.	Andre Johnson	Miami, Fla	Jr	6-4	220
7.	Billy McMullen	Virginia	Sr	6-4	205
8.	Michael Clayton	LSU	So	6-4	185
9.	Fred Gibson	Georgia	So	6-4	180
10.	Taylor Jacobs	Florida	Sr	6-1	198
11.	Brandon Lloyd	Illinois	Jr	6-2	180
12.	Mike Bush	Washington St	Sr	6-6	210
13.	Kareem Kelly	USC	Sr	6-0	190
14.	Bernard Berrian	Fresno St	Sr	6-2	190
15.	Darius Watts	Marshall	Jr	6-2	183
16.	Craphonso Thorpe	Florida St	So	6-2	175
17.	Talman Gardner	Florida St	Sr	6-2	205
18.	Johnnie Morant	Syracuse	Jr	6-5	221
19.	Heyward Skipper	Troy St	Sr	6-0	181
20.	Kevin Curtis	Utah St	Jr	5-11	183
21.	Doug Gabriel	UCF	Sr	6-2	205
22.	Michael Jenkins	Ohio St	Jr	6-5	200
23.	Bryant Johnson	Penn St	Sr	6-2	210
24.	Darrin Charles	Wisconsin	So	6-6	205
25.	Ronald Bellamy	Michigan	Sr	6-0	199
26.	Paul Arnold	Washington	Sr	6-1	200
27.	Rashaun Woods	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-2	187
28.	Justin Gage	Missouri	Sr	6-4	210
29.	Reno Mahe	BYU	Sr	5-11	185
30.	Roscoe Crosby	Clemson	So	6-3	200
31.	Tyrone Calico	Middle Tenn St	Sr	6-4	224
32.	Dan Stricker	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-3	200
33.	Terrence Edwards	Georgia	Sr	6-1	169
34.	James Adkisson	S Carolina	Sr	6-5	215
35.	Roydell Williams	Tulane	Jr	6-2	171
36.	Shaun McDonald	Arizona St	Jr	5-9	172
37.	BJ Johnson	Texas	Jr	6-1	200
38.	Luke Powell	Stanford	Sr	5-8	170
39.	Chris Collins	Mississippi	Jr	6-2	190
40.	James Newson	Oregon St	Jr	6-1	197

Hawaii OG Vince Manuwai

Colorado FB Brandon Drumm

Georgia WR Fred Gibson

Arkansas St OT Garry Johnson

PHIL'S TOP 30 FULL BACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Jeremi Johnson	Indiana	Sr	6-1	275
2.	BJ Askew	Michigan	Sr	6-3	228
3.	Sean McHugh	Penn St	Jr	6-5	264
4.	Alex Wade	Duke	Jr	6-1	250
5.	Judd Davies	Nebraska	Jr	6-0	255
6.	Ivory Brown	UL Monroe	Sr	5-11	273
7.	Troy Fleming	Tennessee	Jr	6-2	220
8.	Brandon Drumm	Colorado	Sr	6-2	230
9.	Ryan Stanger	California	Sr	6-2	245
10.	Lousaka Polite	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-0	245
11.	Justin Griffith	Mississippi St	Sr	5-11	231
12.	Carey Davis	Illinois	Jr	6-0	215
13.	James Lynch	Maryland	Jr	5-11	267
14.	JT Wall	Georgia	Sr	6-0	258
15.	Tom Lopienski	Notre Dame	Sr	6-1	245
16.	Mike Karney	Arizona St	Jr	6-0	257
17.	Cedric Humes	Virginia Tech	So	6-1	218
18.	Brandon Holmes	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	218
19.	Dawan Moss	Michigan St	Sr	5-10	236
20.	Donnie Lowe	Alabama	Jr	6-2	247
21.	Casey Moore	Stanford	Sr	6-2	240
22.	Matt Strohfus	Boise St	Sr	6-2	241
23.	Matt Floberg	Oregon	Jr	6-2	244
24.	Branden Joe	Ohio St	So	6-0	245
25.	Ayo Saba	Kansas St	rFr	6-0	260

PHIL'S TOP 25 CENTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Al Johnson	Wisconsin	Sr	6-4	295
2.	Jeff Faine	Notre Dame	Jr	6-3	298
3.	Brian Ottney	Michigan St	Jr	6-6	309
4.	Alonzo Ephraim	Alabama	Sr	6-4	295
5.	Ben Wilkerson	LSU	So	6-4	275
6.	Ben Claxton	Mississippi	Sr	6-3	288
7.	Brett Romberg	Miami, Fla	Sr	6-6	301
8.	Antoine Mirambeau	Florida St	Sr	6-4	285
9.	AJ Ricker	Missouri	Jr	6-4	295
10.	Nick Romeo	Syracuse	Jr	6-2	297
11.	Rodney Michael	Fresno St	Sr	6-4	300
12.	Wayne Lucier	Colorado	Sr	6-4	295
13.	Johnathan Ingram	San Diego St	Sr	6-2	300
14.	Don Koppen	Boston College	Sr	6-3	293
15.	Ben Nowland	Auburn	Sr	6-3	298
16.	Scott Wells	Tennessee	Jr	6-2	285
17.	Jake Grove	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-3	286
18.	Josh Shneyderov	Cincinnati	Jr	6-2	272
19.	John Garrison	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	290
20.	Bruce Nelson	Iowa	Sr	6-4	290
21.	Austin King	Northwestern	Sr	6-4	284
22.	Al James	Houston	Jr	6-0	300
23.	Steve Washington	Kansas St	Sr	6-4	315
24.	CJ Frye	S Carolina	Sr	6-2	315
25.	Vince Carter	Oklahoma	So	6-3	277

PHIL'S TOP 40 TACKLES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brett Williams	Florida St	Sr	6-6	317
2.	Ben Johnson	Wisconsin	Sr	6-7	321
3.	Kwame Harris	Stanford	Jr	6-7	308
4.	Vernon Carey	Miami, Fla	Jr	6-5	350
5.	Garry Johnson	Arkansas St	Sr	6-4	306
6.	Enoch DeMar	Indiana	Sr	6-5	315
7.	Jake Kuppe	Minnesota	Sr	6-7	352
8.	Damian Lavergne	La Tech	Sr	6-6	328
9.	Max Starks	Florida	Jr	6-8	345
10.	Tony Pashos	Illinois	Sr	6-6	320
11.	Shawn Andrews	Arkansas	So	6-6	330
12.	Jami Hightower	Texas A&M	So	6-3	323
13.	Antonio Hall	Kentucky	Jr	6-5	302
14.	Dustin Rykert	BYU	Sr	6-7	317
15.	Mike Saffer	UCLA	Sr	6-5	304
16.	Will Ofenheusle	Tennessee	Sr	6-6	320
17.	Jon Stinchcomb	Georgia	Sr	6-6	277
18.	Jordan Black	Notre Dame	Sr	6-6	305
19.	Tony Pape	Michigan	Jr	6-6	299
20.	Robbie Doane	Texas	Sr	6-3	315
21.	Nat Dorsey	Georgia Tech	So	6-6	315
22.	Nate McPeek	Marshall	Jr	6-5	321
23.	Steve Sciullo	Marshall	Sr	6-6	344
24.	Adam Goldberg	Wyoming	Sr	6-7	330
25.	Makoa Freitas	Arizona	Sr	6-4	296
26.	Michael Munoz	Tennessee	Jr	6-6	300
27.	Marc Parenteau	Boston College	Sr	6-5	308
28.	Matt Crawford	Maryland	Sr	6-6	312
29.	AC Myler	Indiana	Sr	6-5	350
30.	Drew Strojny	Duke	Jr	6-8	300
31.	Wesley Britt	Alabama	So	6-8	308
32.	Steve Mascorro	New Mex St	Sr	6-4	346
33.	Ariel Famaligi	UTEP	Sr	6-4	320
34.	Shane Olivea	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	310
35.	Rob Petitti	Pittsburgh	So	6-6	330
36.	Joe Schey	Fresno St	Sr	6-6	330
37.	Jordan Gross	Utah	Sr	6-5	310
38.	Justin Bates	Colorado	Sr	6-4	295
39.	Robert Droege	Missouri	Jr	6-6	290
40.	Wes Sims	Oklahoma	So	6-5	317

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 PRESEASON DEFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
DE	Cory Redding, Texas	Dewayne White, Louisville	Kindal Moorehead, Alabama	Jimmy Wilkerson, Oklahoma
DT	Jimmy Kennedy, Penn St	Darnell Dockett, Florida St	Jarret Johnson, Alabama	Vince Wilfork, Miami, Fla
DT	William Joseph, Miami, Fla	Eric Manning, Oregon St	Ty Warren, Texas A&M	Tommie Harris, Oklahoma
DE	Jerome McDougle, Miami, Fla	Greg Gathers, Georgia Tech	Chris Kelsay, Nebraska	Terrell Suggs, Arizona St
LB	Eddie Strong, Mississippi	Bradie James, LSU	Derrick Johnson, Texas	Lance Briggs, Arizona
LB	EJ Henderson, Maryland	Chris Brown, Hawaii	Mario Haggan, Mississippi St	Brian Gamble, Texas A&M
LB	Jarrod Penright, Texas A&M	Kendyll Pope, Florida St	Victor Hobson, Michigan	Teddy Lehman, Oklahoma
CB	Dennis Weathersby, Oregon St	Bryan Scott, Penn St	Terence Newman, Kansas St	Andre Woolfolk, Oklahoma
CB	Sammy Davis, Texas A&M	Marlin Jackson, Michigan	Ahmad Carroll, Arkansas	Christian Morton, Illinois
SS	Mike Doss, Ohio St	Troy Polamalu, USC	Julian Battle, Tennessee	Terrence Kiel, Texas A&M
FS	Stuart Schweigert, Purdue	Ken Hamlin, Arkansas	Terrence Holt, NC State	Matt Ware, UCLA
P	Brooks Barnard, Maryland	Joey Huber, Colorado St	Jonathan Kilgo, Georgia	Preston Gruening, Minnesota
PR	Luke Powell, Stanford	DeAndrew Rubin, S Florida	Dexter Wynn, Colorado St	Nathan Vasher, Texas

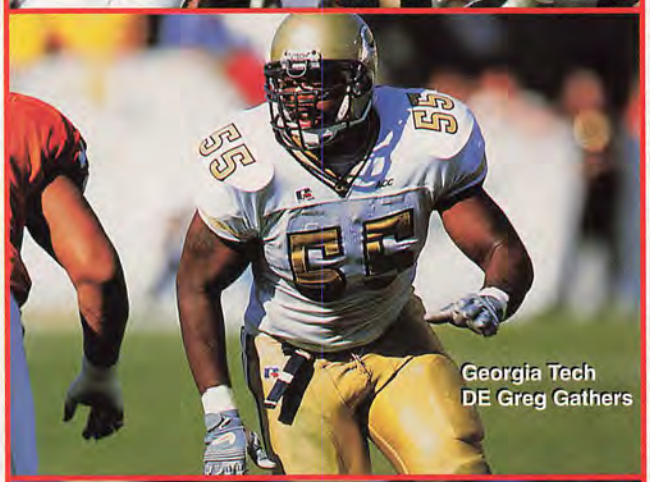
PHIL'S TOP 40 DEFENSIVE ENDS

NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1. Cory Redding	Texas	Sr	6-5	270
2. Jerome McDougle	Miami, Fla	Sr	6-4	250
3. Dewayne White	Louisville	Jr	6-3	277
4. Greg Gathers	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-1	275
5. Kindal Moorehead	Alabama	Sr	6-4	293
6. Chris Kelsay	Nebraska	Sr	6-5	255
7. Jimmy Wilkerson	Oklahoma	Jr	6-4	252
8. Terrell Suggs	Arizona St	Jr	6-3	242
9. Ian Scott	Florida	Jr	6-3	307
10. Kai Ellis	Washington	Sr	6-4	245
11. Antwan Peek	Cincinnati	Sr	6-2	244
12. Nathaniel Adibi	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-3	254
13. Calvin Pace	Wake Forest	Sr	6-6	260
14. Elton Patterson	UCF	Sr	6-2	275
15. Aaron Hunt	Texas Tech	Sr	6-3	258
16. Dewayne Robertson	Kentucky	Jr	6-3	308
17. Nick Burley	Fresno St	Sr	6-4	250
18. Will Smith	Ohio St	Jr	6-4	250
19. Michael Haynes	Penn St	Sr	6-3	280
20. Mondre Dickerson	Tennessee	Jr	6-5	270
21. Kenderick Allen	LSU	Sr	6-6	300
22. Shawn Price	NC State	Sr	6-2	235
23. Antonio Garay	Boston College	Sr	6-4	290
24. Brandon Green	Rice	Sr	6-3	250
25. Kalen Thornton	Texas	Jr	6-3	270
26. Jason Kaufusi	Utah	Jr	6-3	250
27. Eric Moore	Florida St	So	6-4	234
28. Raheem Orr	Rutgers	Sr	6-4	240
29. Laanui Correa	Hawaii	Sr	6-4	267
30. Shaun Smith	S Carolina	Sr	6-3	310
31. Darrell Lee	Florida	Jr	6-4	255
32. Josh Thomas	Syracuse	Jr	6-7	270
33. Marcus Spears	LSU	So	6-5	280
34. Tron LaFavor	Florida	Sr	6-2	288
35. Tony Brown	Memphis	Sr	6-3	273
36. Andrew Williams	Miami, Fla	Sr	6-4	240
37. Dan Rumishek	Michigan	Sr	6-4	277
38. Osi Umenyiora	Troy St	Sr	6-3	267
39. Travis LaBoy	Hawaii	Jr	6-5	253
40. DD Acholonu	Washington St	Jr	6-3	245

PHIL'S TOP 20 STRONG SAFETIES

NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1. Mike Doss	Ohio St	Sr	5-11	204
2. Troy Polamalu	USC	Sr	5-10	215
3. Julian Battle	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	205
4. Terrence Kiel	Texas A&M	Sr	5-11	201
5. Charles Drake	Michigan	Sr	6-1	204
6. Thomas Wright	Michigan St	Sr	6-1	196
7. Chris Massey	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-0	204
8. Curry Burns	Louisville	Sr	6-1	215
9. Arnold Parker	Utah	Jr	6-2	210
10. Cory Collins	Georgia Tech	Sr	5-11	199
11. DeFonte Coleman	N Carolina	Sr	6-1	219
12. Quintin Mikell	Boise St	Sr	5-10	206
13. Jerome Carter	Florida St	So	6-0	208
14. Doug Monaghan	Cincinnati	So	6-3	207
15. Damien James	LSU	Sr	5-11	191
16. Ben Emanuel	UCLA	So	6-3	202
17. Gerome Sapp	Notre Dame	Sr	6-0	218
18. Keeon Walker	Syracuse	Sr	6-0	195
19. Doug Bessette	Boston College	Sr	5-11	203
20. Bob Sanders	Iowa	Jr	5-8	194

Miami, Fla DE Jerome McDougle, DT William Joseph & LB DJ Williams


Georgia Tech DE Greg Gathers

Purdue FS Stuart Schweigert

PHIL'S TOP 40 DEFENSIVE TACKLES

NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1. William Joseph	Miami, Fla	Sr	6-5	290
2. Jimmy Kennedy	Penn St	Sr	6-3	330
3. Darnell Dockett	Florida St	Jr	6-4	285
4. Eric Manning	Oregon St	Sr	6-1	295
5. Jarret Johnson	Alabama	Sr	6-4	281
6. Ty Warren	Texas A&M	Sr	6-4	295
7. Vince Wilfork	Miami, Fla	So	6-1	330
8. Tommie Harris	Oklahoma	So	6-3	278
9. Johnathan Sullivan	Georgia	Jr	6-4	304
10. Marcus Tubbs	Texas	Jr	6-4	305
11. Kenny King	Alabama	Sr	6-5	277
12. Langston Moore	S Carolina	Sr	6-2	290
13. DeMarco McNeil	Auburn	Jr	6-2	303
14. Shaun Cody	USC	So	6-5	275
15. Dan Klecko	Temple	Sr	6-1	276
16. Anthony Adams	Penn St	Sr	6-0	293
17. Albert Means	Memphis	Jr	6-4	345
18. Jermaine Brooks	Arkansas	Sr	6-3	295
19. Travis Johnson	Florida St	So	6-5	282
20. Donnell Washington	Clemson	So	6-6	315
21. Tommy Kelly	Mississippi St	Jr	6-6	306
22. Kevin Williams	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-3	284
23. Doug Goodwin	Boston College	Jr	6-1	285
24. Garrett Smith	Utah	Sr	6-3	303
25. Chad Lavalais	LSU	Jr	6-3	270
26. Jordan Carstens	Iowa St	Jr	6-5	300
27. Chad Pugh	TCU	Jr	6-3	305
28. Jeff Womble	Florida St	Jr	6-3	290
29. Bernard Riley	USC	Sr	6-3	315
30. Nick Eason	Clemson	Sr	6-4	290
31. Tim Anderson	Ohio St	Jr	6-4	289
32. Tavares Jurineack	S Florida	Sr	6-3	290
33. Jerry Caudill	Kentucky	Jr	6-3	295
34. Cedric Hilliard	Notre Dame	Jr	6-2	290
35. Bobby Leffew	Louisville	So	6-4	270
36. Norman Heuer	Michigan	Jr	6-5	292
37. Colin Cole	Iowa	Sr	6-2	300
38. Ellery Moore	Kentucky	So	6-3	295
39. Matt Leonard	Stanford	Sr	6-4	290
40. Lorenzo Alexander	California	So	6-3	285

PHIL'S TOP 20 FREE SAFETIES

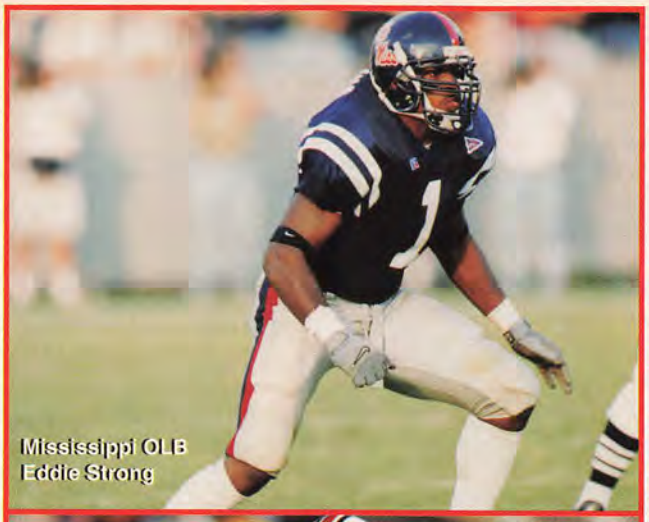
NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1. Stuart Schweigert	Purdue	Jr	6-3	208
2. Ken Hamlin	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	197
3. Terrence Holt	NC State	Sr	6-2	203
4. Matt Ware	UCLA	So	6-3	199
5. Cato June	Michigan	Sr	6-1	224
6. Jeremy Muyres	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-2	205
7. Todd Johnson	Florida	Sr	6-1	201
8. Elbert Craig	Oklahoma St	Jr	5-10	208
9. Anthony Floyd	Louisville	Sr	5-8	202
10. Mitch Meeuwsen	Oregon St	So	6-3	211
11. Hanik Milligan	Houston	Sr	6-3	215
12. Nnamdi Asomugha	California	Sr	6-2	210
13. Brandon Everage	Oklahoma	Jr	6-0	185
14. Willie Pile	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	205
15. Shawn Seabrooks	Rutgers	Sr	5-10	190
16. DJ Walker	UTEP	Sr	6-3	215
17. Donnie Nickey	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	203
18. Shawn Mayer	Penn St	Sr	6-0	198
19. Dexter Reid	N Carolina	Jr	6-0	187
20. Dominique Sims	Minnesota	So	6-1	200

PHIL'S TOP 40 CORNERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Dennis Weathersby	Oregon St	Sr	6-1	206
2.	Sammy Davis	Texas A&M	Sr	6-1	183
3.	Marlin Jackson	Michigan	So	6-1	182
4.	Bryan Scott	Penn St	Sr	6-2	215
5.	Ahmad Carroll	Arkansas	So	5-11	190
6.	Terence Newman	Kansas St	Sr	5-11	185
7.	Andre Woolfolk	Oklahoma	Sr	6-1	191
8.	Christian Morton	Illinois	Jr	6-1	180
9.	DeAngelo Hall	Virginia Tech	So	5-11	200
10.	Lawrence Richardson	Arkansas	Jr	5-10	174
11.	Antwaun Rogers	Purdue	So	6-2	170
12.	Eugene Wilson	Illinois	Sr	5-11	185
13.	Charles Tillman	Louisiana-Lft	Sr	6-2	192
14.	Antrel Rolle	Miami, Fla	So	6-1	203
15.	Jenaro Gilford	BYU	Jr	6-2	187
16.	Nathan Vasher	Texas	Jr	5-11	180
17.	Art Thomas	Virginia	Jr	6-2	205
18.	Korey Banks	Mississippi St	Sr	5-11	175
19.	Cedric Henry	Michigan St	Sr	5-10	182
20.	Shawntae Spencer	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-2	175
21.	Ricky Sharpe	San Diego St	Sr	6-1	190
22.	Ricky Manning	UCLA	Sr	5-8	180
23.	Marcus Trufant	Washington St	Sr	6-0	189
24.	Michael Waddell	N Carolina	Sr	5-11	173
25.	Marcus Hudson	NC State	So	6-1	193
26.	Derrick Strait	Oklahoma	Jr	5-11	191
27.	Jeremy LeSueur	Michigan	Jr	6-1	200
28.	Jason Goss	TCU	Sr	5-11	189
29.	Michael Jolivette	Arizona	Jr	5-11	180
30.	Roc Alexander	Washington	Jr	6-0	185
31.	Jabari Greer	Tennessee	Jr	5-10	170
32.	Carlos Rogers	Auburn	So	6-1	184
33.	Brandon Hefflin	Toledo	Jr	6-1	170
34.	Ronyell Whitaker	Virginia Tech	Sr	5-9	197
35.	Weldon Cooks	UTEP	Sr	6-2	180
36.	Vontez Duff	Notre Dame	Jr	5-11	194
37.	Maurice Tucker	S Florida	Sr	6-1	190
38.	Mike Lehan	Minnesota	Sr	6-0	184
39.	Willie Miles	Tennessee	Sr	6-0	175
40.	Dustin Fox	Ohio St	So	6-0	190

PHIL'S TOP 20 PUNTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brooks Barnard	Maryland	Sr	6-2	188
2.	Joey Huber	Colorado St	Sr	6-6	223
3.	Preston Gruening	Minnesota	Sr	5-10	201
4.	Jonathan Kilgo	Georgia	Sr	6-2	206
5.	Glenn Pakulak	Kentucky	Sr	6-3	230
6.	Damon Duval	Auburn	Sr	6-1	187
7.	Mark Mariscal	Colorado	Sr	6-2	190
8.	Freddie Capshaw	Miami, Fla	Sr	5-11	186
9.	Joey Biasatti	TCU	Sr	5-11	207
10.	Jason Simpson	Fresno St	Sr	6-1	195
11.	Matt McBriar	Hawaii	Jr	5-11	202
12.	Donnie Jones	LSU	Jr	6-3	217
13.	Curtis Head	Marshall	Sr	5-11	179
14.	Andy Groom	Ohio St	Sr	6-1	185
15.	Steve Mullins	Utah St	Sr	6-3	205
16.	Kevin McMyler	Boston College	Sr	6-1	194
17.	Tony Yelk	Iowa St	So	6-0	201
18.	Richie Butler	Arkansas	Sr	6-1	210
19.	Michael Barr	Rutgers	Sr	6-3	220
20.	Brian Simnjanovski	San Diego St	Sr	6-3	230


Mississippi OLB
Eddie Strong

Maryland ILB
EJ Henderson

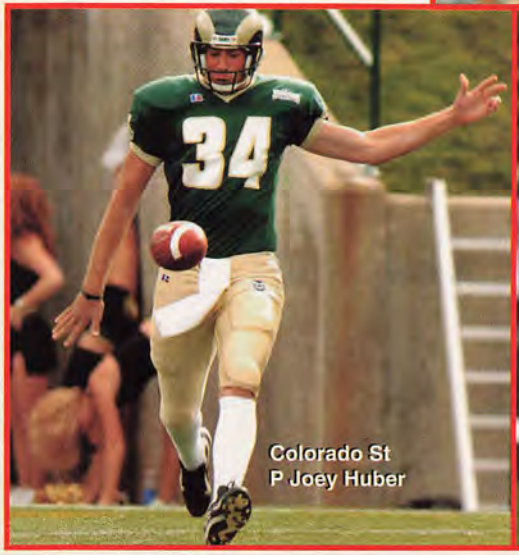
Texas A&M
CB Sammy Davis

PHIL'S TOP 30 OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Eddie Strong	Mississippi	Sr	6-2	245
2.	Jarrod Penright	Texas A&M	Sr	6-2	240
3.	Kendyll Pope	Florida St	Jr	6-2	220
4.	Derrick Johnson	Texas	So	6-4	220
5.	Teddy Lehman	Oklahoma	Jr	6-2	230
6.	Brian Gamble	Texas A&M	Sr	6-2	225
7.	Matt Wilhelm	Ohio St	Sr	6-5	245
8.	Daryl Smith	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-2	230
9.	DJ Williams	Miami, Fla	Jr	6-2	240
10.	Marvin Godbolt	TCU	So	6-0	193
11.	John Leake	Clemson	Jr	6-1	225
12.	Leon Joe	Maryland	Jr	6-1	223
13.	Boss Bailey	Georgia	Sr	6-4	218
14.	Sheldon Deckart	Utah	Sr	6-2	240
15.	LaMar Stewart	Penn St	So	6-1	229
16.	Greg Harper	Memphis	Jr	6-1	223
17.	Brooks Daniels	Alabama	Jr	6-2	204
18.	Kevin Burnett	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	220
19.	Michael Boulware	Florida St	Jr	6-3	225
20.	George Gause	S Carolina	So	6-5	255
21.	John Garrett	Baylor	Jr	6-1	246
22.	Cie Grant	Ohio St	Sr	6-2	220
23.	Derek Wake	Penn St	So	6-3	240
24.	Ty Myers	Illinois	Jr	6-4	235
25.	Leo Étienne	Kansas	Sr	6-0	205
26.	Lee Jackson	Texas	Sr	6-3	223
27.	Matt Robillard	Miami, Oh	Sr	6-3	238
28.	Jovan Clarke	C Michigan	Sr	6-3	230
29.	Ray Mann	Virginia	Jr	6-1	232
30.	Mike Labinjo	Michigan St	Jr	6-1	254

PHIL'S TOP 30 INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	EJ Henderson	Maryland	Sr	6-2	250
2.	Bradie James	LSU	Sr	6-3	238
3.	Chris Brown	Hawaii	Sr	6-2	258
4.	Victor Hobson	Michigan	Sr	6-1	244
5.	Mario Haggan	Mississippi St	Sr	6-3	253
6.	Lance Briggs	Arizona	Sr	6-2	235
7.	Terry Pierce	Kansas St	Jr	6-3	250
8.	Clifton Smith	Syracuse	Sr	6-3	263
9.	Dontarrious Thomas	Auburn	Jr	6-4	223
10.	Gerald Hayes	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-3	235
11.	Richard Siegler	Oregon St	Jr	6-3	225
12.	Solomon Bates	Arizona St	Sr	6-2	261
13.	Keyon Whiteside	Tennessee	Sr	6-2	230
14.	Kawika Mitchell	S Florida	Sr	6-2	255
15.	Angelo Crowell	Virginia	Sr	6-1	234
16.	Tom Ward	Toledo	Sr	6-1	236
17.	Rod Davis	S Mississippi	Jr	6-2	238
18.	Jerry Schumacher	Illinois	Sr	6-3	235
19.	Lawrence Flugence	Texas Tech	Sr	6-2	235
20.	Ben Mahdavi	Washington	Sr	6-2	235
21.	Paul Walkenhorst	BYU	Jr	6-5	250
22.	Fred Barr	Iowa	Sr	6-2	238
23.	Jonathan Vilma	Miami, Fla	Jr	6-2	215
24.	Rodney Thomas	Clemson	Sr	6-0	222
25.	Barrett Ruud	Nebraska	So	6-2	240
26.	Dantonio Burnette	NC State	Sr	5-10	233
27.	Mike Whaley	Maryland	Jr	6-1	233
28.	Jesse Busta	Utah St	Sr	6-2	236
29.	Sean Tufts	Colorado	Jr	6-4	230
30.	Vic Viloria	SMU	Sr	5-11	235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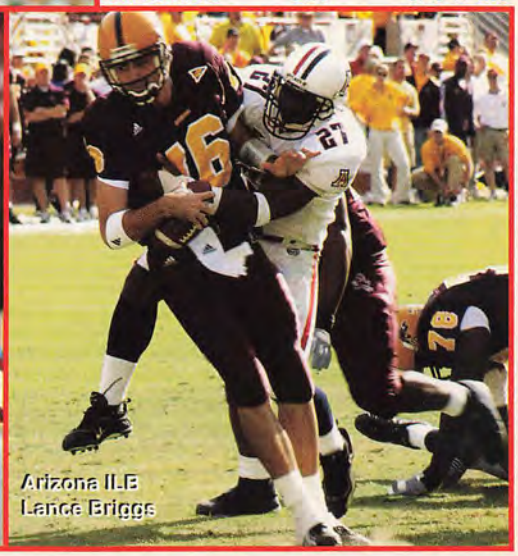
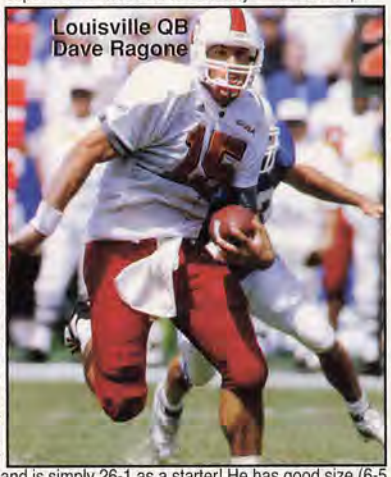

Arizona ILB
Lance Briggs

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

QUARTERBACKS 2002's Top QB Units

1. **TENNESSEE** Casey Clausen enters his 3rd year as a starter and last season threw for 3,362 yards (65%) with a 25-9 ratio and rushed for 125 yards. The Vols have excellent depth at QB as his backup is CJ Leak (6-4 231 Jr PS#8QB) who started 3 games at Wake Forest until injury. They also signed true frosh James Banks (PS#6) which makes for a talented and deep group.
2. **FLORIDA** The Gators return Rex Grossman who was #2 in the Heisman voting last year. He threw for 4,144 yards (66%) with a super 38-12 ratio and is currently #1 in career pass efficiency all-time in the NCAA with a 167.6 rating. Ingle Martin (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#10QB and was an option-style QB in high school and adds depth, as does true frosh Gavin Dickey (PS#9).
3. **MARSHALL** Byron Leftwich is perhaps the top pro prospect as he has it all. He has size (6-6 240), speed (4.65), arm strength and production. Last year he threw for 4,708 yards (65.9%) with a super 42-9 ratio. The #2 man is Stan Hill (6-3 210 So) who was PS#130QB.
4. **LOUISVILLE** I like Dave Ragone's work ethic as each year he gets bigger, stronger and faster. He now stands 6-4 250 and yet has good mobility for his size. He is 20-5 as a starter and last season threw for 3,284 yards (61%) with a 26-8 ratio while rushing for 377 yards. The backup is Stefan LeFors (6-0 190 So, PS#172QB) who has 9 career attempts. He is playing behind a rebuilt O-line, so hopefully Ragone will be able to stay healthy all year.
5. **MIAMI, FLA** Ken Dorsey threw for 3,014 yards (58.4%) with a 26-10 ratio and is simply 26-1 as a starter! He has good size (6-5 205) and was 3rd in the Heisman balloting last year. The backup is Derrick Crudup (6-1 202 So, PS#22QB) who got in 22 passes last year.
6. **TEXAS** Chris Simms has all of the athletic tools (6-5 225, powerful arm) and last season he set a school record with 22 TD passes. On the year he threw for 2,603 yards (59%) with 11 int's but came up short in the big games. He should have his best season this year and the depth is solid as backups Chance Mock (6-2 215 So, PS#6) and true frosh Vince Young (PS#2) both add mobility to the position.
7. **FLORIDA ST** Chris Rix started as a freshmen last year and threw for 3,060 yards (57%) with a 26-14 ratio and has excellent mobility as shown by his 576 yards rushing. He should blossom this year as both he and his supporting cast are more experienced. Solid depth is provided by Adrian McPherson (PS#5) and Fabian Walker (PS#13), both of whom are talented athletes.
8. **MISSISSIPPI** Eli Manning was very impressive last year leading some 4Q comebacks and finished the season with 2,948 yards (64%) with a 31-9 ratio in his first year as a starter. He has good size (6-4 215) and set 13 Mississippi records last year, some of which were owned by his father. He is backed by Mike Spurlock (5-11 199 rFr, PS#42) who has been called a "mini Steve McNair".
9. **TEXAS TECH** Kliff Kingsbury has had great production and last season threw for 3,811 yards with an outstanding 68% completions and a 26-12 ratio. That high percentage was probably due to the dumpoff passes thrown to RB Williams, as he averaged just 9.67 per completion. He still should have a solid senior season. The backup is BJ Symons (6-1 194 Jr, PS#77) who threw for 216 yards (52%) over the last 2 years.
10. **KENTUCKY** I really enjoy watching Jared Lorenzen play as he is like a defensive lineman in the backfield and is very tough to tackle. In 2000 he threw for 3,687 yards (57%) with just a 19-21 ratio. He only started 6 games last year but was solid down the stretch throwing for 2,179 yards (57%) and improved his ratio to 19-7. Kentucky has excellent depth with Shane Boyd (6-2 224 So, PS#43) having started 5 games last year throwing for 852 yards.
11. **IOWA ST** Seneca Wallace was very impressive in his first year as a starter throwing for 2,328 yards (61.7%) with an 11-9 ratio. He is one of the most dangerous runners of all of the top QB's and had 691 gross yards rushing. Nebraska's DC said he was like trying to tackle the wind. The backups are Cris Love (6-5 210 So) who threw for 181 yards and true frosh Austin Flynn (PS#35) who is the highest rated QB that I can remember ever signing here.
12. **N CAROLINA ST** I was very impressed with Philip Rivers as a true frosh when he threw for 3,364 yards (54%) with a super 27-12 ratio. Last year he lost his super WR Koren Robinson as well as OC Norm Chow. The stats fell some to 2,775 yards (65.2%) with a 17-8 ratio. He still has led a lot of late comebacks, showing good poise and has outstanding size (6-5 236). He is backed by Jay Davis (6-1 206 rFr, PS#21).
13. **MICHIGAN ST** Jeff Smoker really blossomed down the stretch last year. He hit 71% with 350 ypg and an 8-2 ratio in his final 3 games and finished as the Big 10 leader in pass efficiency throwing for 2,579 yards (63.4%) with a 21-8 ratio and also rushed for 201 yards. He did so behind an inexperienced O-line. This year the line is better and he has a tremendous receiving corps to throw to and should have a great season. Damon Dowdell (6-1 211 So) is the backup and threw for 362 yards with 1 start last year as well as Aaron Alexander (6-5 195 rFr, PS#20).
14. **LOUISIANA TECH** "Cool Hand Luke" McCown threw for 3,665 yards (58%) with a 29-17 ratio while also rushing for 356 yards and piloted LT to the WAC Title. He is a 2 year starter and stands 6-4. The backups are Maxie Causey (6-4 194 Jr) who has thrown for 440 yards with 1 start in 2 years and Matt Kubik (6-3 205 rFr, PS#92).
15. **USC** Carson Palmer has all the athletic tools (6-5 225, NFL arm strength) but has yet to have a big year. Last season he threw for 2,717 yards (58.6%) with a 13-12 ratio. OC Norm Chow should be able to develop his target more this year and his receiving corps is in much better shape. Palmer should have a breakout senior season. He is backed by Matt Cassel (6-5 225 So, PS#20) and Matt Leinart (6-6 215 rFr, PS#9).


Louisville QB Dave Ragone

Florida QB Rex Grossman

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Stanford
17. Cincinnati
18. Boston College
19. Miami, OH
20. Washington St
21. Tulane
22. Georgia
23. Colorado
24. Michigan
25. Washington

RUNNING BACKS 2002's Top RB Units

1. **VIRGINIA TECH** The Hokies have the best TB combo in the country if Lee Suggs is 100% healthy. Suggs could be the first RB chosen in the 2003 NFL draft as he is 201 lbs with 4.27 speed. Kevin Jones is even bigger at 211 with 4.38 speed and was PS#6. Both have rushed for 1,000 yards in a season averaging over 5 ypc and the VT's FB's are always strong and powerful.
2. **TEXAS** RB Cedric Benson (PS#5) burst onto the scene as a true frosh and rushed for 1,053 yards (4.7). He's 205 lbs with 4.4 speed. There is good depth behind him in Ivan Williams (6-1 240 Jr, PS#36), true frosh Albert Hardy (PS#18) and Selvin Young (PS#19).
3. **NEBRASKA** The Huskers are always loaded at RB and may have a little more speed than last year's edition. Dahrran Diedrick rushed for 1,346 yards (5.4) and is backed by Thunder Collins who had 657 yards (6.6). Speedy backups that could see more time are DeAntae Grixby (PS#22DB), Cory Ross (PS#33DB) and rFr Marques Simmons (PS#29).
4. **COLORADO** The Buffs are almost as deep as they were last season when they had 4 star RB's. This year they have Chris Brown (6-3 220) who rushed for 976 yards (4.9), Marcus Houston (6-2 205 So, PS#1) who had 332 yards in 3 games in 2000 but has been injury plagued, and Bobby Purify who rushed for 935 yards (5.7) last year. They also have an NFL caliber FB in Brandon Drum.
5. **USC** The Trojans didn't get much production out of this position last year due to injuries. Sultan McCullough is the fastest player in USC history (10.17 in 100m) and rushed for 1,163 yards in 2000 before being injured for most of last year. Justin Fargas (6-1 210 Sr) was PS#1 and is eligible after transferring from Michigan. FB Sunny Byrd was the top TB last year. They also add in Hershel Dennis (PS#10 Fr) this year.
6. **LSU** LaBrandon Toefield (6-0 225, PS#20) was dominating at times last year with 992 yards (4.3) and 19 TD's (SEC record), but missed some games due to injury. Domanick Davis (PS#7DB) has 1,272 career rush yds and set a Sugar Bowl record with 4 rushing TD's. Joseph Addai (PS#17) and Devery Henderson (PS#32) add depth.
7. **MISSISSIPPI ST** Two years ago MSU led the SEC in rushing. Last year was a disappointment. However, Dontae Walker (PS#2) has rushed for 1,888 (4.9) in his career. Sherrill signed two VHT true frosh in Jerious Norwood (PS#6) and Nick Turner (PS#12) to add depth. The FB's are also solid with Justin Griffith (PS#54) who has 1,151 career yards.
8. **ARKANSAS** The Hogs are very deep and provided Cedric Cobbs (PS#5) can stay eligible and healthy, they are loaded. Cobbs will be one of the top picks in the NFL draft when he comes out as he is 221 lbs with 4.34 speed. Fred Talley (5-9 180 Sr) has 1,565 yards (5.0) in the last 2 years. De'Arrius Howard (6-0 205 rFr) was PS#7. FB Brandon Holmes (6-2 218 Jr) has 759 yards rushing the last 2 years and is backed up by Mark Pierce (PS#47).
9. **FLORIDA ST** Greg Jones (6-1 243 Jr) has 4.5 speed and was PS#17. He's a power runner that rushed for 833 yards (5.3). Nick Maddox was PS#1 and had 817 total yards of-fense last year. Lorenzo Booker is simply this year's PS#1 and could play immediately and 4th string is Wille Reid (PS#21).
10. **FLORIDA** Earnest Graham is 215 lbs and was PS#2. In 3 years he has rushed for 2,265 yards and a super 5.7 ypc. Willie Green (PS#7) and 2 true frosh Ciatrick Fason (PS#4) and DeShawn Wynn (PS#8), add depth. UF will emphasize the rush attack more and has the talent to do so.
11. **ALABAMA** Santonio Beard (6-1 207 Jr, PS#45) had just 1 carry in the first 3 games last year but rushed for 678 yards with the impressive number being his 8.0 ypc. Ahmaad Galloway (PS#50) rushed for 971 yards (5.1). Marquez Dupree (6-0 215 rFr) has 10.3 speed in the 100m and they added in Texas Tech transfer Shaud Williams (PS#30) who had over 1200 combined yards at Tech in 2 years. They also bring in true frosh Kenneth Darby (PS#36) and FB Donnie Lowe (6-2 247) is a solid blocker.
12. **AUBURN** Carnell Williams was dominating as a true frosh when given the feature role last season. Unfortunately he was injured and missed the last few games and Auburn's running game went out the window. He rushed for 614 yards (5.1) and clearly merits his nickname, Cadillac. Ronnie Brown (6-1 222 So) had 463 total yards last year and Nebraska transfer Chris Butler added 132. True frosh Tre Smith (PS#27) adds depth but Williams looks like one of the best RB's in the country.
13. **UNLV** Start with Jersey Joe Haro who simply rushed for 1,107 yards (5.1) last year and then add in the speed of Dominique Dorsey (PS#67) who averaged 6.6 ypc rushing and 34.6 on KR's. Robinson then brings in Deon Burnett who simply set the Pac 10 record for rushing as a frosh with 974 yards (4.7) while at Washington St. Also added is Dyante Perkins (6-1 220 rFr) who was PS#67. Backing up FB Steven Costa (6-1 225 Sr) is Larry Croom (PS#64) who had 4 starts at Arizona in 2000.
14. **TEXAS A&M** Derek Farmer (PS#38) took over as a true frosh last year and ended up with 536 yards (4.2) despite not playing in the first couple of games. Dwain Goynes (4.25 speed) moves in from WR and Oschlor Flemming (PS#53) adds depth. FB Joe Weber (PS#7) and Keith Joseph (PS#39) are both capable of being feature backs. This is a very deep unit.
15. **MARYLAND** The key to this group is of course Bruce Perry, who rushed for 1,264 yards (5.5), while also snagging 43 rec's and was the ACC Off Player of the Year. He did miss the spring with injury but should be back and healthy. Depth is provided by Jason Crawford (PS#43) and Mario Merrills (PS#43DB) who has 4.37 speed. They also have a set of solid blocking FB's.

Colorado's RB Brandon Drumm

Colorado RB Chris Brown

LSU RB LaBrandon Toefield

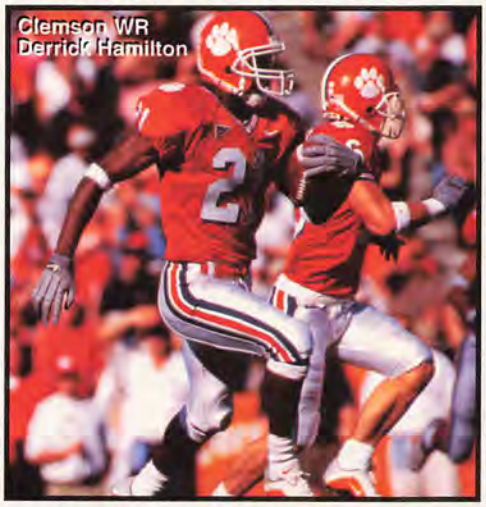
The rest of the Top 25:

16. Notre Dame
17. Tulane
18. Mid Tenn St
19. Miami, Fla.
20. Arizona
21. Minnesota
22. Oklahoma
23. Nevada
24. W Virginia
25. Oregon

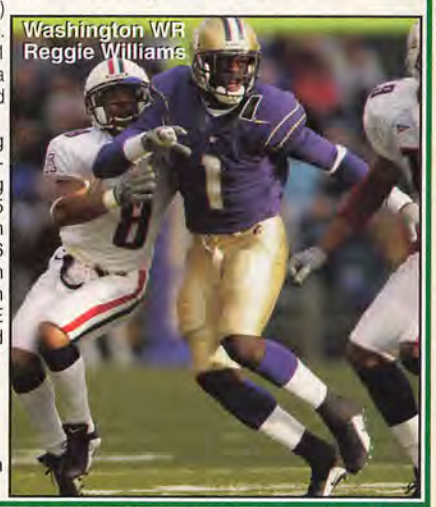
PHIL STEELE'S 2002 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

RECEIVERS 2002's Top Receiving Units

1. **TEXAS** Two years ago Mack Brown brought in an incredible class of freshmen and they are now juniors and have been very productive. Roy Williams (6-4 210) had 78 rec's (12.4) despite an ankle injury. BJ Johnson (PS#1) had 47 rec's (14.8). Sloan Thomas (PS#12) had 30 rec's (14.7) and TE Bo Scaife (PS#2) had 37 rec's (13.0). There are also plenty of VHT's behind them.
2. **FLORIDA ST** This unit was extremely banged up last year but is very experienced this season. Anquan Boldin (PS#11QB) had 44 rec's (15.8) in 2000. Talman Gardner (PS#4, 4.29 spd) had 11 TD's last year. Craphonso Thorpe (PS#4) had 17 rec's (19.6) as a true frosh. TE Patrick Hughes (PS#7) is solid. There are plenty of VHT's providing depth.


Clemson WR Derrick Hamilton

3. **GEORGIA** Terrence Edwards has been the #1 receiver at UGA for 3 years and had 40 (15.9) last year. Fred Gibson (6-4 180) really came on as a true frosh and averaged 22.6 on 39 rec's in the last 9 games. Reggie Brown (PS#1) who has 4.38 speed and Damien Gary (PS#27) add depth at WR. TE Benjamin Watson benches 530 lbs.
4. **CLEMSON** Much like Texas, CU brought in a tremendous freshmen class but they did it last year. Those frosh are now soph's. Roscoe Crosby (PS#1) had 27 rec's (17.2) despite being injured as a true frosh. Derrick Hamilton (PS#29) had 53 rec's (12.9) and TE Ben Hall (PS#8) had 8. Airese Currie (PS#10) had 18 rec's as a true and there is a lot of talented depth.
5. **WASHINGTON** Reggie Williams (6-4 220, PS#3) had 60 rec's (17.3) as a true frosh. Paul Arnold (6-1 200, PS#3RB) has 4.33 speed and had 46 rec's last year. TE Kevin Ware (PS#15) and WR Patrick Reddick (PS#55) add depth.
6. **MICHIGAN ST** Charles Rogers (6-4 200) has 4.3 speed and was PS#2. In his first year he had 1,470 receiving yards (21.9). TE Eric Knott was PS#1 and has 4.65 speed and weighs 257 lbs. There are a lot of HT's and VHT's rounding out the unit.
7. **MARSHALL** This group was very young last year and now it is extremely experienced. Josh Davis set an NCAA frosh record with 87 rec's and Denero Marriott had 234 yards receiving in the bowl game. Darius Watts was simply 2nd Team AA. TE Jason Rader was PS#6 and transfers in from Georgia.
8. **ILLINOIS** Brandon Lloyd was the key to the Illini offense last year and had 65 rec's and a solid 16.3 ypc. Walter Young added 50 rec's (17.8) and there are plenty of HT's in the unit.
9. **OKLAHOMA** Mark Clayton set an OU frosh record with 46 rec's (11.4). Antwone Savage was 2nd Team Big 12 and Curtis Fagan (PS#39) had 32 rec's. TE Trent Smith was simply a 2nd Team AA and topped all TE's in the NCAA with 66 rec's.
10. **LSU** Michael Clayton (6-4 185, PS#2) really came on as a true frosh and finished the year with 55 rec's (15.9). Jerel Myers (PS#45) had 43 rec's (11.9) and they are backed by Shyrone Carey (PS#22), Bennie Brazell (PS#45) and Reggie Robinson (PS#32). TE Eric Edwards was simply PS#3 and has 2 more VHT's behind him.
11. **TENNESSEE** Kelley Washington returns for his sophomore season and is 6-4 225 with 4.29 speed and a 405 bench. He may be the best WR in college football. CJ Fayton (PS#12) has 4.34 speed and Leonard Scott runs a 10.05 in the 100m and is the team's fastest. TE Jason Witten was PS#13DL and there are a lot of VHT's in the 2 deep.
12. **STANFORD** TE Brett Pierce (PS#9) had 21 rec's and is backed by a VHT. Luke Powell (PS#9) had 45 rec's (19.6) and Teyo Johnson (PS#8DL) had 44 rec's (13.9). Solid depth here and behind them as well.
13. **USC** Kareem Kelly (PS#4) is a sprinter on the track team and has averaged over 50 rec's per season in his 3 years. Keary Colbert (PS#35) had 34 rec's (13.0) and TE Alex Holmes (PS#5) had 22 (7.5). Lots of talent is waiting in the wings at WR.
14. **PENN ST** - Tony Johnson (PS#9) had 27 rec's and a super 18.7 ypc. Bryant Johnson (6-2 210) had 51 (17.0) and was PS#22. There are a lot of VHT's in their depth chart and the WR corps is very solid.
15. **WISCONSIN** This ranking depends on WR Lee Evans returning healthy. He set a Big 10 record last year with 1,545 yards (20.6). WR Darrin Charles (6-6 205) was PS#26 and had 14 rec's. Travann Hayes (PS#13) and Jonathon Orr (PS#41) add depth. TE Bob Docherty (PS#39) played in 6 games as a true frosh.


Washington WR Reggie Williams

The rest of the Top 25:

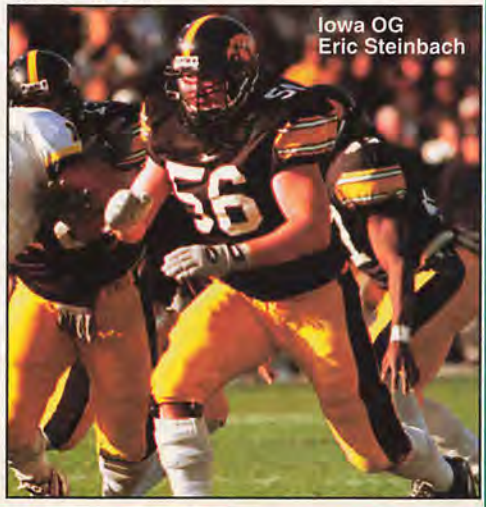
16. N Carolina
17. Florida
18. Mississippi
19. Miami, Fla
20. Syracuse
21. UCF
22. Ohio St
23. Oregon
24. Northwestern
25. Texas Tech

OFFENSIVE LINE 2002's Top OL Units

1. **ALABAMA** The Tide returns all 5 starters from last year's offensive front which helped the Tide lead the SEC in rushing while averaging 5.2 ypc and allowing just 24 sacks. The group averages 6-5 311 lbs and had 3 rFr starters last year. There are 3 seniors on this year's front wall.
2. **GEORGIA** The Bulldogs could have 5 senior OL starters for the first time since 1960. Last year's unit averaged 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 19 sacks. They average 6-5 306 lbs and are led by 1st Team SEC RT Jon Stinchcomb.
3. **FLORIDA ST** LT Brett Williams won the Jacobs Blocking Award (top OL in the ACC) and all 5 starters are back from last year. They average 6-5 312 lbs. Bowden has plenty of VHT's waiting in reserve to add depth.

Wisconsin OC Al Johnson

4. **WISCONSIN** The Badgers had a young OL last year with 2 frosh starters but still averaged 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 27 sacks. They have 2 of the top OL's in the country in C Al Johnson and LT Ben Johnson. Both turned down the NFL. They average 6-5 308 lbs and have all 5 starters back this year.
5. **IOWA** All 5 starters are back from a very tall and athletic group. The Hawkeyes average 6-6 297 lbs. Last year they averaged 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks.
6. **PENN ST** The Lions had a young O-line last year that got better down the stretch yielding just 13 sacks in the final 7 and after averaging 1.5 ypc the first 4 games, they averaged 4.2 over the last 7. Four starters are back and there are 13 VHT's in the 2 deep. The group averages 6-4 303 lbs.
7. **BOSTON COLLEGE** BC averaged 5.0 ypc rushing and the OL allowed just 16 sacks last year. This season 4 starters return and the projected lineup averages 6-4 304 lbs with 2 of the returning starters earning 2nd Team Big East honors. This is another quality OL under Tom O'Brien.
8. **UCLA** The Bruins had a young and injury plagued O-line last year but have plenty of experience returning and a ton of VHT's. They averaged 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed 32 sacks in 2001 but you know it will be a strong group when the entire 2nd string consists of VHT's. Call it the Pac 10's best OL.
9. **MIAMI, FLA** Hands down, UM had the strongest O-line in the country last year and one of the best in the history of the NCAA. While they have to replace 3 starters, there is plenty of talent left and both projected starting tackles were PS#1OL when they came out of high school.
10. **MARYLAND** The Terps had their most successful offense yet and won the ACC Title. The OL paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 21 sacks and 9 of the top 10 are back. The OL has good size again with an average of 6-4' 308 lbs.
11. **TENNESSEE** The Vols lost 2 projected starters last season due to injury and both VHT's could return this year. Last year's group allowed 26 sacks while the team allowed 4.0 ypc rushing. They do have to replace a pair of NFL DC's but look even stronger than last year's fine unit.
12. **MICHIGAN ST** The Spartans were extremely inexperienced up front last year and they averaged just 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 44 sacks. This year the top 10 OL's are all back and the group has good size averaging 6-6 301 lbs and has good talent and could be dominating with a year's experience.
13. **COLORADO** The most impressive O-line performance in a game I have seen recently was by this Buffs line vs Nebraska in the season finale. For the year CU averaged 4.6 ypc rushing while allowing 21 sacks. They have 3 starters back from last year's talented line and are outstanding once again.
14. **INDIANA** Normally when there is a change in blocking schemes and a group loses its coach, they fall out of my top 15. However, I like this Indiana O-line and still rank it among the leaders despite those two occurrences happening. Last year Indy averaged 5.5 ypc rushing and allowed just 9 sacks. While the ypc will go down and the sacks will go up with the new offense, there is solid talent with 4 starters back.
15. **NEBRASKA** Even though the Huskers only have 2 starters returning this year, they are famous for their 'Pipeline', which is the nickname for the OL. They have led the NCAA in rushing in each of the last 2 years. With their outstanding weight training program, the Huskers always have a top-notch OL.


Iowa OG Eric Steinbach

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Michigan
17. Florida
18. Notre Dame
19. Mississippi
20. Stanford
21. Ohio St
22. Texas
23. Illinois
24. Washington
25. New Mexico St

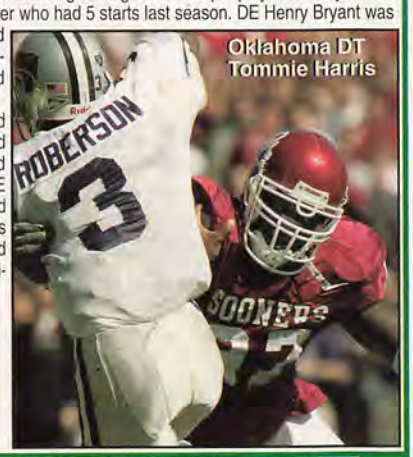
PHIL STEELE'S 2002 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE LINE 2002's Top DL Units

1. **MIAMI, FLA** This one was easy. While Miami allowed a surprising 3.2 ypc rushing last year they recorded 52 sacks and their defensive front was a big reason for their National Title. This year the front returns intact and all 4 of this year's starters could be NFL DC's next year. They are led by DT William Joseph who had 10 sacks and 12 tfl. Naturally the backups are all very talented.
2. **FLORIDA ST** FSU did allow 3.3 ypc rushing last year and the defense recorded just 19 sacks but this front goes from inexperienced to very experienced as all 4 starters return and there is plenty of talent including DT Darnell Dockett (PS#1) who had 20 tfl last year and DT Travis Johnson (PS#1LB). This will be much more representative of the FSU fronts you are used to seeing.

Miami, Fla DE Jerome McDougle, DT William Joseph & LB DJ Williams

3. **ALABAMA** DE Kindal Moorehead was PS#1LB and NT Kenny King was PS#3. DT Jarret Johnson earned 1st Team SEC honors with 10 sacks last year and the 2nd string is made up entirely of VHT's. They got bigger at DT and that makes them one of the best DL's around this year.
4. **OKLAHOMA** DT Tommie Harris (PS#2) was 1st Team Big 12 as a true frosh. DE Jimmy Wilkerson was 1st Team Big 12 and DT Kory Klein was 2nd team. DE Jonathan Jackson (PS#12), DT Lynn McGruder (PS#7) and DE Ronbrose Jones (PS#10LB) should be big factors as well. The D allowed just 2.4 ypc and recorded 32 sacks and looks even stronger this year.
5. **TEXAS** Texas allowed just 89.5 ypg rushing during the regular season, their lowest total since 1964 and only have to replace one starter this year. Mack Brown signed 4 of the top 10 DL's coming out of high school this year to add depth and among the top 11 players, 9 are VHT's overall. DE Cory Redding was 1st Team Big 12 two straight years.
6. **MICHIGAN** The Wolves allowed just 2.5 ypc rushing and set a school record with 50 sacks last year and 7 of their top 8 DL's, including all 4 starters, return. The unit has outstanding size as it averages 279 lbs per man.
7. **NEBRASKA** The Huskers did allow a surprising 3.4 ypc rushing last year but the team recorded 40 sacks. This year 3 of the top 4 DL's are back including DE Chris Kelsay (2nd Team Big 12) and a host of HT's and VHT's. Nebraska always has a solid D-line and this year is no exception.
8. **OHIO ST** All 4 projected starters ranked in the top 20 at their position coming out of high school as DE Kenny Peterson (PS#7), DT Darrion Scott (PS#14), DT Tim Anderson (PS#15) and DE Will Smith (PS#18) make up the front wall. Six of the top 8 players from last year are back and this has the look of a dominating front.
9. **WASHINGTON ST** I always think of fierce pass rushing D-lines when I think of WSU and this year's will live up to that reputation. They basically played 2 DL's last year and 7 of the top 8 are back including "backup" DE's DD Acholonu and Isaac Brown who simply combined for 19 sacks last year. This is the Pac 10's best defensive front.
10. **BOSTON COLLEGE** BC's D-line has gotten stronger in each of the last few years. They allowed 3.4 ypc rushing last year and the defense recorded 31 sacks with the front wall having just 1 senior. Naturally almost everyone is back and I like DE Antonio Garay, a heavyweight wrestling champ in high school who was 2nd Team Big East last year. Of the top 12 players in this unit, 8 are VHT's.
11. **USC** DT Bernard Riley (PS#2) had 5 starts last year until injury and he returns. DT Shaun Cody (PS#1) was HM Pac 10 as a true frosh. Manuel Wright (PS#12DL) and Fred Matua (PS#12OL) are new signees this year. The DE's look solid and USC has another formidable defensive front.
12. **STANFORD** The Cardinal only have 2 starters back on defense but they are both from the front wall in Craig Albrecht (PS#9) and Matt Leonard (PS#11). Injuries hurt this group last year as a combined 13 starts were missed but their 4 starters and 5 of the top 8 are back this year with plenty of VHT's including DE Amon Gordon (PS#8) and DE Mark Anderson (PS#17).
13. **FLORIDA** The Gators had a solid defense last year and return 6 of their top 8 DL's this season. They have 6 VHT's in the 2 deep and their starting DT's average 290 lbs. They look even stronger than last year under new DC John Thompson.
14. **KANSAS ST** Last year the Wildcats allowed just 2.9 ypc but surprisingly had just 23 sacks as a team which is down from their normal production. It was a very young defensive front last season with just 3 lettermen returning among the DL's top 9 players. This year the unit has everyone back but one player who had 5 starts last season. DE Henry Bryant was PS#3JUCO and 3rd Team Big 12 and DT Tank Reese was Big 12 Def Newcomer of the Year. The group is loaded with talent and experience.


Oklahoma DT Tommie Harris

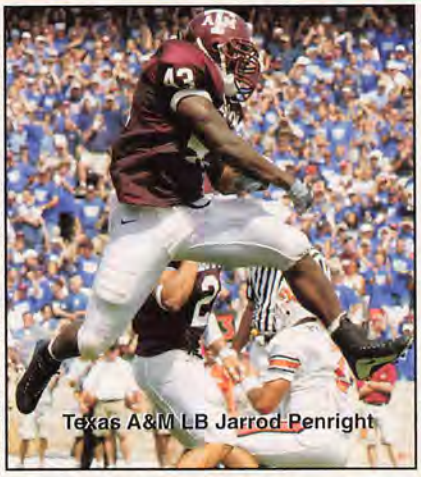
15. **PENN ST** DT's Jimmy Kennedy and Anthony Adams both have 1st round potential in next year's NFL draft and the 2 average 311 lbs per man. DE Michael Haynes (10 sacks, 2 years) and DE Jeremiah Davis (PS#28) plus backup DT's Charles Rush (PS#4) and Tim Falls (PS#19) make this a formidable unit.

The rest of the Top 25:

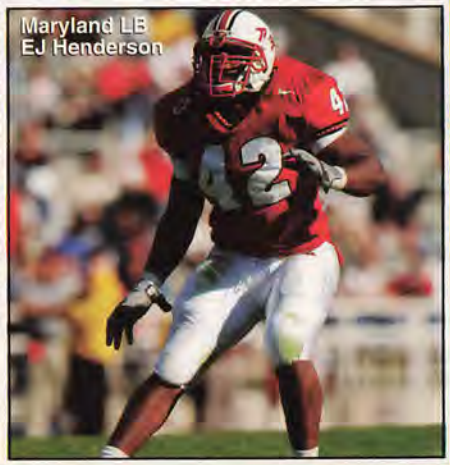
16. Texas A&M
17. Notre Dame
18. Texas Tech
19. California
20. Utah
21. Louisville
22. Virginia Tech
23. Georgia Tech
24. Memphis
25. TCU

LINEBACKERS 2002's Top LB Units

1. **MIAMI, FLA** The Hurricanes have back DJ Williams, who was PS#1LB and MLB Jonathan Vilma, who was 1st Team Big East. Moving into the open starting spot is Howard Clark (PS#10) who had 10 starts in 2000. They also add 2 VHT rFr in Leon Williams (PS#3) and Roger McIntosh (PS#13) and have 5 of the top 6 back from last year's outstanding group.
2. **TEXAS A&M** The Aggie Wrecking Crew defense is known for their LB's year in and year out. This year 3 starters return including Jarrod Penright (PS#18, 1st Team Big 12), Jared Morris (PS#20) and Brian Gamble (PS#35, 2nd Team Big 12). The other starter is Jesse Hunnicutt and there are plenty of VHT's in reserve.
3. **FLORIDA ST** Four players return with starting experience and the group was slowed by injuries and inexperience last year. Michael Boulware (PS#12) has 4.5 speed and Kendyll Pope (PS#3) had 113 tackles last year. Five of the top 6 are back and they add in VHT true frosh AJ Nicholson (PS#5) and Buster Davis (PS#8). FSU should revert back to their customary outstanding LB corps.


Texas A&M LB Jarrod Penright

4. **MARYLAND** EJ Henderson may be the best LB in the NCAA this year and he was 1st Team AA and the ACC Player of the Year last season with 158 tackles and 22 tfl. Starting OLB Leon Joe benches 435 and has 4.43 with a 6-1 223 frame and their new starter is Leroy Ambush (PS#56). They even have a VHT backup in Reggie Holmes (PS#49).
5. **USC** OLB Matt Grootegoed was PS#3DB and had 7 starts last year until injury. Michael Pollard (PS#29) had 11 starts and was Honorable Mention Pac 10. They add in transfer Melvin Simmons who had 10 starts at Washington St in 2000. Backups Aaron Graham (PS#39) and Chris Prosser (PS#66) add quality depth.
6. **GEORGIA TECH** This is the 3rd year for GT's starting trio of Recardo Wimbush (PS#62), Keyaron Fox (PS#89) and Daryl Smith (PS#71). Smith had 101 tackles in 2000 but was limited last year due to injuries and should be back to 100%. Anthony Lawston (PS#16WR), Gerris Bowers-Wilkinson (PS#34) and Ather Brown, who had 12 starts in 2000 but was injured last year, provide quality backups.
7. **TENNESSEE** Five of the top 6 LB's are back from last year's outstanding defense. Eddie Moore was the #1 tackler despite an injured shoulder. Keyon Whiteside (PS#29) benches 505 lbs. Kevin Burnett (PS#65) had 4.5 sacks despite only two starts due to injury. Jason Mitchell (PS#14), Robert Peace (PS#24) and Kevin Simon (PS#2) provide formidable relief.
8. **OREGON** Last year the Ducks had the MMM boys who were hailed as the fastest LB corps ever here. Just one starter departs. ILB Kevin Mitchell (PS#25) who had 104 tackles and 17 tfl. MLB David Moretti already benches 460 lbs with 4.6 speed and added 92 tackles. Garret Graham (6-4 241) and David Martin, who was a prototype Oregon OLB, as well as Tate Pittman (PS#21JC) will vie to man the open spot.
9. **PITTSBURGH** MLB Gerald Hayes was 1st Team Big East. OLB Lewis Moore (PS#73) was the Tangerine Bowl Defensive MVP. Brian Beinecke had 49 tackles last year and vying for the open spot with him are VHT's Joe Dipre (6-4 245 rFr, PS#26DL) and Monroe Weekley (6-3 250 rFr, PS#38) as well as Mike Jemison (PS#86RB). Hayes turned down the NFL and Panther fans will benefit from it.
10. **OHIO ST** While the Bucks must replace two starters from last year's outstanding group, 4 of the top 6 are back and they get 2 tremendous additions. Cie Grant was fast enough to start 10 games at CB last year and should be an excellent cover LB. Mike D'Andrea is simply PS#1LB this year. Also in contention for spots are VHT's Fred Pagac (PS#14), Reggie Arden (PS#11), Mike Kudla (PS#23), Robert Reynolds (PS#23) and Pat O'Neill (PS#23).
11. **MICHIGAN** The Wolves return 4 of their top 6 LB's but must replace 2 starters. Victor Hobson (PS#13) was 2nd Team Big 10 and the replacements are solid with Carl Diggs (PS#26) and Lawrence Reid (PS#51) as the frontrunners. Also in the mix are John Spytek (PS#38), Joe Sarantos (PS#48), Scott McClintock (PS#9), Kolby Wells (PS#44) and Jeremy Van Alstyne (PS#17). This unit has good size and speed.
12. **TEXAS** Despite the fact that the Horns must replace all 3 starters, I like their starting lineup. OLB Derrick Johnson was PS#6 and had 90 tackles as a true frosh and was the Holiday Bowl Def MVP. The other OLB spot is manned by Lee Jackson (PS#20) who had 14 starts at SS in 1999 and was the #2 tackler. Since Mack Brown does the recruiting you know the rest of the unit is loaded with HT's and VHT's. This group actually has more athleticism than last year's LB corps.
13. **FLORIDA** Two starters return from last year in WLB Mike Nattiel (PS#21) who had 68 tackles and OLB Byron Hardmon (PS#22) who had 46 tackles. MLB Matt Farrior (PS#7) fills the open slot and all of the backups are VHT's. This is another outstanding Gator LB corps.
14. **AUBURN** Dontarrious Thomas was 2nd Team SEC and had 132 tackles last year along with 10 tfl. Karlos Dansby had 66 tackles and 6 int's. Lemarcus Rowell was PS#4LB last year and could take over the other starting spot. The depth is both experienced and talented.


Maryland LB EJ Henderson

15. **CLEMSON** Five of the top 6 LB's are back from last year including OLB John Leake who had 134 tackles in 2001 and has 4.4 speed. Rodney Thomas (PS#50) had 100 tackles. They add 2 super JUCO's in Kelvin Morris (PS#25JC) and Brandon Jamison (PS#102JC) plus the experienced depth that they had last year.

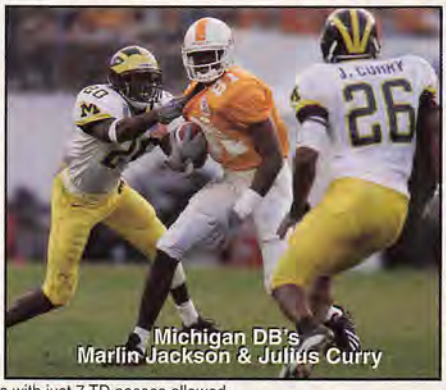
The rest of the Top 25:

16. Nebraska
17. Mississippi
18. Arizona St
19. Arkansas
20. TCU
21. Illinois
22. Colorado
23. Syracuse
24. LSU
25. Georgia

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE BACKS 2002's Top DB Units

1. **MICHIGAN** The Wolves lose just one player from last year's secondary and have 6 players back with starting experience. CB Marlin Jackson (PS#6) has been compared to Charles Woodson and the other returning starters are SS Charles Drake (PS#16) and FS Cato June (PS#2). Ernest Shazor was simply the top DB out of high school last year and redshirted and is now added to the mix to round out a group loaded with VHT's.
2. **ARKANSAS** The Hogs have perhaps the best group of CB's in the country in Lawrence Richardson (PS#6), Ahmad Carroll (PS#8), Marvin Jackson (PS#2JC) and Eddie Jackson who had 12 starts last year. The safeties are solid and this group will allow the front 7 to blitz more often.
3. **TEXAS A&M** The Aggies have some excellent CB's in Byron Jones (PS#17), who had 3 int's in the bowl game and Sammy Davis (PS#6) who was 1st Team Big 12 and turned down the NFL. Additionally Sean Weston has 22 pbu the last 2 years and Jonte Buhl (PS#30) is a VHT. They also have top-notch safeties and last year had 18 int's with just 7 TD passes allowed.


Michigan DB's Marlin Jackson & Julius Curry

4. **TEXAS** The Horns finished #1 in my pass D rankings last year and while they lose two starters (including #1 DC Quentin Jammer), they still look outstanding. SS Nathan Vasher moved to CB and was dominating in the spring and last year, he had 8 int's and 20 pbu. The other CB is Roderick Babers (PS#25) who had 17 pbu. They have 10 VHT's overall in the secondary and have had two straight #1 finishes in my pass D rankings and are trying for 3 in a row this year.
5. **UCLA** CB Ricky Manning has been 1st Team Pac 10 the last 2 years and is an excellent shutdown CB. His cohort at CB, Joe Hunter, is the team's fastest player and has 12 career pbu. I really like FS Matt Ware who has great size (6-3 199, PS#2). He started every regular season game as a true frosh. SS Ben Emanuel is PS#18 and completes the Pac 10's top secondary.
6. **VIRGINIA TECH** The CB combo of DeAngelo Hall (PS#15, 4.31 speed) and Ronyell Whitaker (PS#38, 3rd Team AA) is outstanding. FS Willie Pile had 100 tackles, 4 int and 6 pbu last year and brings outstanding size (6-3 205) as well as 4.44 speed. They finished #5 in my pass D rankings last year and will be near the top once again.
7. **TENNESSEE** Three starters return from last year including FS Rashad Baker (PS#17WR) who had 4 int's last year. SS Julian Battle added 13 lbs of muscle and CB Jabari Greer (PS#22WR) had 13 pbu. CB Willie Miles (PS#9) had 10 pbu and 12 starts in 2000 (inj LY) and they add in 4 VHT's and a top-notch JUCO.
8. **OKLAHOMA** If Andre Woolfolk concentrates on CB (less time at WR) and stays healthy, he is one of the top CB's in the country. Derrick Strait was 2nd Tm Big 12 last year. While SS Roy Williams departs, this unit has 3 starters returning and last year snagged 21 int's while allowing just 9 TD's and 45% completions.
9. **ILLINOIS** Christian Morton (6-1 180) moved from QB to CB last year and in his first year on defense was simply #3 in the NCAA with 26 pbu and has 4.3 speed. CB Eugene Wilson was #1 in the NCAA with 30 pbu and was 1st Team Big 10. FS Marc Jackson (PS#26) was a starter in 2000 that was injured last year. SS James McGill is PS#14JC. This unit finished #20 in my pass D rankings last year and should finish higher this season.
10. **OHIO ST** SS Michael Doss (PS#12) is the top safety in the country and will be one of the first DB's chosen in next year's NFL draft. FS Donnie Nickey (6-3 203) was HM Big 10 two straight years. While the CB's are not returning starters, they are both VHT's in Richard McNutt (PS#10) and Dustin Fox (PS#16). They both possess good size and speed.
11. **FLORIDA** While the Gators must replace 3 starters, FS Todd Johnson returns and was 1st Team SEC 2 straight years. CB Robert Cromartie (PS#7) was a full-time starter in both '99 and 2000 and returns from injury. SS Guss Scott got in 682 plays last year despite starting just 3 games so they have a veteran unit. Spurrier did a great job recruiting, as they are loaded with VHT's and their lowest finish in my pass D rankings the last 5 years has been #20.
12. **MICHIGAN ST** Somehow MSU's injury plagued secondary (lost 4 CB's to injury) was #1 in the Big 10 in passing ypg allowed and #2 in pass efficiency defense last year. While one starter is lost, they get back all their injured CB's including Cedric Henry (22 pbu in 2000) and Broderick Nelson (PS#16). This unit is much deeper and more experienced than it was last season.
13. **NOTRE DAME** The Irish's secondary is loaded with VHT's and 6 players return with starting experience including all 4 starters. CB Vontez Duff (PS#12), SS Gerome Sapp (PS#1) and FS Glenn Earl (PS#60) are the headliners of this group.
14. **FLORIDA ST** FSU has had four top 2 finishes over the past 8 seasons in my pass D rankings and last year, with an inexperienced group, slid all the way down to #27. This year all 3 CB's who shared the starting jobs return with a couple of VHT's behind them that will contend for time. While the safeties must be replaced, SS Jerome Carter (PS#7), FS Yohance Buchanan (PS#2), Pat Watkins (PS#1), Gerard Ross (PS#13) and BJ Ward (PS#25) should do a fine job filling in.
15. **OREGON ST** The top CB in the country could be Dennis Weathersby who has good size (6-1 206) plus speed and cover ability. OSU finished #10 in my pass D rankings last year, allowing 48.9%. They return all 3 starters and have a very talented secondary.

UCLA's Ricky Manning

Virg Tech's Willie Pile

The rest of the Top 25:

16. N Carolina	21. Penn St
17. Georgia Tech	22. USC
18. Auburn	23. Kansas St
19. Purdue	24. Nebraska
20. Louisville	25. Boston College

SPECIAL TEAMS 2002's Top Special Teams Units

1. **COLORADO ST** Last year the Rams had my top special teams unit in the country which was their 2nd #1 finish since 1997. P Joey Huber, who had a net of average 39.7, returns and is a great directional kicker. They must replace K Kent Naughton who hit 12 of 17 FG's but rFr Kevin Mark hit a 52 yarder in HS and gives them better distance. Dexter Wynn averaged 14.7 on PR's and he also averaged 27.5 on KR's. This team is capable of finishing at the top again.

P Mat McBriar

KR Chad Owens

2. **HAWAII** Punter Mat McBriar, in just his 2nd year of football, had a net of 38.9. UH blocked 5 kicks last year under June Jones. KR Chad Owens set an NCAA record with 342 yards in returns vs BYU and averaged 12.0 on PR's and 33.6 on KR's. K Justin Ayat hit 19 of 29 FG's with a long of 55 and 3 of his misses were from 50+. They finished #4 last year and have a shot at #1 this season.
3. **NOTRE DAME** The Irish finished #2 in my special teams rankings in 2000 and last year still did well at #15. P Joey Hildbold returns for his 4th season and Nick Setta (PS#1) hit 15 of 17 FG's with a long of 47 last year. Julius Jones averaged 10.7 on PR's and Vontez Duff averaged 29.8 on KR's.
4. **OKLAHOMA ST** Last year the Cowboys signed 2 super frosh kickers in Cole Farden and Ryan Wimberly. Walk-on kicker Luke Phillips, however, took the FG job and hit 15 of 17 with a pair of 52 yarders. Chris Massey simply led the NCAA with a 34.8 average on KR's and is back. PR Terrance Davis-Bryant was #12 in the NCAA averaging 13.5. P Scott Elder was motivated by Wimberly's signing and had a net of 39.6. They must replace Elder but all of the other key players are back and last year they finished #3 in my rankings.
5. **GEORGIA** The Bulldogs were #5 in my special teams rankings last year. K Brett Kirouac had 20 touchbacks on 53 kickoffs. P Jonathan Kilgo had a net punting average of 40.7 last year (#3 in NCAA). PR Damien Gary averaged 11.3 and KR Fred Gibson averaged 26.8 and with everyone back the Bulldogs have their eyes on the #1 spot.
6. **TEXAS** Prior to Brown's arrival, UT blocked 5 kicks in 37 games but has now had 12 blocks in the last 37 including 5 last year. P Brian Bradford averaged 44.3 at JUCO in 2000 and after only a 36.6 avg here last year, should be much stronger this year. Nathan Vasher was #6 in the NCAA with a 14.4 average on PR's and Victor Ike averaged 29.6 on KR's. Naturally with the depth of Brown's recruiting classes the majority of the players are very talented and they do play a lot of starters on sp tms. K Dusty Mangum hit 18 of 26 FG's with a long of 51 and the Horns finished #10 last year and should move up.
7. **FRESNO ST** FSU's lowest finish in my special teams rankings has been #36 and under Hill they have blocked 36 kicks including 4 blocked punts last year. P Jason Simpson had a net of 38.5 and K Asen Asparuhov hit 25 of 32 FG's with a long of 48. PR Bernard Berrian was #10 in the NCAA averaging 13.6 and was 28th on KR's averaging 23.9. It looks like another top 10 finish for FSU.
8. **AUBURN** K Damon Duval has a powerful leg and hit 17 of 27 FG's with a long of 51 including 3 game winners, and averaged a super 39.9 net punting. Their return game was only fair and should be improved. They should fare better than their solid #18 finish last year.
9. **N ILLINOIS** The Huskies were #8 in my special teams rankings in 2000. They slipped a little last year, dropping to #23. P Jimmy Irwin had a solid net of 36.4 and KR Michael Turner averaged 35.4 on 9 ret's. NI blocked 3 punts and had 2 TD's on returns and were +3 in the TD/Blk category. K Steve Azar hit 20 of 26 FG's despite being only 90% last year due to an injury. They not only have the MAC's top special teams unit but are a contender for the top spot overall.
10. **NEBRASKA** The Huskers normally finish in my top 20. After a rare off-year in 2000 when the team finished #64, they showed great improvement last year (#2). Josh Davis averaged 26.5 on 30 KR's and this team's lowest PR average recently has been 10.46. Last year DeJuan Groce averaged 15.4 on 36 returns, P Kyle Larson had a net of 36.7 and 2 VHT kickers are back including Josh Brown who hit 10 of 14 with 1 miss from 50+. NU has blocked 11 punts the last 3 years.
11. **LSU** Saban plays a lot of starters on this unit, showing it's a priority. Coach Ron Turner of Illinois said after their bowl game, "Just look at their coverage team, they look like a team of world class sprinters." P Donnie Jones had a net of 39.4 and Domanick Davis averaged 13.4 on PR's last year and 23.4 on KR's in 2000. Devery Henderson averaged 25.3 on 7 KR's last year. They allowed just 15.2 on KR's due to their coverage units and with everyone back they will contend for top 10 honors.
12. **TCU** TCU finished #3 in my special teams rankings in 2000 but had to replace super K Chris Kaylakie. Nick Browne, a member of TCU's soccer team, hit 14 of 20 FG's with a long of 50 and is back. Jason Goss averaged 9.8 on PR's. LaTarence Dunbar, who averaged 33.5 on KR's in 2000, slipped to 19.5 last year and should return to form. Shane Hudnall records many TB's on KO's and the team allowed just 18.2 on KR's. P Joey Biasatti had a net of 39.2 and all of the key components are back.
13. **GEORGIA TECH** Last year O'Leary experimented with some walk-ons on special teams and their KR defense average slipped from 16.3 to 22.5. P's Dan Dyke and Chris Moorehouse averaged 41.3 with the net of 37.8. PR Kelly Rhino set an ACC record with 520 PR yards (10.4). KR Kelly Campbell averaged 23.1. Luke Manget hit 20 of 29 FG's with a long of 51 and with everyone back, GT will improve upon its #47 finish last year.
14. **TENNESSEE** P Dustin Colquitt fixed some mechanical flaws midseason and averaged 45.1 over the last 6 games and should have a strong year. KR Leonard Scott returns and led the SEC in KR's in 1999 with a 26.3 average. PR Rashad Baker averaged 9.1. K Alex Walls hit 16 of 21 with a long of 51 and frosh James Wilhoit had 78% of his KO's go for TB's including 11 through the uprights in HS.
15. **E CAROLINA** JUCO P Jarad Preston came in and simply averaged 44.1 per boot (#12 in NCAA). K Kevin Miller, who handled both the FG and P jobs in 2000 concentrated on just FG's and hit 18 of 21 and was a Groza semifinalist. KR coverage as been outstanding here with only 1 return last year over 29 yards. Marvin Townes averaged 25.0 on KR's and all of the top PR's are back as well.

N Illinois K Steve Azar

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Oregon	21. Clemson
17. Boise St	22. Louisville
18. Kansas St	23. Virginia Tech
19. Florida	24. Minnesota
20. Miami, Fla	25. UAB

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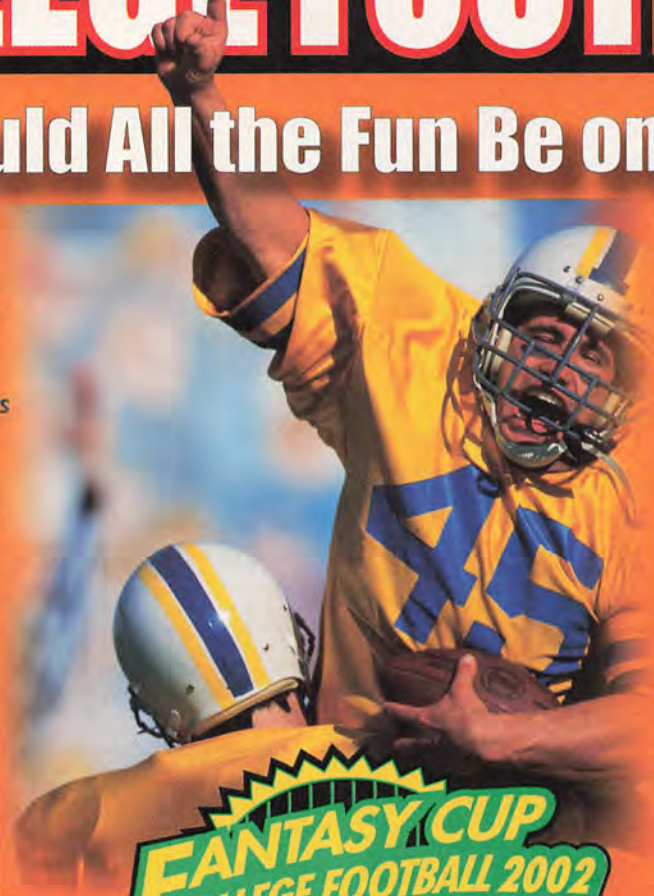

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DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMP – BOWLS OR PLAYOFFS?

by Phil Steele

One of the hottest topics in college football the past few years is how to determine the National Champ. There have been many times at the end of the year that one team emerges from the polls as the No. 1 team and National Champion, but many feel that another team or teams were deserving of the title and were not given the chance to prove it. I must admit however that I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the month of December, I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting and feel that they provide teams with a reward for a successful season, both financially and recruiting wise.

I know that in college basketball the March Madness tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and everyone in the country participates in their office pools predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. They propose a tournament featuring perhaps the top sixteen teams for NCAA football, but I definitely disagree with that. Here's the main reason why. If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find that the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say that a team like the 1985 Villanova squad, which finished the regular season 16-10, was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than they were! To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and meant that the entire regular season was **meaningless**.

Oregon RB Onterrio Smith

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There is no doubt in my mind that Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team, but a late season upset loss to Michigan St cost them a shot at appearing in the National Championship Game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss that was starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee in the bowl game and the Volunteers eventually won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to get into the title game and remain undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or Tennessee in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been favored by no less than the ultimate authority, the Las Vegas sportsbooks (the ones that make a living by knowing who the stronger teams are). The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl game.

In 1999 in my magazine, I called for Nebraska to finish No. 1 in the country. No one else had Nebraska listed in the Top 5. The Huskers had a dominating year, but once again, one bad game vs Texas in which Nebraska had a 429-275 yard edge but could not overcome 6 turnovers, did them in. They later avenged that loss to Texas big time in the Big 12 Championship Game with a dominating 22-6 win, proving they were a stronger team than the Horns. They then dismantled Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl even more impressively than the 31-21 final indicates.

Florida St was a good team in 1999 but played their usual soft ACC schedule and even then had some close calls vs Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida during the season. Virginia Tech was a great story in '99, going undefeated and getting to the National Title Game. The Hokies benefitted from a soft schedule as well, playing no team near the caliber of Nebraska during the season. Once again had Nebraska played either Virginia Tech or Florida St in the National Title Game, I feel Las Vegas would have placed Nebraska in the favorite's role. The Huskers probably would have defeated either of those two foes as they were the most complete team with the best defense in the country.

In 2000 the BCS worked out pretty well as the two best teams did get a shot at the National Title Game but Miami, Fla and Washington fans both said they should have been the challenger to undefeated Oklahoma. Miami beat FSU straight up and Washington beat Miami straight up. They each had legitimate claims as both faced tough schedules and had just one slip up. Two other teams that finished 10-1 did not have legitimate claims. Yes, Oregon St was the most impressive team in the Pac 10, blowing out opponents on a weekly basis, but they lost to Washington SU and only had one win over a final Top 25 team all year (Oregon). The same can be said for Virginia Tech who did not defeat a single team ranked in the Top 25 and lost to Miami by 20.

Last year Nebraska suffered their first loss of the year at Colorado by a 62-36 margin in their season finale. Miami, Fla went undefeated and indisputably deserved the Rose Bowl bid and a chance to vie for the title. After Florida, Tennessee and Texas all fell by the wayside, Nebraska controversially got the call, by the BCS formula, to face Miami while Oregon and Colorado complained loudly that they were the ones that deserved a shot. Had Nebraska defeated Miami, the AP voters would likely have voted the Oregon/Colorado winner the National Champ.

As you can tell, I feel that the best team in the country did not win the National Title in two of the last four years, I really think that a team that suffers just one tough loss but is dominating in every other game vs a decent schedule deserves a shot at the National Title Game. I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16 team matchups, but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the season. I also think that by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture, you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National Championship implications during the regular season. As an example, when Florida and Florida St face off every year, normally one is eliminated from the championship race and the other is still alive. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere, thus preserving their importance. If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the post season and a shot at the Title. I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel that only a select few who meet the challenges deserve to be in the final chase. I feel college football regular season games are the most important games of any sport due to their impact on the title chase.

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would establish a true National Champ. To determine the National Champ, I feel they should continue with the BCS rankings but include the top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semi-final games would be played on January 1 and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta. The Top 4 teams in the country according to the BCS would be invited. If you look at the last four years, this would have included No. 3 Ohio St in 1998 and No. 3 Nebraska in 1999 and BOTH Oregon and Colorado last year. In this scenario, the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the Jan 1 bowls and after these matchups, the Championship Game would be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time to prepare and for fans to make travel arrangements, given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week that the NFL is off.

There would be absolutely no question that it would be a true National Title Game as the top teams would be involved. Now let's take a look at how this would have affected the 1998 and 1999 races. In 1998, Ohio St would have faced Florida St in one of the semi-final matchups. With a backup QB Florida St would have been no match for the Buckeyes' top-rated defense and Ohio St would have advanced. Tennessee would have matched up with Kansas St, a team that was unbeaten until the Big 12 Championship Game. In that particular game, I would have rated it a toss-up as both would have had a chance to advance. I still feel Ohio St would have polished off whoever emerged from that game but as you can see, I do not feel the best two teams participated in the "National Title" game that the BCS presented.

In 1999, Nebraska would have faced Virginia Tech in one of the semi-final games. The Huskers' defense would have contained Michael Vick in a tight, low scoring game and NU would have advanced as their tougher schedule would have had them better prepared. Florida St would have faced whoever the BCS poll had rated in the #4 slot. There were several contenders for that #4 slot, all with question marks, but for the sake of the argument I will say that Kansas St was #4. Florida St would have dispatched KSU and that would have forced a true National Title Game between Nebraska and Florida St, who were in reality the top two teams.

In 2000 my system would have been a dream. With Oregon St and Virginia Tech dismissed due to strength of schedule (or lack thereof), Washington would have faced Oklahoma and Miami would have a rematch with Florida St for the right to play in the Title Game. There would be no complaints after the season and those teams left out would have to play stronger non-conference foes making the regular season even more enjoyable.

Colorado QB Craig Ochs

Last year was another season in which my system would have produced a ton of excitement and a great college football final four, as #1 Miami, Fla, #2 Nebraska, #3 Colorado and #4 Oregon would have qualified. The Canes and the Ducks would have been a great game that would have seen Miami favored but would have given UO a chance to earn the nation's respect. In the other game Colorado would have had the chance to show that their first matchup with Nebraska was no fluke. It would also have given them the chance to show that the BCS computer, which ranked them .05 behind the Huskers, had in fact slighted them. This setup would have been fun to watch and would've eliminated any doubt as to the true identity of the National Champ.

For those who complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 117 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3 week layoff would probably give enough time for any minor injuries from the Jan 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big a layoff as the teams have now during the bowls and may lead to a more crisply played Title Game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year, but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings as the two preliminary games would be rated higher than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact, and would be a reward for teams after a solid season and we would have a true National Champion every year. We would also make sure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance that they are today and the polls would be of major interest all year.

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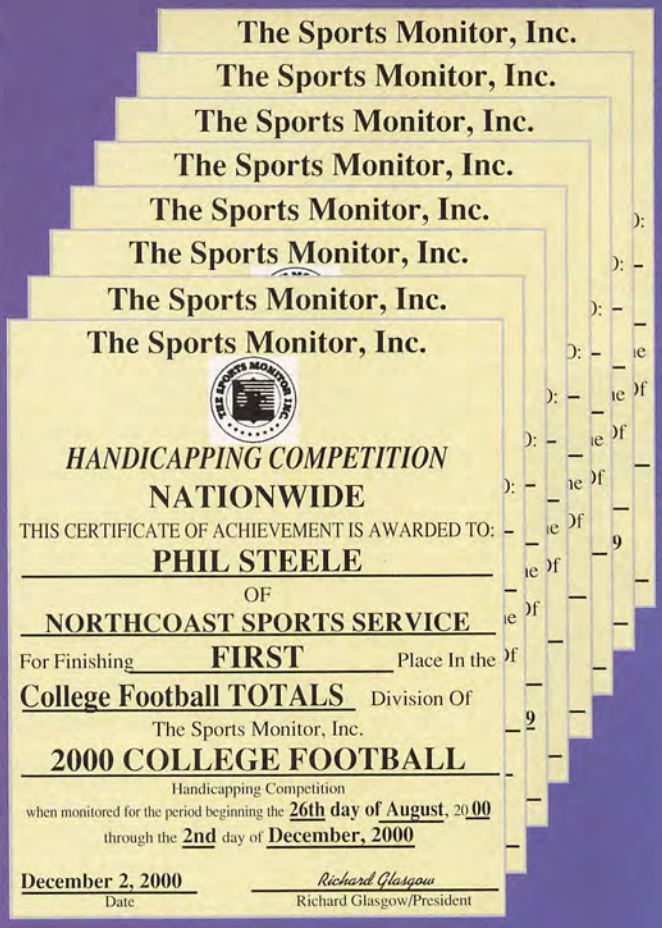

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Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups for 2002. Remaining Bowls On Page 2.

FIESTA BOWL

Tennessee (BCS Title Game)
vs
Florida St

FIESTA BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Oregon (+3) 38 Colorado 16
2000 Oregon St (-3') 41 Notre Dame 9
1999 Nebraska (-4) 31 Tennessee 21

ROSE BOWL

Ohio St
vs
USC

ROSE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Miami, Fla (-8') 37 Nebraska 14
2000 Washington (+2') 34 Purdue 24
1999 Wisconsin (-14) 17 Stanford 9

ORANGE BOWL

Miami, Fla
vs
Texas

ORANGE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Florida (-14) 56 Maryland 23
2000 Oklahoma (+10) 13 Florida St 2
1999 Michigan (+1) 35 Alabama 34

SUGAR BOWL

Florida
vs
Oklahoma

SUGAR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 LSU (-2) 47 Illinois 34
2000 Miami (Fla) (-7) 37 Florida 20
1999 Florida St (-5') 46 Virginia Tech 29

CITRUS BOWL

Penn St
vs
Arkansas

CITRUS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Tennessee (-3) 45 Michigan 17
2000 Michigan (-7') 31 Auburn 28
1999 Michigan St (+2') 37 Florida 34

COTTON BOWL

Kansas St
vs
S Carolina

COTTON BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Oklahoma (-13) 10 Arkansas 3
2000 Kansas St (-3') 35 Tennessee 21
1999 Arkansas (+5') 27 Texas 6

GATOR BOWL

Notre Dame
vs
Clemson

GATOR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Florida St (+2) 30 Virginia Tech 17
2000 Virginia Tech (-6) 41 Clemson 20
1999 Miami (Fla) (-4') 28 Georgia Tech 13

OUTBACK BOWL

Michigan
vs
LSU

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 S Carolina (-1) 31 Ohio St 28
2000 S Carolina (+7) 24 Ohio St 7
1999 Georgia (+5') 28 Purdue 25

HOLIDAY BOWL

UCLA
vs
Nebraska

HOLIDAY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Texas (-13) 47 Washington 43
2000 Oregon (+7') 35 Texas 30
1999 Kansas St (-10') 24 Washington 20

PEACH BOWL

Maryland
vs
Georgia

PEACH BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 N Carolina (-2) 16 Auburn 10
2000 LSU (-8') 28 Georgia Tech 14
1999 Mississippi St (+3) 17 Clemson 7

ALAMO BOWL

Michigan St
vs
Texas A&M

ALAMO BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Iowa (-1) 19 Texas Tech 16
2000 Nebraska (-14') 66 Northwestern 17
1999 Penn St (-7) 24 Texas A&M 0

SUN BOWL

Illinois
vs
Washington

SUN BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Washington St (-6') 33 Purdue 27
2000 Wisconsin (-5') 21 UCLA 20
1999 Oregon (+3') 24 Minnesota 20

LIBERTY BOWL

Louisville
vs
Utah

LIBERTY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Louisville (-3) 28 BYU 10
2000 Colorado St (-1') 22 Louisville 17
1999 S Mississippi (-5') 23 Colorado St 17

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Iowa
vs
Mississippi St

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Boston College (+4) 20 Georgia 16
2000 W Virginia (+3') 49 Mississippi 38
1999 Syracuse (+3) 20 Kentucky 13

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Colorado
vs
Auburn

INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Alabama (-6) 14 Iowa St 13
2000 Mississippi St (+1') 43 Texas A&M 41
1999 Mississippi (+4) 27 Oklahoma 25

INSIGHT.COM BOWL

Boston College
vs
Oregon

INSIGHT.COM BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Syracuse (+6) 26 Kansas St 3
2000 Iowa St (+2) 37 Pittsburgh 29
1999 Colorado (-7') 62 Boston College 28

LAS VEGAS BOWL

UNLV
vs
Washington St

LAS VEGAS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Utah (+3') 10 USC 6
2000 UNLV (-1) 31 Arkansas 14
1999 Utah (-4') 17 Fresno St 16

MOTOR CITY BOWL

Marshall
vs
Wisconsin

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Toledo (-4) 23 Cincinnati 16
2000 Marshall (+2') 25 Cincinnati 14
1999 Marshall (-3) 21 BYU 3

SEATTLE BOWL

Colorado St
vs
N Carolina

SEATTLE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 Georgia Tech (+6) 24 Stanford 14
2000 Boston College (+3') 31 Arizona St 17
1999 Wake Forest (+3) 23 Arizona St 3

HAWAII BOWL

Hawaii
vs
Cincinnati

HAWAII (ALOHA) BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2001 No Game Played
2000 Georgia (-9') 37 Virginia 14
1999 Hawaii (+9) 23 Oregon St 17

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR READERS...

I do read every single questionnaire that comes back each year, and I want to thank all of you for filling out the 2001 questionnaire. YOUR responses and input help me to make Phil Steele's College Football Preview better every year. At this time I would like to share with you some of the comments that we have received from our Power Sweep readers last year.

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WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

The Great Debate on Which Conference is the Toughest.

One of the exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a year-to-year basis. I remember back in the late 1960's when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. In later years, it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The Big 10, of course, is usually at the top as is the SEC. While both conferences have had their powerhouse years with the Crimson Tide of Bear Bryant and the rivalry between Woody Hayes and Bo Schembechler's Ohio St and Michigan squads, they also have had some off years.

Another interesting point is that there is not an exact science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the post season or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conference slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conference games vs IAA or Big 12 opponents and if you go strictly on overall record, the wins and losses count the same.

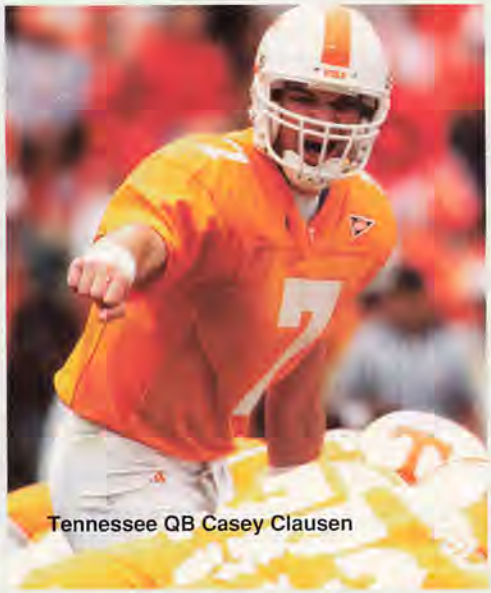
Before I take a look at this year's conferences, let's do a quick recap of some past ratings. In 1998-99, the Big 10 compiled a 10-2 bowl record. In 1999 they had 4 teams in the Top 11 of the final polls and they narrowly edged the SEC and Big 12 in both years in my rankings. They did not hold on to their top spot in 2000 and slipped quite a bit. I had THREE Big 12 teams in my Preseason Top 7 and the conference did not disappoint. When the smoke cleared, the Big 12 had the National Champ, 3 teams in the Top 10 and a 4-3 bowl record after Nebraska and Kansas St destroyed foes from the Big 10 and SEC. They got the call as my top conference in 2000. Surprisingly, even though they have some weaker teams at the bottom of the league, they still finished #1 in my overall power ratings average per team. From 1998-2000, the SEC had losing records in bowl games. They had a 4-5 mark in 2000 including 1-3 in Jan 1/Jan 2 bowls and their top 2 teams, Florida and Tennessee, were manhandled. The SEC also plays one of the softer non-conference schedules during the season which is a good reason why 9 teams were bowl eligible at the end of the year. They rose to #2 in my overall average power ratings and finished with the most teams in the Top 25 at 6. The Pac 10 rebounded from some down years to finish #3 with 3 Top 10 teams. The Big 10 was #4 followed by the Big East (4-1 in bowls) and the ACC.

Last year after the season was over the SEC was rated #1 when analyzing the Top 3 teams in each conference; Florida, Tennessee and LSU all finished in the Top 7. They were also rated #1 overall which is surprising as they have 12 teams in a very balanced league. The SEC finally had a winning bowl season with a 5-4 overall record and the Top 3 won their bowls by an avg of 24.7 ppg over tough opponents Michigan, Maryland and Illinois. The SEC takes home my toughest conference title for 2001.

The Big 12 was my #1 rated conference in two categories, the Top 5 teams average ranking and the Top 8 teams. They were #2 in the Top 3 teams and had FOUR of the Top 10 teams at the end of the year. They did go just 3-5 in the bowl games which cost them a shot at the top but they finish as my #2 toughest conference for 2001.

The Big East had a MAJOR player in Miami (Fla) and they also had great success in the post season, going 4-1 in the bowls. While they were the #3 conference in the Top 3 teams and the Top 5 teams they faded badly in the Top 8 and several overall categories thanks to teams like Rutgers, W Virginia and Temple. That weakness at the bottom kept them from a higher finish and I ranked them #3 overall.

The Big 10 came up the 2nd highest conference in the overall power ratings section, but were #4 in the Top 3, 5 and 8 categories. They also were a poor 2-4 in the bowls. The Pac 10 was only #5 in the Top 3 and Top 5 categories (1 team in Top 10) but were #3 in the overall rankings. They were 2-3 in the bowls and just missed out on 4th place. The ACC was 6th in 3 of the 4 sets of power ratings, but did have a solid bowl season at 4-2 and get my #6 ranking. The Mountain West is a stout 5-1 in bowls the last 2 years and were #7. The WAC has fared poorly in bowls at 0-5 the last 2 years but still barely squeaked by CUSA (1-3 in bowls last year) for the 8th spot. The MAC is making inroads on the 8th and 9th spots by going 3-0 in bowls the last 2 years.



Tennessee QB Casey Clausen

2001 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS:

1. SEC	7. Mt. West
2. Big 12	8. WAC
3. Big East	9. CUSA
4. Big 10	10. MAC
5. Pac 10	11. Independent
6. ACC	12. Sun Belt

Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in the year 2002. First let me tell you how I derive the results. I complete 5 primary sets of power ratings at the start of the year. First is a pure power rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all positions, factor in coaching and special teams, and come upon my power ratings for the teams.

The second power rating is based on my Power Plays Ratings (see page 290). These take into account the production of the team not only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my Preseason Power Play number for each team.

The other 3 sets are based on last year's final numbers. I grade each position on a team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement from one year to the next. It differs anywhere from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor it into last year's 3 final sets of power ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

In order to write this article, I combined all 5 sets into one main power rating and used that to create a 6th set for this year. Then the question was, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams but the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the Top 5 teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show is, of course, the depth of the conference. Let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 also-ran and another conference had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 also-rans. The thinner conference would be rated higher if the Top 5 teams had a higher average even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. What I am trying to say is that it is an inexact science, but I think by merging the two ratings I did get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, I had 12 different sets of rankings after all of that was done. They broke down the conferences into best overall strength of the team for each conference as well as best overall strength of the Top 5 teams in each conference. This year one league actually came up with my highest average power rating for the Top 3 teams, Top 5 teams, Top 8 teams AND overall and that is the Big 12. They have 4 of my Top 10 teams in terms of talent this year and 5 of the Top 15. I am surprised that they came in tops overall but it was by a margin of 103.67 to 103.61 average over the SEC so it was VERY close.

The SEC comes in #2 in all 4 categories but they have just 3 teams that I rate in my Top 15 talent-wise . They do however have 10 that rank in my Top 40 which is 2 more than any other conference. Vandy actually ranks in the bottom 20 this year and that cost them in the overall category. The Big 10 comes in 3rd in 3 of the 4 categories and they have 6 teams that rank in my Top 20 in terms of talent (3rd most).

The Pac 10 barely edges out the Big East for the #4 spot. The Pac 10 is a balanced league as only 1 of their teams ranks in my Top 20 in terms of talent but they have 5 in the Top 40 which is 4th most of the conferences. The Big East comes in a little top heavy as they are #3 in my category of Top 3 teams with Miami (Fla) leading the way. They have just 3 teams however that rank in my Top 40 so they come in 5th.

The ACC, thanks to a resurgence from Florida St, comes in 6th, less than a point behind the Big East. While only FSU ranks in my

Top 25 in terms of talent 3 other teams in the league fall 25 through 40 in the rankings. CUSA is rated 7th in all 4 categories and the Mountain West is 8th in all 4 but Utah may be able to pull them past CUSA this year and remember the Mt West is 5-1 in bowls the last 2 years. The MAC has more teams (1) that rate in my Top 40 in terms of talent (Marshall) than does the WAC (0) but the WAC rates a slight overall edge and remember the MAC does have 14 teams which brings down their overall average.

Here are my preseason rankings for this year's Toughest Conferences.

TOUGHEST CONFERENCES FOR 2002

1. Big 12	7. CUSA
2. SEC	8. Mt West
3. Big 10	9. WAC
4. Pac 10	10. MAC
5. Big East	11. Independent
6. ACC	12. Sun Belt

I mentioned that when I am preparing my 5 sets of Power Ratings for the preseason, I grade each team's individual units on a +6 to -6 basis. Let me explain a little more about that. For a team to earn a +6 grade, it would have to be one that I expect to be among the most improved in the country. Here is an example: a team lost their entire defensive line to graduation last year and then lost two other key starters early in the season to injury. They ended up starting almost all frosh and went from a solid run defense to one of the weaker ones in the NCAA. Now let's

PSU RB Larry Johnson

say that the following year this team had their top 8 returning from the DL and those frosh forced into action last year are now sophomores and now have experience. They also have the two previous starters returning from injury and signed 3 VHT JUCO's this year. That type of scenario would result in a +6.

A -6 would be the opposite. For example: a team had the entire front wall back on offense, they weighed 325 lbs per man and all five were three year senior starters. The unit paved the way for the NCAA rushing title and allowed just 6 sacks. All 5 players graduate, there are no HT's available and only 2 lettermen return for the current season. That would be a -6.

Those are extreme examples and rarely occur. Most of the grades normally fall somewhere in between those two. As I mentioned earlier, I add

Tulsa DT Sam Rayburn

up all my pluses and minuses for a team and come up with a total grade. I cannot predict injuries, as some teams will suffer a lot of injuries this year, while others will have good health.

What I can share with you is the most improved teams in the country. I do not have the space for the entire list but the following are the Top 20 most improved teams in the country this year (provided they stay healthy).

2002's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

1. Tulsa	11. Miss St
2. Penn St	12. Memphis
3. Rutgers	13. UTEP
4. Connecticut	14. Wyoming
5. California	15. Missouri
6. Houston	16. Tulane
7. Idaho	17. Oregon St
8. Florida St	18. West Virginia
9. N Texas	19. Minnesota
10. USC	20. Akron

Making my most improved list has generally been a blessing for teams and they usually make big turnarounds. **In 1999, the #1 most improved team in my Preseason Rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record,** going from winless to a bowl victory. Also listed among the Top 20 that year was Vanderbilt, who almost made it to a bowl game. The Minnesota Golden Gophers were my #6 most improved team and they proved very solid, getting to a bowl game. Stanford was my #13 team and they performed well in the Rose Bowl as the Pac 10 Champions. My #14 most improved team three years ago was Illinois, another team that had not been to a bowl for quite some time but was back in the post season. Number 15 on that list was Michigan St who defeated Florida in the Citrus Bowl. Another bowl winner, TCU, was #18 on the list.

The year 2000 was a VERY successful year for the most improved teams. **Of the top 14 most improved teams last year, TEN went from a losing season to being bowl eligible!!!!** South Carolina was my #6 most improved team and they simply went from 0-11 to beating Ohio St in a Jan 1 bowl game and finishing with an 8-4 record. Tulane was #1 on the list and they went from 3-8 to 6-5 and were bowl eligible. UNLV was #2 and went from 3-8 to an 8-5 season with a bowl victory. Northwestern was #4 and after a poor 3-8 season they rolled to the Big 10 Co-Championship! UCLA was #7 and went from a losing year to a bowl game. LSU came in at #10 and they went from 3-8 to 8-4, including a bowl win. Not all the teams on my list went from losing seasons to bowls and not all the teams will do that this year. Also on 2000's list were teams like Washington (#16) which went from 7-5 to 11-1, a 4 game improvement, and Clemson (#20) which went from 6-6 to 9-3 and played in a Jan 1 bowl game.

Last year of the 20 teams that made my list only ONE team had a weaker record and that was Tulsa. Three teams did have the same record as 2000 and SIXTEEN had stronger records!!! **Once again NINE TEAMS went from a losing season to becoming bowl eligible including such surprises as Washington St, Colorado, Alabama, Iowa, Stanford and USC.** Colorado went from 3-8 to just missing out on the National Title game. Wash St was picked dead last in the Pac 10 preseason poll after their 4-7 season in 2000 but simply went 10-2 and just missed out on a league title. Looking for some major turnaround teams this year that will surprise? Make sure you check out this year's list.

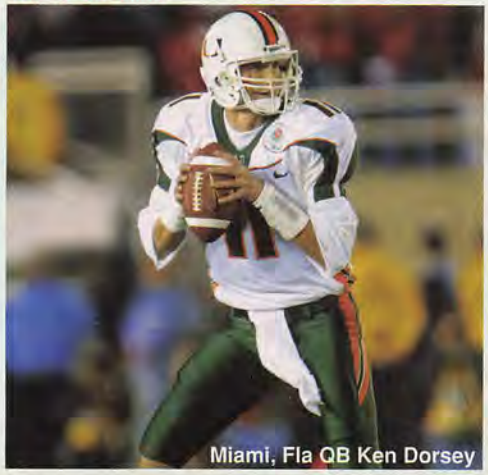
Finally let me wrap up this article with a little reference tool that I find myself looking for from time-to-time, especially during the preseason. The following is how the teams finished last year in both of the polls. Miami (Fla) was a unanimous #1 with 132 combined first place votes.

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES POLL

1. Miami, Fla (60)	14. Syracuse
2. Oregon	15. Florida St
3. Florida	16. Louisville
4. Tennessee	17. Stanford
5. Texas	18. Virginia Tech
6. Oklahoma	19. Washington
7. Nebraska	20. Michigan
8. LSU	21. Marshall
9. Colorado	22. Toledo
10. Maryland	23. Boston College
11. Washington St	24. BYU
12. Illinois	25. Georgia
13. S Carolina	

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

1. Miami, Fla (72)	14. Syracuse
2. Oregon	15. Florida St
3. Florida	16. Stanford
4. Tennessee	17. Louisville
5. Texas	18. Virginia Tech
6. Oklahoma	19. Washington
7. LSU	20. Michigan
8. Nebraska	21. Boston College
9. Colorado	22. Georgia
10. Washington St	23. Toledo
11. Maryland	24. Georgia Tech
12. Illinois	25. BYU
13. S Carolina	


Miami, Fla QB Ken Dorsey

WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S SURPRISE TEAM?

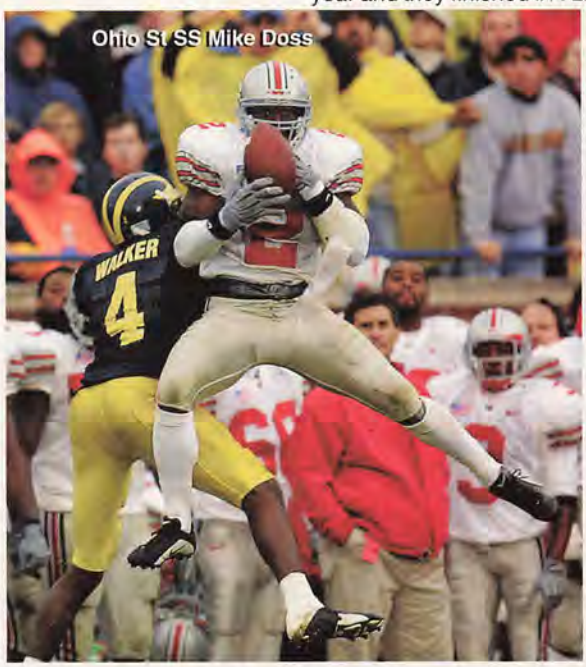
Let's pretend you are in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 31, 1999. You've just watched Oklahoma lose 27-25 to an average Mississippi team to finish the season 7-5. Despite this bowl loss, it was a good year for the Sooners, especially after coming off of four consecutive non-winning years. Your friend says to you, "I guarantee you Oklahoma will win the National Championship next year." Your first thought is that your friend has "over-celebrated" New Year's Eve. Next year Oklahoma would have just 13 returning starters and face a schedule that included the 3 powerhouses of the Big 12 in Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas with all 3 of those games away from home (Texas is a neutral site game).

Clemson LB John Leake

The Sooners entered the year as a 50-1 shot to win the National Title and were not even ranked in the Preseason Top 20. When the dust cleared they simply stood at the top of the heap over all the other 115 Division IA teams and were the only team to remain undefeated on the season. Impressive indeed! They did have some solid factors going for them in 2000 like exceptionally good health (0 starters missed a game due to injury), a solid QB, and a super defense. Your first reaction was that this Cinderella story is a one time thing. However teams have reached the top and been big surprises in almost every year and yes, sometimes they bag the National Title despite not being one of the top ranked teams coming into the year.

Oklahoma was not the only surprise team of 2000. Oregon St was unranked coming into the season but, much like the Sooners, stayed remarkably injury free. They also benefitted from +18 turnovers to finish #4 in the country with a super 11-1 season and a blowout win of Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Health and turnovers had a big impact that year, but there have been plenty of surprise teams through the years.

Do you think it is easy picking a national champ prior to the year? Since 1994, only twice has the preseason #1 team gone on to win the National Title. Only in 1999 and 2001 did any of the "Big Nine" preseason magazines correctly pick the National Champ. The "Big Nine" magazines in this article that I am referring to are Athlon, Lindy's, Sporting News, Street and Smith's, Sports Illustrated, GamePlan, Preview Sports, Jim Feist's and Phil Steele's. (ESPN Magazine only came out recently). Last year two magazines (Preview Sports and Street and Smith's) pegged Miami (Fla) #1 and were correct. Every year you can round up the usual suspects for the National Title coming into the year. Florida St, Florida and Nebraska are the type of teams that rank in the Top 5 coming into the season almost every year. While they usually finish the season there as well, there have been some other big surprises throughout the years.


Ohio St SS Mike Doss

In 1994, Penn State was #10 heading into the year and their highest preseason publication ranking (other than my College Scorebook which had them #5) was #8. They simply went undefeated on the season and, while they finished the season the #2 team in the country, they could have won the National Title had they been able to play Nebraska for it.

In 1995, no preseason magazine picked Nebraska to win the National Title but plenty had them #2, which is where they ranked prior to the year, and they took home the title. No big surprise there, but the biggest surprises that year were Northwestern and Kansas who finished in the Top 10 despite not being picked in the Preseason Top 25.

In 1996, none of the "Big Nine" preseason magazines had Florida pegged as the National Champ yet the Gators won the title. That was not an "Oklahoma-like" surprise as they came into the season ranked #4. The big surprise teams that year were BYU, which finished #5 after being unranked in the preseason and Arizona St, which finished #4 after coming into the season ranked #22. Of the Big Nine, only Lindy's had BYU in its Top 25 (at #25) and I had ASU ranked the highest at #13.

In 1997, Michigan (AP) and Nebraska (Coaches) each finished atop one of the major polls at the end of the year. The Huskers came into the season at #5 and while none of the Big Nine had them #1, four (myself, Feist's, Preview and Lindy's) had them as high as #3. Michigan was not even rated in the Top 10 coming into the year (#14) so their sharing of the title was a big surprise. The only Big Nine publication to have them in the top 10 prior to the year was Street and Smith's which pegged them a surprising #4 (nice job, guys). The other surprise that year was UCLA who was not ranked coming into the season but finished at #5.

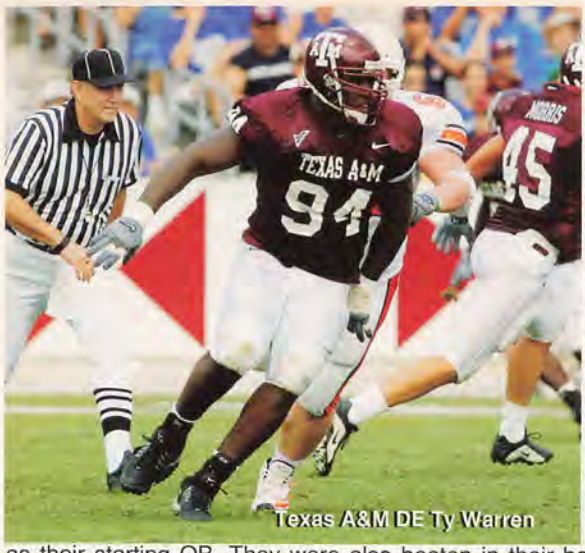
The 1998 season featured another big surprise for the National Title. Tennessee was ranked #10 coming into the season and had one of those years where everything went right for them with few injuries, +16 in turnovers, winning 3 tight games by 4 points or less and getting lucky by avoiding the best team in the country that year (Ohio St was ranked #3 but would have been a big favorite had they played the Vols). In their bowl game they took on a Florida St team that was forced to start a backup QB and they won that game as well. Of the Big Nine magazines only two had them ranked in the top 7 and they were mine (#7) and GamePlan (#6). Three unranked teams that year finished in the Top 10 and they were Arizona (#4), Tulane (#7) and Georgia Tech (#9).

Everyone thought Florida St was a super team in 1999 and that they were. The Seminoles became the first ever wire-to-wire champ in the polls, being ranked #1 all year and their 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl left no doubt as to who was the best team in the country. There were some surprise teams that year however. As I mentioned, Virginia Tech played in the National Title game and were unbeaten coming into the post season. Prior to the season they did not even rank in the Top 10. One of the Big Nine magazines did not even have them in their Preseason Top 25!! Both Athlon and I had them ranked the highest at #6 coming into the year. Michigan St and Kansas St were the other surprise Top 10 finishers. I am pleased to report that I was the only one to rank the Spartans in the Top 25 prior to the year and they finished #7. Lindy's (#9) and GamePlan (#10) did a great job with Kansas St as they were the only two to have them in the Top 10. Overall the Wildcats entered the season at #20.

All of this information that I have provided for you was obtained from a great website, www.stassen.com, which has information on final polls, magazine rankings, and some records that date back to 1989. So, what have we learned from all this information? Clearly, every year there has been an unexpected Top 10 team and some years a big surprise like National Champ Oklahoma. Now comes the question "Who will be this year's Surprise Team?"

As I write this magazine, it is unknown where the other magazines will have the teams ranked or who will be ranked where in this year's preseason polls, but I can definitely peg some teams that should not make the Preseason Top 10 (and some not even in the Top 20) that could turn out to be big surprise teams this year. Keep in mind no one can forecast injuries and turnovers and those have been important factors for teams who have risen to the top in recent years.

In last year's magazine I listed 9 teams that I felt had a shot at being a surprising National Champ. A couple of them did work their way into the title picture. I listed UCLA and they did vault their way into the Top 5 with a 6-0 record but they were stunned at midseason by Stanford and then lost RB Foster and dropped out of the National Title chase. LSU was a team that was not ranked in the Preseason Top 10 but one that did earn its way into a BCS bowl by winning the SEC. The other team that almost got there was Colorado and they nearly played in the National Title game. I picked



Texas A&M DE Ty Warren

Colorado for this article despite the fact that they were 3-8 the previous season!! They missed out on the National Title game by a couple of percentage points in the BCS rankings. Now let's take a look at this year's potential surprise teams.

Ohio St was just 7-5 last year and now lose their top rusher as well as their starting QB. They were also beaten in their bowl game by S Carolina for the 2nd straight year. Despite having just 12 starters back in 2002, the defense looks outstanding. In fact, I rate their stop unit #5 in the country. Offensively, they have plenty of young, talented weapons that should be able to gain experience as it looks like OSU will be a TD or more favorite in their first 7 games this year. They have 3 tough road games after that vs Wisconsin, Purdue and Illinois but all of them fall into the winnable category. Their 2 toughest foes, Penn St and Michigan, are both at home. OSU has the schedule and the talent to go unbeaten this year and put itself into the Fiesta Bowl and they probably won't be ranked in the Preseason Top 10. I would list Michigan in this article as well but I do expect them to be in the Preseason Top 10.

Last year I listed Penn St in this article and they disappointed me with a rough start to the season. They did play well down the stretch, winning 5 of their final 7 games to almost qualify for a bowl. The last 2 years the Lions have had just 9 and 10 starters returning and this year have 15 back. QB Zack Mills sparked the offense down the stretch and they will have a feature back this year in Larry Johnson, something they have lacked the last couple of seasons. PSU's defense is also top-notch with some NFL caliber DT's and finally a LB crew that can live up to PSU's "LB University" nickname. They do have tough road games against Michigan and Ohio St but have 8 games at home including a big matchup against Nebraska. After 2 straight losing seasons, PSU could indeed be one of this year's surprise teams.

Another team from the Big 10 this year that had just a 7-5 record last season and could contend for national honors is Michigan St. I would probably have the Spartans ranked higher this year if not for their rugged schedule. The Spartans have my #10 rated offense and #30 rated defense and should be favored in at least 7 of their first 8 games. In November they have 3 road trips including visits to Ann Arbor and Happy Valley. This is a Spartan team that is loaded on offense and much improved on defense and one that is very capable of a huge season. They may not even make it into some Preseason Top 20's this year though.

Kansas St, however, will and should be considered a National Title contender. Snyder rarely has a large amount of returning starters. In 1999 when the team went 11-1 he had just 9 starters back. This year they have just one tough road game as they travel to Boulder to face Colorado but have the week off prior to prepare. They have tough home games against USC, Texas and Nebraska but are capable of winning all of those. Despite their 6-6 record last year, KSU has my #8 rated defense and that makes them dangerous. I can envision a possible undefeated season and that would make them a National Title contender.

Not a lot of folks will have the Texas A&M Aggies highly rated as they were just 8-4 last season but this could be one of RC Slocum's stronger teams. Defensively I rate them 4th in the country and, of course, they have a huge home field edge, which will be the key to their season. With road trips to Baylor, Kansas and Oklahoma St falling into the very winnable category, an early trip to Pittsburgh is also a possible W, so all they need to do is take care of business at home in College Station. If they do that then they could be 11-0 when they travel to Texas for their season finale. They have an experienced QB in Mark Farris, some very talented RB's and WR's and as mentioned, a top-notch defense. The Aggies could be one of this year's big surprise teams.

The USC Trojans were 6-6 last year including a bowl loss against Utah. They face this year's toughest schedule with no soft spots in the entire 12 game slate and non-conference games against teams like Auburn, Colorado, Kansas St and Notre Dame. I doubt this team will be ranked in many folks' Preseason Top 25's (or Top 40's for that matter). Still, the Trojans are a very talented team especially on offense and I rate them the #12 offense and #11 defense overall this season. A couple of my computer projections show USC actually getting through this killer slate unbeaten and that would make them a very surprise contender for the National Title.

The UCLA Bruins finished 7-4 last year and did not even go to a bowl game but this season, despite losing 11 starters, have the schedule and the talent to contend for the top spot if things go their way. Only 2 road game appear to be on the tough side this year and they are against Oregon St and Washington. All the rest of their key battles are at home. Remember, last year UCLA was as high as #5 in the country at midseason before a couple of stunning losses and the suspension of RB Foster. If QB Paus can stay out of trouble off the field, he has one of the top O-lines in the country in front of him. Overall, defensively I rank the Bruins as having the #25 unit heading into the season.

Tommy Bowden always comes up with a top-notch offense and in fact he fell just a few yards short of having 4 straight years of averaging 190 yards per game rushing and 240+ yards per game passing last year. QB Willie Simmons should do fine in his first year as a full-time starter and Bowden has worked with retooled OL's before. Defensively, Clemson will be much stronger than last year's version which was extremely young. They do have 2 very tough road trips on the schedule, facing Georgia in the opener Between the Hedges and also travelling to Florida St where the Seminoles are loaded. This is another team that I doubt will be ranked in very many Preseason Top 25's but they have a shot at a big year and if they can pull one or both of those upsets, they could contend for top honors.

The SEC West is the most highly competitive division in all of the NCAA as any of the six teams could finish at the top or at the bottom. In my early season computer projections, only one shows the potential for a 10, 11 or 12 win season and that is Arkansas. The Hogs do have tough road games this year against Tennessee, Auburn, S Carolina and Mississippi St and have struggled on the road in past years. All of the rest of their games are at home where they are almost impossible to beat. They have won some big road games recently and have one of the most veteran units in the country with 52 lettermen back and only 14 lost. The Hogs have my #15 rated defense this year and should be much more potent on offense. This could be one of the year's big surprises.

Tom O'Brien's Boston College teams have gotten better each season and this year is by far his top edition. In fact, BC has my #24 rated offense and #17 rated defense with 8 starters back on both sides of the ball. Last year they finally broke through and beat a Top 25 team. This year have the schedule for a big season. They have to face both Miami, Fla and Notre Dame on the road but let's face it, they wouldn't qualify as a surprise team unless there were some upsets involved. The remainder of their tough games come at home and 3 of my sets of power ratings call for them to win 11 of their 12 games, meaning they are just an upset away from an unbeaten season.

The Utah Utes played an outstanding bowl game last year, shutting down USC and they appear loaded this season. While Utah finished just 8-4 last year and has only 13 starters back, they do have my #16 rated defense. I also think their offense can come along as they have solid replacements for the graduates. They have two Big 10 teams and a Pac 10 team on the schedule meaning 3 victories there would garner them some national attention. The biggest of the possible upsets would be September 21st at Michigan. After the Michigan game, they will be favored in the remaining 7 of their games as the majority of the toughest opponents they face are at home. Defense wins football games and the Utes could be a big surprise.

I would put Louisville in this article, but they were 11-2 last season and having another big winning season would not be a surprise. Instead, I will stay in CUSA and pick S Mississippi. USM used to dominate the conference, but has fallen off a bit the last few years. Now they must replace a three year starter at QB. The Golden Eagles have a talented team on both sides of the ball, especially on defense where they have the potential to be dominating. A quick check of the schedule shows USM will be favored in the majority of their games this year. They also host last year's Sugar Bowl team Illinois and Hattiesburg can be an intimidating and humid place, especially on an afternoon in early September. The toughest road game of the season is at Alabama but who knows what frame of mind the Tide will be in due to their probation? The toughest remaining game after that would be a Thursday Night encounter at home vs Louisville. With 17 starters back, this is the most veteran unit that Bower has had in years and they could be in for a big season. Victories over Alabama, Illinois and Louisville could give them BCS potential if they finish the season undefeated.

USC SS Troy Polamalu

These are the 12 teams that have a shot at stunning the NCAA much like Oklahoma did in 2000. The NCAA mandated reduction of scholarships to 85 has created the opportunity for teams to rebound quickly and pull surprises. This should be another exciting year and certainly at least one team will surpass conventional expectations.

TEN KEYS TO A WINNING SEASON

By Phil Steele

In 1990, I wrote a book entitled *"Ten Keys To a Winning Season."* In 1996, and again in 1999, I revised *Ten Keys* and published second and third editions. In *Ten Keys* I discuss some of the basics that will enable you to have a big winning season forecasting football in 2002!

The first chapter is **"Welcome To Reality."** This chapter deals with having the proper expectations for the upcoming season. First, your goal should be to make a profit while watching football. Notice, I did NOT say, "Make a Million Dollars," "Get Rich Quick," or the infamous, "Bury your Bookmaker." If you want to get rich quick, then go buy another book. I will only promise to make you a solid profit.

The first chapter also warns against falling into traps set by con "Sports Services" that tell you a game is a "Lock" or a "Can't Lose" game. There are too many things that can happen in any football game to call it a sure thing. Anything can and will happen! If you see one of these ads, or have someone tell you over the phone that a game "can't lose," do yourself a favor and HANG UP THE PHONE!

Furthermore, the first chapter addresses all of the pitfalls in gambling. It warns against betting more than you can afford to lose. This system makes sure you do not double up when you are losing, and talks about some of the slick salesmen, (a.k.a. conmen) who operate in the sports service industry. There are two important thoughts to remember... One, do not believe ads that tout 80% to 90% winners for a season. You will find that none are documented by an honest source. Did you know that to make money wagering on football you only need to hit 52.5%? The second point is, if you hear a handicapper say, "Call and talk to me personally," he is not much of a handicapper. I work 16 to 20 hours a DAY during the football season. You will not be able to get me on the phone because I am studying for the upcoming weekend! I am a handicapper, not a salesman.

Chapter Two deals with **"Money Management"** and is vital to anyone trying to make a profit wagering on football. At the start of every year you must set aside a starting bankroll. One rule is to never exceed 5% of your bankroll on any one play. I rate my Late Phone Selections from 1★ to 5★, with 5★ being the highest. Have you ever read those ridiculous ads in the paper with their 100★, 500★ or 1000★ games? It is comical the way these conmen try to prey on the people who can least afford to be preyed upon.

A classic example came a few years ago. One service (who shall remain nameless, but you will see his ridiculous ads) put out his 500★ NFL LOCK of the Year! Yes, 500★'s is over hyped and ridiculous. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LOCK! Just when you thought this conman had stooped to his lowest, two weeks later in the SAME publication he put out his 1000★ NFL LOCK of the Year! They say there is a sucker born every minute and no doubt this guy owns the mailing list! Enough talk about that garbage, let's get back to talking about making a profit.

Using the money management method, you increase or decrease your bankroll each week. This depends on how much you win or lose in Las Vegas on football. The next week your wagers would increase or decrease. You would still be wagering just 3% to 5% on any single play. This would keep you from doubling up when winning or losing. This will also keep you far ahead of the game. Problem gamblers get into trouble by trying to "win it all back" on one play, or trying to make a fortune when they are "hot." Doubling up is a terrible strategy and those that do it only double up until they go BROKE. Please, avoid the urge and stay with money management. In Chapter Two, I take you through the winning and losing weeks of one particular season. You will be able to see exactly how the system WORKS!

Chapter Three is **"The NFL Preseason - A Different Ballgame."** The NFL Preseason must be handicapped completely differently than the regular season. In the last 12 years, Northcoast Sports has the highest winning percentage of all the services documented by The Sports Monitor in preseason football. I review some of the KEYS to preseason football in this chapter.

Chapter Four is **"Preparing for the Battle."** Here I go through things you need to know in preparation for the upcoming season. WARNING! There is a lot of hard work and study. If you think you can "study" football for half an hour and pick winners, you will probably have MANY losing seasons.

Chapter Five is **"The Complete Handicapper."** THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHAPTERS! You should never make a play based purely on angles or trends. You should never make a play based purely on situations or a team's emotion. Lastly, you should never make a play based strictly on the talent differences. You should use ALL THREE! In college football I rank the methods of handicapping in order of their importance.

Fundamental Handicapping is most important. This is where you match up teams to discover who has the edge on the offensive and defensive lines. How does one team's WR's matchup with the others DB's? Which team has more talent on the field? I am first and foremost a Fundamental Handicapper!

Situational Handicapping is second in line of importance. You review whether a team may let down after a big game, look ahead to a big game, or be sky high for their current opponent based on revenge or the rivalry. Playing against a team at its weakest or playing ON one at its emotional peak can deliver many winners.

Third on the list is Technical Handicapping (angles and trends). You will notice this magazine is loaded with angles and trends for college football. Remember, this method is the least important of the 3. I have listed all of these angles in the book so you do not have to spend hours researching, and I hope you find them very interesting. You should study angles and work them into your handicapping, but do not base a play strictly on an angle!

Chapter Six is **"Fundamental Handicapping,"** Chapter Seven is **"Situational Handicapping"** and Chapter Eight is **"Technical Handicapping."** Each chapter delves deeper into these 3 methods.

Chapter Nine is **"Fine Tuning - Looking For The Edges."** It talks about the value of half points, playing on streaks, and looking for contrarian plays. It also warns you against such things as isolated plays.

Chapter Ten talks about the **Sports Service Industry.** Services that lie about their records and make ridiculous claims about "Lock games," etc. Services actually invent their own "monitoring services" that falsely "document" their own made up records. I have found two of the most honest monitoring services in the country. I recommend...

The Sports Monitor - Oklahoma City, OK
(1-405-721-5018)
SportsWatch - Las Vegas, NV
(1-702-547-1568)

In closing, if there is a chapter you would like to see completely, call our office at 1-800-654-3448. We will send you any ONE chapter free. The book sells for $19.95. If you mention the 2002 College Preview Magazine or send in the questionnaire on pg. 310, you can receive it for just $9.95. I hope you found this article informative, and

GOOD LUCK IN 2002!!!

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my 2002 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my power ratings. As an example - USC is my #7 team this year in terms of talent but they take on the toughest schedule in the country and therefore are not listed in my preseason Top 10. My talent ratings only rate Boise St #53 overall but they made the list due to their softer schedule as they do not face a single one of my Top 25 teams. My Top 25 is based on how I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & I have always done quite well. Last year, of my Top 25 teams, 23 of them had records good enough to become bowl eligible and of the Top 40 teams, an amazing 36 of the 40 were bowl eligible. Those numbers were, by far, the best of all of the preseason magazines last season. Notre Dame, Oregon St, Mississippi St, Northwestern and Wisconsin tripped up many preseason publications and most had 4 or 5 teams in their preseason Top 25's not become bowl eligible. These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season.

Vols' WR Kelley Washington

1. Tennessee I do 7 sets of power ratings and none of the 7 have Tennessee as the strongest team in the country. However, I run all 7 sets of power ratings through the schedule and 5 of the 7 project an undefeated season for Tennessee. They do have some tough road games at Georgia and S Carolina but have the talent to win them. Their toughest games (both vs Top 5 caliber teams), Florida and Miami, Fla, are at home in Neyland Stadium. I give the Vols the best shot this year of going undefeated and at getting to and winning the Fiesta Bowl.

2. Florida St The Seminoles come up my #1 rated team in terms of talent in 4 of my 7 sets of power ratings. Four of them project an undefeated season but they must travel to Miami, Fla and will also host Florida in the season finale. They have my #2 rated offense and #1 rated defense. This team is very capable of getting to and winning the Fiesta Bowl after a rare off-year last season.

3. Texas This team disappointed me last year by not taking care of business in the two games in which a victory would have put them in the National Title game. They are loaded once again this season and are one of only 2 teams in the country to rank in my Top 25 in all 8 positions (see pgs 8-11). They do have a killer schedule including a game in Dallas vs Oklahoma, and road tips to Kansas St, Nebraska and Texas Tech and even if they survive all of them, they would still have the Big 12 Title game. Texas has the talent to go unbeaten but they did not do so last year with a much easier schedule.

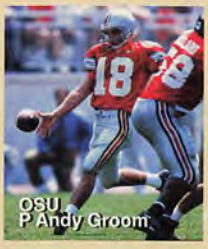
4. Miami, Fla The Hurricanes are very capable of winning the National Title again and 3 sets of my power ratings have them as the most talented team in the country. Miami did lose an amazing 11 players to the NFL draft including 5 first rounders and in my NFL Draft Day Hangover chart (pg 296) they totalled 49 points, the most ever in 5 years for players lost. They still have my #5 rated offense and #2 rated defense but do take on a rugged schedule including 3 Top 5 teams and have to travel to both Florida and Tennessee while hosting Florida St. Two sets of my projections call for them to have an unbeaten season and they are capable of repeating.

Miami's QB Ken Dorsey

5. Oklahoma The Sooners have the talent and the schedule to be National Champs for the second time in 3 years. The majority of the tough games are at home with only 2 toughies away from Memorial Stadium and those are at Kyle Field vs Texas A&M and vs Texas in Dallas, a team they have beat by a 77-17 margin the last 2 years. Clearly, OU has a great shot at finishing at the top.

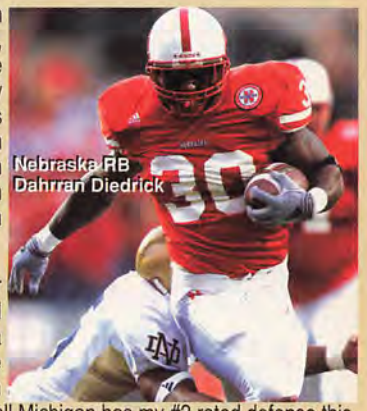
6. Florida Can a first time head coach win it all for the second consecutive season? Larry Coker accomplished that with Miami, Fla last year and Ron Zook takes over a very talented team. Florida is only one of 2 teams in the country that rank in my Top 25 in each of the 8 positions (see pgs 8-11). The Gators have to travel to both Tennessee and Florida St but the rest of the schedule is extremely manageable. The situation for Zook is very similar to Coker's last year and the Gators have a shot at the crown.

7. Ohio St None of my 7 sets of power ratings have the Buckeyes in the Top 10 in terms of talent this year. Surprisingly though, 3 of them project Ohio St to have a perfect season vs the schedule they play. They also have my #5 rated defense. All 5 road games fall into the winnable category for the Bucks meaning if they take care of business at home, they could roll. Even though they have a young QB, they should be favorites in each of the first 7 games, giving him solid experience. They could be this year's surprise team.


OSU P Andy Groom

8. Kansas St KSU was just 6-6 last year but is a much stronger team this year. The schedule also helps as they only have 4 road games this year with the toughest being at Colorado. They will be a large favorite in the other 3 road trips. Manhattan is a very tough place to invade and should they take care of business at home vs both USC and Nebraska, KSU should get back into the Top 10 and the Big 12 Title game.

9. Nebraska The Huskers have 3 tough road trips this year, travelling to Penn St, Texas A&M and Kansas St. They also have a new QB, replacing the Heisman Trophy winner from last year. Overall, Nebraska has my #9 rated defense and should still be in the Top 20 offensively. They have shown in the past that they can win at some tough sites. This should be another fine season for the Huskers.


Nebraska RB Dahrran Diedrick

10. Michigan The majority of my power ratings have Michigan as the most talented team in the Big 10 this year. They do have a couple of tough road tests, travelling to Notre Dame, Illinois and the big one which is in Columbus against their rival Ohio St. Overall Michigan has my #3 rated defense this year and plenty of weapons returning on offense plus an experienced QB. The Wolves are clearly a contender, not only for the Rose Bowl, but also the National Title.

11. USC The Trojans are a very talented team but unfortunately they take on the toughest schedule in the country. The non-conference slate is hellacious with home games against Auburn and Notre Dame as well as road trips to Colorado and Kansas St. In Pac 10 play they must face Washington St, Oregon and UCLA on the road. Despite the rough schedule, two sets of my power ratings actually call for the Trojans to go unbeaten and should they get through this schedule unscathed, they deserve to be in the National Title game.

12. Texas A&M This looks like one of RC Slocum's better editions as they have my #25 rated offense but more importantly my #4 rated defense. The Aggies can be extremely tough at home at Kyle Field and get the majority of their tough games there including Nebraska and Oklahoma. They do have a road trip to Texas but all of their other 4 road trips fall into the winnable category and this could be a huge season for RC, even though they play in the same division as Texas and Oklahoma in the rugged Big 12 South.

13. Arkansas Arkansas is an extremely tough team at home and has 8 home games this year, most of which are very winnable. They do have 4 tough SEC road games but are capable of winning 2 or 3 of them. They get my call to win the SEC West Title but that may mean 2 meetings against Tennessee which could be a couple of losses. Still, this team is very capable of being one of the surprises this year, especially since they possess my #15 rated defense.

Arkansas FS Ken Hamlin

14. Boston College My 7 sets of power ratings have BC rated anywhere from #15 all the way down to #40 in terms of talent this season (the 7 sets look at many things in many different fashions). The schedule, however, sets BC up for a big season as most of their tough games in the Big East come at home. Even though they have Miami, Fla, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh on the road, they are capable of winning 1 or 2 of those and that could set them up for a big season. BC has gotten stronger each year under Tom O'Brien and this is by far his best team yet.

PSU RB Larry Johnson

15. Penn St The Lions let me down last year but 4 of my sets of power ratings actually list Penn St in the Top 10 this year. They are capable of being a big surprise, not only in Big 10 play but on the national scene. They only have 4 road games this year but unfortunately 2 of them are against Michigan and Ohio St. They also have to host Nebraska. Still, this team is capable of a double digit win season and are a darkhorse National Title contender with potential Top 10 talent.

(cont on pg 23)

2002 NFL DRAFT By Phil Steele
A Day for VHT's!!!

The NFL draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors and some high-quality juniors in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have played most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone makes six figures and that is why a big senior year is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years, players who never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 picks who never panned out and some who never even started an NFL game. However the majority of 1st round picks do make it big. In 1999, RB Edgerrin James was a 1st round pick in the NFL draft and ended up leading the NFL in rushing with 1,553 yards as a ROOKIE! The most dangerous receiver in football at this time is Randy Moss of Minnesota and he too was a 1st round choice. WR Marvin Harrison led the NFL in total yards receiving in 1999 and was the Colts' top choice in 1996. The man orchestrating Indy's offense is Peyton Manning who was the first overall pick in the draft in 1998. Jevon Kearse was a first rounder of the Tennessee Titans and he simply dominated as a rookie with 14.5 sacks and helped the team get to the Super Bowl. In 2000 leading rusher RB Jamal Lewis led the Ravens to a Super Bowl Championship as a rookie first round pick. There are great expectations for first round draft picks and many live up to them by eventually getting to the Pro Bowl.

'Of the top 18 players taken in this year's draft 11 were VHT's and an additional 3 were NEAR VHT's.'

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point in determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases you must be among the most productive players in the college game. Productivity is not the only criteria. Ty Detmer is the all-time career passing leader in college football with over 15,000 yards but was not a first round pick. Todd Santos and Eric Zeier were both in the top 5 in that category heading into 2001 and neither was a #1 pick. Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman but his phone did not ring until the 4th round. This year's Heisman winner Eric Crouch waited until the 3rd round until his name was called. The top two reception leaders of all-time in IA ball are Geoff Noisy and Trevor Insley and neither were drafted.

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract as he will be drafted lower. It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and other physical characteristics.

Even after all that number crunching there are plenty of stories of players who were not drafted who went on to great success in the NFL. You only need to look at the 1999 season to see Kurt Warner. Warner, who was never drafted and even played in the Arena Football league, simply became the NFL and Super Bowl MVP. This type of story is great but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded high enough to be first round draft picks.

The colleges do not have a draft of high school players but every school is given an allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools' scholarships over the small ones. If you are lucky enough to have a Florida St, Ohio St or Alabama offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Boise St or Middle Tennessee St do not even bother to recruit most of the very top athletes coming out as they really have little chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and I have a computer rating system that ends up ranking over 7,500 players out of high school each year. I then assign every player a PS# which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS# (see page 284).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players' rating out of high school on that page. An HT (Highly Touted) is a player who is rated highly at his position. Out of the 7,500+ kids who are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1,435 fall into the HT category. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is akin to a first round draft pick. There are only 405 of these players each year with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 8.1 players per state so we are talking about the créme de la créme from the recruiting rankings.

On page 287 I mention the case of Arizona St LB Adam Archuleta, who was a scrawny 180 lbs out of high school but bulked up to a first round level athlete during his time in college. When a player moves into a college program he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show much greater gains in size, speed and strength in their 4 or 5 years in college than they do once an NFL team drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true frosh years.

This year I thought I would look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the 2002 NFL draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS#'s of all of the top picks. I was pleasantly surprised that of the top 18 players taken in this year's draft 11 were VHT's and an additional 3 were NEAR VHT's. Of the top 13 players selected in the 2001 NFL Draft, 9 were VHT's. In 2000, nine of the top 12 picks were VHT's. There are generally 2,750 kids who are signed to a scholarship by Division IA schools each year. Since there are just 405 players who meet my criteria for a VHT, that means that roughly 15% of all signees are classified as a VHT. In the last 3 years of the top 12 picks in the draft (36 players) 25 have been VHT's!! That means that 69% of the top spots were VHT's and that proves the significance of the rating. Here is a list of this year's top 18 NFL Draft selections and where they were rated out of high school. As you can see the NFL draft was a VHT day.

2002's NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

1.	David Carr	Fresno St		PS#102QB in 1997
2.	Julius Peppers	N Carolina	VHT	PS#6DL in 1998
3.	Joey Harrington	Oregon	Close!	PS#38QB in 1997
4.	Mike Williams	Texas	VHT	PS#29OL in 1998
5.	Quentin Jammer	Texas	VHT	PS#31DB in 1997
6.	Ryan Sims	N Carolina	VHT	PS#42DL in 1997
7.	Bryant McKinnie	Miami (Fla)	VHT	PS#26JC in 1999
8.	Roy Williams	Oklahoma	VHT	PS#17DB in 1998
9.	John Henderson	Tennessee	VHT	PS#1OL in 1998
10.	Levi Jones	Arizona St		Walk On
11.	Dwight Freeney	Syracuse	Close!	PS#64DL in 1998
12.	Wendall Bryant	Wisconsin	VHT	PS#17DL in 1998
13.	Donte Stallworth	Tennessee	Close!	PS#72DB in 1998
14.	Jeremy Shockey	Miami (Fla)		PS#159JC in 2000
15.	Albert Haynesworth	Tennessee	VHT	PS#5DL in 1999
16.	William Green	Boston Coll	VHT	PS#8RB in 1999
17.	Philip Buchanon	Miami Fla		PS#182DB in 1999
18.	TJ Duckett	Michigan St	VHT	PS#1LB in 1999

It will be interesting to see if VHT's will dominate the 2003 NFL draft as well. I have done some research on this year's top juniors & seniors for the draft. Twenty-two of the 31 are VHT's. Obviously draft positions will be affected by a player's 2002 performance. Last year, of the top 9 players I listed in this magazine, 8 entered the NFL draft and SEVEN were drafted in the top 18, that's a 87.5% success rate!!!!!

TOP ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR THE 2003 NFL DRAFT

1. QB Byron Leftwich, Marshall
2. DT William Joseph, Miami (Fla)
3. WR Charles Rogers, Mich St
4. WR Roy Williams, Texas
5. QB Dave Ragone, Louisville
6. CB Dennis Weathersby, Ore St
7. QB Casey Clausen, Tenn
8. LB EJ Henderson, Maryland
9. T Brett Williams, Fla St
10. DT Jimmy Kennedy, Penn St
11. DE Cory Redding, Texas
12. QB Ken Dorsey, Miami (Fla)
13. S Michael Doss, Ohio St
14. WR Kelley Washington, Tenn
15. QB Chris Simms, Texas
16. DT Darnell Duckett, Fla St
17. T Ben Johnson, Wisc
18. DE Jerome McDougle, Miami (Fla)
19. QB Eli Manning, Miss
20. RB Lee Suggs, Va Tech
21. WR Lee Evans, Wisc
22. QB Carson Palmer, USC
23. RB Earnest Graham, Florida
24. DT Eric Manning, Ore St
25. QB Rex Grossman, Florida
26. CB Sammy Davis, TX A&M
27. LB Eddie Strong, Miss
28. G Montrae Holland, Fla St
29. WR Andre Johnson, Miami (Fla)
30. DE Dewayne White, Louisville
31. T Kwame Harris, Stanford

16. Michigan St The Spartans have one of the most potent offenses in the country this year with a veteran QB in Jeff Smoker and super WR Charles Rogers plus a veteran offensive front. They will be a formidable foe for everyone they face and have just 4 road games this year with the 2 toughest being Michigan and Penn St. The Spartans are capable of getting back to the Rose Bowl this year for the first time since 1987 and the Big 10 has a lot of power at the top.

17. Washington Here is another team that shows up as a Top 10 team in four of my sets of power ratings. I do not list them in the Top 10 because they must go on the road to face Michigan, USC, Oregon and Washington St this year. While their offense is potent, their defense only comes up #43 in my preseason rankings. Still, this is an extremely talented team and is capable of trading points with every team on their schedule.

18. Oregon The Ducks should get off to a great start this season by winning their first 5 games and only have 3 tough road games after that (UCLA, Washington St and Oregon St). Oregon does have to break in a new QB this year but 2 of my sets of power ratings call for them to go 11-1 so a big season is definitely possible, provided, A) the new QB fares well and B) they keep their home turf as tough to play on as it has been in the last few years.

19. Colorado The Buffs showed last year that they have the talent to play with the big boys of the Big 12, beating very talented Nebraska and Texas teams in back to back weeks. They did lose a lot to graduation and do face road games this year against UCLA, Oklahoma and Nebraska, making the schedule extremely difficult. Still, Gary Barnett has done more with less talented teams and will have the Buffs a Big 12 contender once again.

20. Clemson Even though Clemson loses Woodrow Dantzler, they will still have a potent offense and defensively you can look for major improvement. They do have some tough road games this year including the renewal of their rivalry vs Georgia, which is being played Between the Hedges, and they must travel to Tallahassee to face a loaded Florida St team. Their other road games fall into the winnable category so I look for solid improvement from the Tigers this year and a big winning season.

21. Maryland Coach Friedgen did a tremendous job with the Terps last year and this team will not be a one year wonder. The schedule is one of the reasons I have the Terps ranked up here as they face my #70 rated schedule overall with the non-conf slate manageable, with the toughest game being Notre Dame which is played at a neutral site. The Terps gained a lot of confidence last year and Friedgen's offense is always tough to stop. I look for another big season from the Terps.

22. UCLA The Bruins have my #20 rated offense and #25 rated defense which makes them tough on both sides of the football. Most of their road games fall into the winnable category with the toughest two being at Oregon St and Washington and they also host USC. The Bruins, thanks to their schedule and talent, have a chance at going to the Rose Bowl this year.

23. Georgia The Bulldogs are listed in the Top 20 in the majority of my 7 sets of power ratings but have to face a killer schedule this year. Road trips against S Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Auburn as well as home games against Tennessee and vs rivals Clemson and Georgia Tech make this a tough year. As UGA showed last year when they won at Neyland Stadium, they are capable of pulling some surprises and they have my #8 rated offense this season and have 5 units listed in my Top 25 of the position rankings.

24. Virginia Tech The Hokies are clearly more talented than this ranking merits. Two of my 7 sets of power ratings have VT a Top 10 team this year. Unfortunately, the Hokies take on one of the tougher schedules as they host LSU and have 4 tough road trips against Texas A&M, Boston College, Syracuse and Miami, Fla. Overall VT has my #23 rated offense and #22 rated defense and naturally ranks in my Top 25 in special teams. They are going to have to play well away from Blacksburg vs some talented teams this season but have the talent to grab some of those road wins.

25. Marshall Marshall is not rated in my Top 25 in any of my 7 sets of power ratings but I list them in the Top 25 because they will have a very successful season. The toughest game of the year is at Virginia Tech and they will clearly be favored in all of the rest of their games. This is a talented team led by QB Byron Leftwich and they have my #7 rated offense but the defense actually ranks in my bottom 25. Still, the majority of their tough games are at home, the competition is light and this team is very capable of an 11 win season or better.

26. Washington St Coach Mike Price has never had back-to-back winning seasons but this season should be the first for him. Only three times in his tenure has Price had more than 13 returning starters and each time his team has made it to a bowl. The schedule is very manageable for WSU this year with only 4 tough games with those being home games against USC and Washington and road trips to both Ohio St and UCLA. As for the rest of the schedule, they should be at least a TD favorite in those games which means Price gets a large monkey off his back and has another successful year with the Cougars.

27. LSU The Tigers are clearly capable of winning the SEC West this year. They have 4 tough road games as they must travel to Blacksburg to play Virginia Tech, The Swamp to play Florida, Little Rock to play Arkansas (where they are almost unbeatable) as well as to Auburn. They should be favored against the rest of the teams they play and 3 of my sets of power ratings say LSU has Top 20 talent with another explosive offense.

28. Alabama To be honest with you, I would have ranked the Tide higher had they not been hit with an NCAA bowl probation because I like the fact that my Top 25's generally make it to bowls. Since I know Bama will not be going to one, I list them down here. My two main sets of power ratings both list Alabama with Top 15 talent and provided the team does not lose its motivational edge or any major players with the probation, they have the talent to actually win the SEC West and should have a very successful season.

29. Utah The Utes should have a very big season this year and have yet another tough defense which I rate #16 in the country. They do have a couple of road trips including one to Ann Arbor, which will be very difficult. New Mexico is always tough at home but Utah looks like the most talented team in the MWC and has the majority of its tough games at home. I can picture a double digit win total for the Utes this year and an even higher finish than where I rank them here in the final polls.

30. Texas Tech This is one of the best Tech teams that I have seen. In fact, 2 sets of my power ratings call Tech a Top 12 team! That is very surprising to me as Tech has a very tough road slate this year as they face 5 bowl teams from last year on the road in Ohio St, Texas A&M, Iowa St, Colorado and Oklahoma. Tech still has the talent to have a big winning season and as mentioned, I think this is one of the best Red Raiders teams I have seen in recent years.

31. Notre Dame The Irish are going from the option offense to a passing offense which may take some time to get on track. They do have a rough early slate with Maryland, Purdue, Michigan and Michigan St to open but the second half of the schedule does get easier despite the presence of road games vs Florida St and USC. ND should get back to a winning season and that will of course put them into a bowl. The strength of the team is their defense which I rate #14 in the country.

32. Louisville Dave Ragone is a Heisman candidate and the Cards have my #26 rated defense. My main set of my power ratings calls for an 11-1 season with their only loss being in a home game vs Florida St. Others generally call for an 8, 9 or 10 win regular season and Smith did prove last year that he can win a bowl game. They are my favorites to win CUSA and could easily finish the year in my Top 25 once again.

33. Iowa The Hawkeyes should get off to a great start to their season and I think they will sweep their non-conference slate. In conference play, they have some winnable road games and avoid Ohio St. The Hawks had a 7-5 season last year and you can look for an even better record this year.

34. Boise St I rate Boise St my #53 team in the country in terms of talent but they should put up a lot of wins due to the soft schedule they face. They do have to play Arkansas on the road but the rest of their road games are all winnable and of course they are very tough on the blue carpet. That means a double digit win total is very possible and they get my call to win the WAC this year.

35. Illinois The defending Big 10 Champs are strong once again this season but do have a tough Big 10 schedule including home games against Michigan and Ohio St and they have to replace their super QB, Kurt Kittner. Overall they rank #28 in my talent rankings and should be off to the postseason once again.

36. Oregon St A lot of folks were very high on Oregon St last year with one even picking them for the National Title. I had them pegged correctly at 7th in the Pac 10. This year Oregon St has a much stronger team and should breeze through their non-conference schedule and get back to their winning ways.

37. Hawaii Once again these rankings are not based on true power ratings but where I project the teams to finish. While Hawaii is just #57 overall in my combined rankings, they are virtually assured of getting to the postseason with a winning record as they would play in the Hawaii Bowl. They have a soft enough schedule to record a 9 or 10 win season this year. As long as QB Timmy Chang is healthy, the Warriors are back to the post season.

38. BYU The Cougars are not as strong as last year's edition but 4 MWC teams will make it to bowls and BYU is still a top-notch club. I look for a new QB to emerge and they will be a contender in the MWC this year.

39. Auburn The SEC West is the most competitive division in the NCAA as all 6 teams have a shot at winning the title including Auburn. They do have a tough schedule with 5 rough road games (USC, Mississippi St, Florida, Mississippi and Alabama) but should have yet another solid year under Tuberville.

40. S Carolina For all intents and purposes, this should be a rebuilding year for S Carolina as they suffer some large graduation losses. Holtz is doing a great job building this program and the Gamecocks are capable of another successful season and could make some noise in the SEC East.

Here are two more teams which all 7 of my computer preseason projections show as having an average of 8 or 9 wins this season:

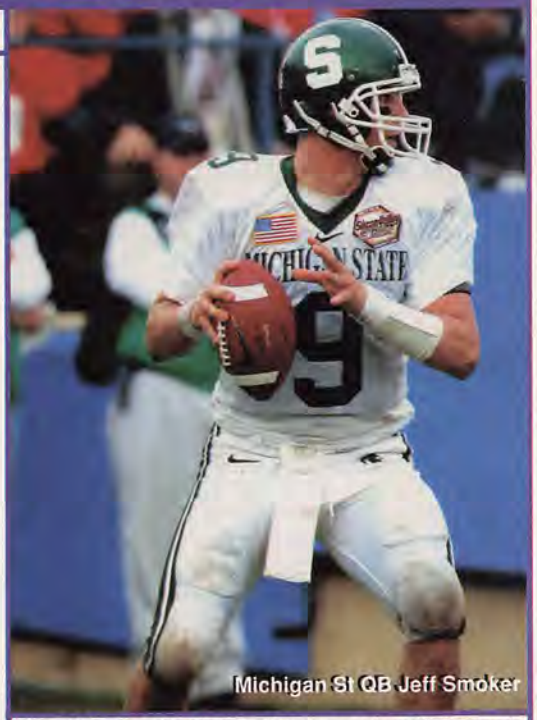
41. Fresno St The Bulldogs had a great season last year and while they must replace QB David Carr in addition to having a very rugged non-conference schedule, they are an extremely tough home team and remain talented on both sides of the ball.

42. S Mississippi The Golden Eagles will be a contender for the CUSA Title this year and a couple of my computer projections show them with 10 or 11 wins this season.

BIG 10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 BIG 10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Jeff Smoker, Mich St	Kyle Orton, Purdue	John Navarre, Michigan	Brooks Bollinger, Wisconsin
RB	Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	Larry Johnson, Penn St	Jeff Backes, N'west	Antoineo Harris, Illinois
RB	Lydell Ross, Ohio St	Thomas Tapeh, Minnesota	Aaron Greving, Iowa	Marion Barber, Minnesota
WR	Charles Rogers, Mich St	Brandon Lloyd, Illinois	Michael Jenkins, Ohio St	Chris Vance, Ohio St
WR	Lee Evans, Wisconsin	Bryant Johnson, Penn St	Tyrece Butler, Michigan	Antoine Burns, Minnesota
TE	Ben Utecht, Minnesota	Bennie Joppru, Michigan	Dallas Clark, Iowa	Mike Rhinehart, Purdue
C	Al Johnson, Wisconsin	Brian Ottney, Mich St	Bruce Nelson, Iowa	Austin King, N'west
G	Adrien Clarke, Ohio St	Jeff Roehl, N'west	William Whitticker, Mich St	Dave Petruziello, Michigan
G	Anthony Oakley, Indiana	Eric Steinbach, Iowa	Bryce Bishop, Ohio St	Pat Babcock, Illinois
T	Ben Johnson, Wisconsin	Tony Pashos, Illinois	Tony Pape, Michigan	Gus Felder, Penn St
T	Enoch DeMar, Indiana	Jake Kuppe, Minnesota	AC Myler, Indiana	Shane Olivea, Ohio St
DL	Will Smith, Ohio St	Shantee Orr, Michigan	Matthias Askew, Mich St	Shaun Phillips, Purdue
DL	Jimmy Kennedy, Penn St	Colin Cole, Iowa	Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisconsin	Darrion Scott, Ohio St
DL	Anthony Adams, Penn St	Norman Heuer, Michigan	Darius Jones, Wisconsin	Colby Clark, N'west
DL	Tim Anderson, Ohio St	Michael Haynes, Penn St	Dan Rumishek, Michigan	Kenny Peterson, Ohio St
LB	Victor Hobson, Michigan	LaMar Stewart, Penn St	Phil Archer, Minnesota	Ty Myers, Illinois
LB	Matt Wilhelm, Ohio St	Jerry Schumacher, Illinois	Carl Diggs, Michigan	Mike D'Andrea, Ohio St
LB	Fred Barr, Iowa	Cie Grant, Ohio St	Derek Wake, Penn St	Pat Durr, N'west
CB	Marlin Jackson, Michigan	Christian Morton, Illinois	Cedric Henry, Mich St	Mike Lehan, Minnesota
CB	Bryan Scott, Penn St	Antwaun Rogers, Purdue	Eugene Wilson, Illinois	Jeremy LeSueur, Michigan
SS	Michael Doss, Ohio St	Charles Drake, Michigan	Bob Sanders, Iowa	Thomas Wright, Mich St
FS	Stuart Schweigert, Purdue	Cato June, Michigan	Donnie Nickey, Ohio St	Shawn Mayer, Penn St
K	Dan Nystrom, Minnesota	Nate Kaeding, Iowa	Scott Campbell, Wisconsin	John Gockman, Illinois
P	Preston Gruening, Minn	Andy Groom, Ohio St	David Wasielewski, N'west	David Royer, Penn St
KR	Larry Johnson, Penn St	Maurice Hall, Ohio St	CJ Jones, Iowa	AC Carter, Indiana
PR	Charles Rogers, Mich St	Eugene Wilson, Illinois	Seth Morales, Purdue	Julius Curry, Michigan


Michigan St QB Jeff Smoker

Big 10 Notes: The Big 10 had 35 players selected in this year's NFL draft, the second highest among the conferences. They have not had a team finish in the Top 10 of the AP poll the last TWO years! That should change this year with 4 teams capable of finishing among the elite. After going 10-2 in bowls in '98-'99, the Big 10 is just 4-8 the last two years. I look for 8 or 9 Big 10 teams to be bowl bound this year (only avg 6 last 4 years) and the conference should start making its way back towards the top.

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 BIG 10 FORECAST

1. OHIO ST - The Bucks could be one of the this year's sleepers for the national title. They did benefit from +10 turnovers last year (see article on pg 295) which is one negative against them though. They also have an inexperienced QB. They do have a veteran OL and even though only 5 starters return on offense, I think they'll be more potent than last year. Defensively they have a top 10 unit plus a soft non-conference schedule which should easily have them open up 7-0 this year before they travel to Wisconsin. A victory there would have them 8-0 before road trips against Purdue and Illinois, which they are capable of winning both. That could mean the Big 10 title would come down to the season finale when they host Michigan. Jim Tressel showed he is no John Cooper by upsetting the Wolves on the road last year. The Bucks have a great shot at returning to Pasadena for the first time since 1996.

2. MICHIGAN - This is a very talented Michigan team with an experienced QB in John Navarre, an improved offensive front and some solid skill position players. They may have the best D in the Big 10 and one of the top 5 in the nation as they have 8 starters back on that side of the ball. I do 7 sets of power ratings and 3 call UM the strongest team in the league. The two key games in the Wolves' season happen November 2nd at home vs Michigan St and on the road vs OSU and they are capable of winning both.

3. MICHIGAN ST - The Spartans may have the most talented team in the Big 10 as their defensive secondary is vastly improved after losing their top 4 CB's due to injury last year. That will allow the defensive front 7 to blitz more and pressure opposing QB's. Offensively with WR Rogers, a veteran OL and QB Smoker, I rate them as the most potent in the league. They do avoid both OSU and Illinois in league play but must travel to both Mich and PSU and remember that Bobby Williams is just 1-7 SU away in league play. I give MSU an excellent shot at a possible 8-0 record when they travel to Michigan on November 2nd and if they can win there, the Big 10 title would be well within reach.

4. PENN ST -I like to take chances sometimes and last year I went out on a major limb calling for PSU to win the Big 10 title. They did go 4-4 in league play, led the Illini on the road until QB Zack Mills got injured and narrowly missed out on a winning season. Overall for the year, PSU was actually outgained 444.5 to 342.3 in league play (a difference of 102.2 ypg), which was the worst in the B10. This year they look to be vastly improved on both sides of the ball with 15 starters back, the 2nd most in the conference and just 16 lettemen lost. The Lions were -11 in turnovers last year so check out my "Turnovers=Turnaround" article (pg 295). PSU has 8 home games this year and 3 sets of my power ratings call for the Lions the most talented team in the league. Two things have prevented me from calling for PSU to win the title: first, they disappointed me last year with such a call; and second, they have to travel to Michigan, Ohio St and Wisconsin so the road slate is not easy. They are still capable of surprising and winning the Big 10 title this year.

5. ILLINOIS - The Illini won the Big 10 last year and finished the regular season #7 in the country. They outgained Big 10 foes by 71.7 ypg, which was the most in league play so they deserved their 7-1 record. One key was that they broke through at home. After going 9-23 since 1993 at home in Big 10 play the Illini swept the board at 4-0 and should they do the same this year (they host Michigan, Ohio St and Purdue), they would likely repeat as Big 10 Champs. They have 3 winnable conference road games and could easily finish 7-1 in the league and find themselves back in the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1984. The big question this season is who will replace Kittner? While I do expect a steady QB to emerge, it will be tough to duplicate Kittner's heroics. Last year the Illini were somewhat fortunate as PSU led them 14-0 when QB Mills got injured. OSU QB Bellisari was suspended for their game and they faced Northwestern who did not have RB Damien Anderson. This is a quality team and capable of big things. I rate them in the top 5 of the Big 10 on both offense and defense and they should contend for Big 10 honors once again.

6. PURDUE - Joe Tiller's offense is always ranked in the top 30 of the NCAA but last year finished stunningly at #105. They look more capable on that side of the ball this year and he has confidence in QB Orton and they will be vastly improved. Defense is what got them to a bowl game last year and the defense will be tough again with 8 returning starters. Purdue does avoid Penn St and Wisconsin in league play this year. While they have 16 starters returning which is the most in the league, they did benefit from +11 in turnovers last year and were actually outgained 354.9 to 286.8 (68.1,) the third weakest total in the Big 10. This is a stronger Purdue contingent and they are capable of contending for Big 10 honors.

7. IOWA - The Hawkeyes got to a bowl last year for the first time since '97 and have a great shot at doing so once again. They have a soft non-conference schedule which could result in a 4-0 mark and avoid both Ohio St and Illinois in Big 10 play. They have winnable road games against Indiana and Minnesota. If they take care of business at home, a 6-2 season in Big 10 play is well within reason. Last year's team had 16 returning starters and this year's has just 12 but it should be another successful season for the Hawkeyes.

8. WISCONSIN - Last year UW had to replace an amazing 27 lettermen with just 33 returning. After leading the Big 10 in total wins the previous 3 years, they finished with just a 3-5 record in league play and also suffered their first losing season since 1995. Last year they switched to a spread offense attack and set a school record for passing yards in a season with 2,556. OC Brian White enters his 4th season and should have one of the Big 10's most explosive offenses at his disposal. The Badgers return 8 starters, including 2 QB's with starting experience and RB Anthony Davis. The big question this year is will Lee Evans return and if he does, they should have the most potent offense as they have one of the best OL's. The defense played well at times last year but yielded 370.8 ypg. That was the 3rd worst ypg given up of the Alvarez era, and the 28.8 ppg they allowed were the worst ever and the most since 1989. This season the Badgers only lose 14 lettermen which is the fewest amount in the Big 10 and they have the highest percentage returning (77.4%). My power ratings and 7 sets of projections for the season range anywhere from Wisky going 6-2 in league play to 0-8. Their success will depend on how quickly the defense comes around which will probably determine where they finish in the Big 10.

9. MINNESOTA - I pegged the Gophers for last place in the Big 10 in 2001 and that's precisely where they finished. I think Glenn Mason has been doing a solid job here and the 2 years prior to last season they were 9-7 in conference play. Last season they did outscore their foes 308-299 despite their 4-7 record. They look MUCH stronger on defense as last year's inexperienced unit allowed 454.4 ypg which was the 2nd worst in the league. They will be solidly improved there with 8 starters back. Although they have only 5 starters back offensively, QB Abdul-Khaliq improved as the season went on. They have a couple of excellent RB's in Barber and Tapeh and a top-notch receiving corps. I look for this team to open up at either 5-2 or 6-1 this season which means a winning record is well within reach. The team would then be playing with more confidence at that point. Still, in the second half of the season they may be an underdog in 4 of the last 5 games. Mason has shown in the past, including their road win at Ohio St in 2000, that they are capable of pulling off some victories and moving up in the standings.

10. NORTHWESTERN - I really want to call for NU to finish higher in the standings. Two years ago when they were pegged last in the Big 10 by the media, I had them as the 4th most improved team in the league. They finished tied for 1st, their 3rd title or co-title in the past 7 years. Last season the media called for them to finish 1st but I actually had them 9th and they did even worse than I expected, finishing last in the Big 10. They were outgained by 70.6 in the league and outscored by an average of 12.9 ppg. Injuries wrecked the defense but this year's version should be much stronger. Offensively they averaged more ypg in the Big 10 over the last 2 years than any other team. Having to replace QB Kustok, RB Anderson and WR Simmons plus 3 OL's means they will be much weaker on that side of the ball now. I give NU a great shot at least 6-6 or a winning season this year. They should fare better but they have just 10 starters back which is the fewest in the league so it may be tough to move up in the standings.

11. INDIANA - The Hoosiers outgained Big 10 foes by an average of 66.6 ypg which was 2nd best in the Big 10!! They clearly deserved better than last year's 5-6 record but their 4-4 record was their best in the Big 10 since 1994. This year they are switching schemes on offense going from the option to a pass attack and generally teams struggle in that situation. Defensively they have just 5 starters back from a middle of the road unit. Most of their winnable games this season are on the road and after narrowly missing out on a winning season last year, the Hoosiers take a step back but DiNardo should have this ship righted in no time.

2001 BIG 10 VS BIG 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
12	Michigan St	27.9	4	415.1	3	132.5	9	3.4	10	282.6	58.0	2	14.9	20	33
14	Indiana	29.9	3	464.6	1	301.8	1	5.9	1	162.9	50.8	10	15.6	9	5
19	Illinois	32.6	2	432.3	2	159.0	7	3.6	7	273.3	57.7	3	13.2	19	12
20	Northwestern	24.6	8	399.9	5	168.9	5	3.9	6	231.0	56.9	4	16.2	14	16
23	Iowa	32.9	1	387.6	7	161.9	6	4.1	4	225.8	62.3	1	11.8	16	12
29	Minnesota	23.9	9	406.4	4	206.9	2	5.1	2	199.5	51.1	9	17.0	10	16
35	Wisconsin	26.9	7	395.5	6	177.1	4	4.0	5	218.4	53.4	6	14.7	12	20
36	Ohio St	27.9	4	379.3	8	200.0	3	4.2	3	179.3	53.9	5	13.6	12	20
40	Michigan	27.0	6	340.1	10	139.0	8	3.4	8	201.1	51.4	8	12.6	19	22
52	Penn St	23.6	10	342.3	9	115.8	10	3.4	9	226.5	50.2	11	14.5	15	23
84	Purdue	19.1	11	286.8	11	89.4	11	2.5	11	197.4	51.4	7	15.0	17	27

2001 BIG 10 VS BIG 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
10	Michigan	16.9	1	289.1	1	95.4	1	2.5	1	193.8	51.2	2	17.1	13	35
13	Iowa	25.8	5	326.1	2	120.4	2	3.1	2	205.8	54.6	6	12.7	12	13
18	Purdue	24.1	3	354.9	4	130.6	3	3.2	3	224.3	55.4	8	14.7	29	21
19	Ohio St	21.8	2	349.1	3	156.8	5	4.0	4	192.4	52.3	4	16.1	19	19
41	Illinois	24.9	4	360.6	5	150.9	4	4.0	5	209.8	47.7	1	14.5	14	31
49	Michigan St	29.8	9	408.8	8	206.6	8	4.8	11	202.1	52.6	5	13.7	14	11
50	Indiana	27.5	7	398.0	7	160.4	6	4.1	6	237.6	62.7	10	14.5	17	15
52	Penn St	26.0	6	444.5	9	208.9	9	4.4	7	235.6	55.0	7	17.1	9	19
55	Wisconsin	32.5	10	396.6	6	185.5	7	4.6	9	211.1	51.7	3	12.2	14	22
68	Minnesota	29.6	8	454.4	10	208.9	9	4.6	8	245.5	60.5	11	15.3	10	10
88	Northwestern	37.5	11	470.5	11	227.8	11	4.5	10	242.8	55.4	9	12.5	12	13

Penn St RB Larry Johnson

2001 BIG 10 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Illinois	7	1	261	199	10	1	356	238
Michigan	6	2	216	135	8	3	303	192
Ohio St	5	3	223	174	7	4	284	213
Iowa	4	4	263	206	6	5	372	242
Purdue	4	4	153	193	6	5	223	245
Indiana	4	4	239	220	5	6	305	298
Penn St	4	4	189	208	5	6	248	281
Michigan St	3	5	223	238	6	5	330	276
Wisconsin	3	5	215	260	5	7	313	346
Northwestern	2	6	197	300	4	7	320	378
Minnesota	2	6	191	237	4	7	308	299

2000 BIG 10 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Michigan	6	2	273	164	8	3	373	201
Northwestern	6	2	337	271	8	3	424	334
Purdue	6	2	243	199	8	3	357	232
Ohio St	5	3	227	155	8	3	324	198
Wisconsin	4	4	199	172	8	4	307	245
Minnesota	4	4	247	238	6	5	345	280
Penn St	4	4	186	221	5	7	264	293
Iowa	3	5	148	210	3	9	203	330
Illinois	2	6	193	252	5	6	294	286
Michigan St	2	6	123	178	5	6	197	233
Indiana	2	6	223	339	3	8	337	427

1999 BIG 10 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Wisconsin	7	1	281	108	9	2	392	145
Michigan	6	2	245	175	9	2	326	213
Michigan St	6	2	240	171	9	2	341	211
Penn St	5	3	235	163	9	3	393	234
Minnesota	5	3	225	158	8	3	348	172
Illinois	4	4	205	205	7	4	325	254
Purdue	4	4	226	225	7	4	359	277
Ohio St	3	5	157	208	6	6	285	287
Indiana	3	5	205	291	4	7	291	386
Northwestern	1	7	106	254	3	8	141	301
Iowa	0	8	121	288	1	10	162	347

Illinois WR Brandon Lloyd

2001 BIG 10 CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Jeff Smoker, Mich St	**262**	**166**	**63.4**	**8**	**2579**	**9.8**	**21**	**166.4**
Kyle McCann, Iowa	252	167	66.3	11	2028	8.0	16	146.1
Brad Banks, Iowa	**68**	**41**	**60.3**	**2**	**582**	**8.6**	**4**	**145.7**
Steve Bellisari, Ohio St	220	119	54.1	7	1919	8.7	10	136.0
Kurt Kittner, Illinois	409	221	54.0	14	3256	8.0	27	135.8
A. Abdul-Khaliq, Minn	**187**	**107**	**57.2**	**6**	**1393**	**7.4**	**12**	**134.6**
Jim Sorgi, Wisconsin	**132**	**64**	**48.5**	**8**	**1096**	**8.3**	**9**	**128.6**
Zak Kustok, N'western	404	231	57.2	10	2692	6.7	20	124.5
Antwaan Randle El, Ind	231	118	51.1	5	1664	7.2	9	120.1
Zack Mills, Penn St	**230**	**127**	**55.2**	**12**	**1669**	**7.3**	**9**	**118.7**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	**11**	**291**	**1466**	**5.0**	**11**	**133.3**
Levron Williams, Ind	11	212	1401	6.6	17	127.4
TJ Duckett, Mich St	12	263	1420	5.4	12	118.3
Jonathan Wells, Ohio St	12	251	1294	5.2	16	107.8
Tellis Redmon, Minn	11	185	1091	5.9	6	99.2
Ladell Betts, Iowa	12	222	1060	4.8	10	88.3
Antwaan Randle El, Ind	11	188	964	5.1	8	87.6
BJ Askew, Michigan	**12**	**199**	**902**	**4.5**	**10**	**75.2**
Marion Barber III, Minn	**11**	**118**	**742**	**6.3**	**7**	**67.5**
Antoineo Harris, Illinois	**10**	**169**	**629**	**3.7**	**6**	**62.9**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Lee Evans, Wisconsin	**12**	**75**	**1545**	**9**	**128.8**	**6.25**	**20.6**
Charles Rogers, Mich St	**12**	**67**	**1470**	**14**	**122.5**	**5.58**	**21.9**
Marquise Walker, Michigan	12	86	1143	11	95.2	7.16	13.3
Brandon Lloyd, Illinois	**12**	**65**	**1062**	**10**	**88.5**	**5.41**	**16.3**
Mike Jenkins, Ohio St	**12**	**49**	**988**	**3**	**82.3**	**4.08**	**20.2**
Ron Johnson, Minn	11	56	895	9	81.4	5.09	16.0
Bryant Johnson, Penn St	**11**	**51**	**866**	**3**	**78.7**	**4.63**	**17.0**
Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue	**12**	**73**	**910**	**2**	**75.8**	**6.08**	**12.5**
Walter Young, Illinois	**12**	**50**	**890**	**8**	**74.2**	**4.16**	**17.8**
Sam Simmons, N'western	11	50	807	7	73.4	4.54	16.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING			PASSING			TOT OFFENSE	
	G	CAR	NET	ATT	YDS		YDS	YDSPG
Zak Kustock, N'western	11	175	580	404	2692		3272	297.5
Kurt Kittner, Illinois	12	42	-14	409	3256		3242	270.2
Antwaan Randle El, Ind	11	188	964	231	1664		2628	238.9
Jeff Smoker, Mich St	**11**	**81**	**-58**	**262**	**2579**		**2521**	**229.2**
Steve Bellisari, Ohio St	10	83	107	220	1919		2026	202.6
Brandon Hance, Purdue	9	112	242	258	1529		1771	196.8
John Navarre, Michigan	**12**	**45**	**-118**	**346**	**2435**		**2317**	**193.1**
Zack Mills, Penn St	**10**	**74**	**187**	**230**	**1669**		**1856**	**185.6**
Brooks Bollinger, Wisconsin	**9**	**92**	**388**	**177**	**1257**		**1645**	**182.8**
Kyle McCann, Iowa	12	58	78	252	2028		2106	175.5

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Larry Johnson, Penn St	**17**	**454**	**1**	**26.7**
Herb Haygood, Mich St	24	632	2	26.3
Levron Williams, Ind	21	511	0	24.3
Kahlil Hill, Iowa	15	364	0	24.3
Nick Davis, Wisconsin	27	595	0	22.0
Maurice Hall, Ohio St	**24**	**523**	**0**	**21.8**
Todd Howard, Michigan	22	469	0	21.3
AC Carter, Ind	**11**	**221**	**0**	**20.1**
CJ Jones, Iowa	**12**	**237**	**0**	**19.8**
Eugene Wilson, Illinois	**12**	**235**	**0**	**19.6**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Travis Dorsch, Purdue	12	53	2547	48.1
Andy Groom, Ohio St	**12**	**49**	**2204**	**45.0**
Craig Jarrett, Mich St	12	51	2225	43.6
JJ Standring, N'Western	11	69	2971	43.1
Steve Fitts, Illinois	12	62	2612	42.1
Preston Gruening, Minn	**11**	**51**	**2109**	**41.4**
David Royer, Penn St	**11**	**71**	**2880**	**40.6**
Kirk Munden, Wisconsin	**9**	**35**	**1390**	**39.7**
Hayden Epstein, Michigan	12	71	2790	39.3
David Bradley, Iowa	**12**	**41**	**1503**	**36.7**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Jack Brewer, Minn	11	89	66	155	14.1
Nick Greisen, Wisconsin	12	101	66	167	13.9
Kevin Bentley, N'western	11	72	74	146	13.3
Billy Silva, N'western	10	61	59	120	12.0
Phil Archer, Minn	**10**	**63**	**50**	**113**	**11.3**
Bob Sanders, Iowa	**11**	**78**	**44**	**122**	**11.1**
Josh Thornhill, Mich St	12	90	38	128	10.7
J Schumacher, Illinois	**12**	**87**	**38**	**125**	**10.4**
Fred Barr, Iowa	**12**	**73**	**43**	**116**	**9.7**
Pat Durr, N'western	**11**	**57**	**44**	**101**	**9.2**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Nick Davis, Wisconsin	20	246	0	12.3
Kahlil Hill, Iowa	19	226	0	11.9
Bruce Branch, Penn St	22	245	1	11.1
Sam Simmons, N'western	15	162	1	10.8
Tellis Redmon, Minn	19	202	0	10.6
Eugene Wilson, Illinois	**25**	**250**	**0**	**10.0**
Antwaan Randle El, Ind	16	149	0	9.3
Marquise Walker, Michigan	23	206	0	9.0
Charles Rogers, Mich St	**18**	**158**	**1**	**8.8**
Seth Morales, Purdue	**39**	**331**	**0**	**8.5**

KICKING

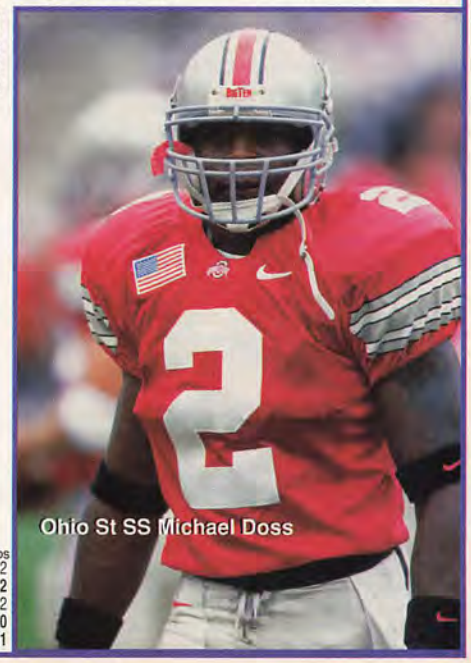
	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Peter Christofilakos, Illinois	**10**	**12**	**13**	**92.3**	**38**
Travis Dorsch, Purdue	12	22	27	81.5	51
Nate Kaeding, Iowa	**12**	**12**	**16**	**75.0**	**47**
Mark Neuser, Wisconsin	9	8	12	66.7	46
Hayden Epstein, Michigan	12	13	20	65.0	57
Dan Nystrom, Minn	**11**	**9**	**15**	**60.0**	**46**
Robbie Gould, Penn St	**9**	**6**	**10**	**60.0**	**46**
Dave Rayner, Mich St	**9**	**8**	**14**	**57.1**	**41**
Dave Wasielewski, N'western	**11**	**7**	**13**	**53.8**	**47**
Mike Nugent, Ohio St	**10**	**7**	**14**	**50.0**	**44**

TFL

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Larry Foote, Michigan	23.5	95	**J Schumacher, Illinois**	**16.5**	**45**	Akin Ayodele, Purdue	9	55
Akin Ayodele, Purdue	19.0	86	**Mike Labinjo, Mich St**	**15.0**	**64**	Aaron Kampman, Iowa	9	34
Nick Greisen, Wisconsin	17.0	55	Josh Thornhill, Mich St	15.0	29	Wendell Bryant, Wisconsin	8	54
Aaron Kampman, Iowa	17.0	54	**Colin Cole, Iowa**	**14.5**	**45**	**Dan Rumishek, Michigan**	**7**	**41**
Wendell Bryant, Wisconsin	16.5	70	Matt Mitrione, Purdue	13.5	52	Derrick Pickens, Iowa	7	34

SACKS

NO	YDS		NO	YDS
9	55	Kemp Rasmussen, Ind	7	42
9	34	**Shantee Orr, Michigan**	**6**	**42**
8	54	Larry Foote, Michigan	6	42
7	**41**	**Erasmus James, Wisconsin**	**6**	**30**
7	34	**Shaun Phillips, Purdue**	**6**	**31**


Ohio St SS Michael Doss

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The much maligned Steve Bellisari (#6DC of STL) moves on after three years as the starter. In his first year Bellisari threw for 1,616 yards and in the second 2,319. Last year Bellisari injured his ankle early and was not 100% in the first part of the season. There was talk of him losing his job throughout the year when the offense struggled but he held onto it until he was suspended prior to the Illinois game due to a DUI. He did not play against Michigan but returned in the bowl. He caught fire in the 4Q of the bowl when he led three TD drives. Bellisari's 320 yards passing set an Ohio St bowl record, breaking Art Schlichter's 1980 Rose Bowl mark. He was actually #2 in the Big 10 in pass efficiency prior to his suspension but did have at least 9 int's dropped during the course of the year. Scott McMullen (PS#42) was 2nd string all year and started vs the Illini. He was pulled after hitting just 4 of 13 for 42 yards. Craig Krenzel (PS#23) took over and hit 11 of 23 for 164 yards but did have 2 int's. Krenzel started on the road against Michigan and hit 11 of 18 for 118 yards, guiding the team to victory. Krenzel threw just 2 passes in the bowl before Bellisari took over. Krenzel and McMullen are both back to battle for the starting job as is true frosh Justin Zwick (PS#7). Zwick's early commitment to OSU last May helped land many of the state's top prospects and he has "QB of the future" written all over him. The future could begin this year which would make him the first OSU QB since Schlichter to start as a true frosh. Even with the loss of a grizzled veteran like Bellisari, I think this unit could put up better numbers in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Bucks had to replace their leading rusher but did return Jonathan Wells a 230 lb back with 4.4 speed. Wells began the 2000 season as the #1 TB and led the team in rushing in the bowl but had gotten into Cooper's doghouse in the middle of the season and was demoted to 3rd string. Last year, as the main man, he rushed for 1,294 yards with a solid 5.2 ypc and 16 TD's and was voted the team's MVP. Last year Tressel signed three VHT RB's with 2 playing immediately. Lydell Ross (PS#18) rushed for 419 yards and became the youngest Big 10 player to run for 100 yards in a game (124 vs Indiana) as a 17 year old. He joined Robert Smith and Archie Griffin as the only true freshmen RB's in OSU history to top the century mark in a game. Maurice Hall (PS#8) rushed for 72 yards and had 523 yards in KR's. JaJa Riley was PS#40 and redshirted. I list the FB's below. Besides Wells (#4DC of HOU) and Sam Maldonado (trans to Maryland), the team also loses FB Jamar Martin (#4DC of DAL, 11 sts, 206 total yards). The big news this year is the signing of PS#2 Maurice Clarett. He was in for the spring and is expected to contend for the starting spot right away. I like the talent level of this group, and while less experienced, they could come close to matching 2001's productivity.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bucks returned their top 2 TE's but lost their top 4 WR's including a pair of NFL draft picks. They then lost projected starting WR Drew Carter for the year due to a knee injury. Their most experienced WR was actually JUCO transfer Chris Vance who has just 4.6 speed but earned the nickname 'Spiderman' for his huge hands. Vance was #2 on the team with 34 rec's and a super 17.8 ypc. Their leading receiver turned out to be Michael Jenkins (PS#43) who has good size (6-5) and averaged 20.2 on 49 rec's, just missing the 1,000 yard mark. His 988 yds was the 4th best in school history for a single season & his ypc was the 3rd best in the B10, just two-tenths off the league leader. Those two are both back but the team does lose TE Darnell Sanders (#4DC of CLE, 12 sts, 18 rec) who left early for the NFL as well as backup WR Ricky Bryant (2 sts, 6 rec) who transferred to Hofstra. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Drew Carter returns & others who could have an impact are Bam Childress (PS#27DB), John Hollins (6-2 180 So) who was PS#37, and Andre Hooks (6-2 205 So), as well as some of this year's talented signees. Even with the loss of Sanders this group is much more experienced than it was heading into last season.

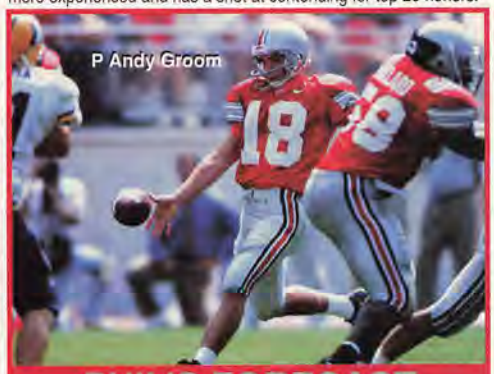
OFFENSIVE LINE - The Buckeyes ground game has hardly resembled the "3 yards and a cloud of dust" running powerhouse that Woody Hayes' squads annually produced. In 2000 they brought in OL Coach George Belu from Wake Forest but the unit had to replace 2 starters and averaged just 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but did welcome back a 1999 starter. Overall the Bucks averaged just 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks. This year they are a little more experienced but they do lose C LeCharles Bentley (#2DC of NO, 1st Tm AA) who was a 3 year starter and won the Rimington Award as the top C in country. Also gone is RT Tyson Walter (#6DC of DAL), a 4 year starter who was 1st Team Big 10 LY, as well as backup C Mike Jacobs (1 st). It should be noted that Bentley and Walter were only the fourth and fifth Ohio St OL taken in the NFL Draft in the last 12 years. They bring in this year's top OL recruit Derek Morris (PS#1) and remember this is the school that brought in PS#1 Orlando Pace in 1996 who was a 3 year starter and dominated as a true frosh. I expect Morris to beat out Ivan Douglas for the RT job and you will notice there are 12 VHT's listed in the 3 deep below. This unit played poorly in the spring (two projected starters were out) but I do see them gelling into a productive unit this fall.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Buckeyes defense allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing and had 47 sacks in 2000. Last year they had some significant losses as they had to replace 3 full-time starters, 2 of whom were NFL DC's including a 1st rounder, and 3 backups. As you would expect, the numbers dropped as they allowed 3.6 ypc rushing and the defense recorded just 28 sacks. This year they're in much better shape up front with the only losses being DT Mike Collins (12 sts, 29 tkls, 2nd Tm B10, 3 tfl) and DE Tim Cheatwood (2 sts, 34 tkls, 6 tfl). They not only have 6 of the top 8 back but were very deep at DE last year, sometimes playing up to an 8 man rotation. All 4 projected 1st stringers have starting experience and were ranked among the top 20 at their position coming out of HS. This unit is a lot more experienced and should be much stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last year all 3 starters returned to the LB corps and they were one of the best units in the country. This year they must replace 2 starters in Courtland Bullard (#5DC of STL, 11 sts, 47 tkls, 8 tfl) and Joe Cooper (12 sts, 83 tkls, 3 tfl, 2nd Tm B10). Also PS#3LB Marco Cooper (6-0 225 Jr, 9 tkls LY) has been suspended for the season for off-field problems. Three of the top 6 are back and they get 2 very interesting additions. Cie Grant is fast enough to have started 10 games at CB last year but moves back to his LB position. His great size and speed should help them vs spread offenses, as it's unusual to have players with CB caliber speed at LB. They also add in PS#1 Mike D'Andrea who is expected to move right into a starting spot. This is an extremely talented group with 8 VHT's. Despite the losses, this is still one of the best LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Buckeyes' lowest finish in my pass D rankings from 1994-1998 was #13, but surprisingly in 1999 they plummeted to #65 after having to replace a couple of NFL DC's. In 2000 they had to replace 1st and 4th round DC's but moved up to #35. Last year both starting CB's, including a 1st round DC, had to be replaced and they moved LB Cie Grant to the starting CB position. This year they must replace 2 starters in CB Derek Ross (#3DC of DAL, 11 sts, 41 tkls, 7 int's, 6 pbu) and Grant who moves back to LB. A streak of four 1st round DC's among the starting CB's for OSU in the NFL draft was snapped when Ross lasted until the 3rd round. Six of the top 8 DB's are back and the big news is that Michael Doss turned down the NFL. CB's Dustin Fox (PS#16) and Richard McNutt (PS#10) both started the bowl game. Overall OSU moved up to #25, allowing just 51.9% with a 13-20 ratio and should move up in the rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ohio St has had some fine finishes in my special teams rankings as they were #1 in 1995, #19 in 1996 and #1 in 1998. They plummeted to #73 in 1999 but moved to #29 in 2000 and last year finished at #35 but it's a good thing for them that FG accuracy is not included in my special teams rankings or they would have been much lower. Mike Nugent and Josh Huston combined to hit just 10 of 24 FG's including a paltry 2 of 9 from 40+ and they alternated throughout the year due to ineffectiveness. Huston hit 67 of 79 touchbacks in high school and he handled the KO's in 2001 & the team only allowed 19.7 per return. Huston probably has the stronger leg but Nugent is more accurate. There was also a battle at punter coming into the year but Andy Groom won out and averaged a nifty 45.0 per boot, earned 2nd Team Big 10 status and was 4th in the NCAA in punting average. The team net average of 38.3 was a key reason the Bucks were in the Top 40. Last year they had to replace their top 2 returnmen and Chris Vance averaged just 6.9 on PR's and Maurice Hall 21.8 on KR's. Both are back and should improve with Maurice Clarett and Bam Childress waiting in the wings if they don't. The team blocked 2 punts but also had 2 blocked last year and allowed a PR TD for a -1 in the TD/Blk category. This has the makings of a pretty good group that is much more experienced and has a shot at contending for top 20 honors.



PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St has now finished out of the AP final Top 25 for 3 straight years thanks in part to 2 straight bowl losses. The team had climbed as high as 5th in the polls in 2000 with a 5-0 SU record but went just 3-4 down the stretch costing John Cooper his job. Last year was Jim Tressel's first in Columbus and at a basketball game he said the fans would be proud of his squad in 310 days when the team travelled to Ann Arbor. The Bucks did indeed upset Michigan 26-20 on the road last year to finish 3rd in the Big 10. They probably could have contended for the crown had QB Bellisari not gotten suspended 1 day prior to their home finale vs Illinois which they lost 34-22. Last year the Buckeyes lost 25 lettermen which was the 2nd highest in the conference and had just 11 returning starters. They did benefit from +9 turnovers during the season. Overall, in Big 10 play they outgained foes by an average of 30.2 ypg which was 5th best in the league. I rated the OSU offense only #8 in the Big 10 and this year they have 5 starters back on that side of the ball. Despite the loss of their QB, they should get steadier play from that position and they have a top-notch OL and talented skill position players around whoever wins the job. They could top last year's 26.0 ppg. They have one of the best defenses in the country with 7 starters returning from a unit that allowed just 349.1 ypg in league play which was 3rd best. I think they clearly have one of the top 10 defenses in the NCAA this year. The young QB will have plenty of time to get his feet wet as the Buckeyes have a very soft first 7 games and I look for them to be 7-0 when they enter Madison, WI on Oct 19th. They will definitely improve upon last year's 7-5 record and have their best season since '98. I give them a shot at not only winning the Big 10 title but a possible unbeaten season and I will call them a darkhorse in the national title chase.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Craig Krenzel Jr. 6-4 215 PS#23. 2 sts, 343 yds (54%), 1-4 ratio 2Y. **Justin Zwick** is **PS#7QB**. Scott McMullen (6-3 215 Jr) PS#42, 1 st, 173 yds in 2 years.

RB Lydell Ross So. 6-0 210 **PS#18**. 419 yds (3.5) as true. **Maurice Hall** (5-11 190 So) **PS#8**, 72 yds (8.0) as true. **Maurice Clarett** is **PS#2**. JaJa Riley (6-2 200 rFr) PS#40.

FB Branden Joe So. 6-0 245 **PS#19**. 12 games as rFr. Brandon Schnittker (6-1 250 rFr) PS#61LB. Jesse Kline (6-1 227 Jr) PS#42. Nate Stead (6-0 250 Sr) 45 min, 2Y.

WR MICHAEL JENKINS JR. 6-5 200 PS#43. 11 sts, 49 rec, 988 yds **(20.2)**. **Drew Carter** (6-4 200 Jr) proj st'r LY (inj). Chris Gamble (6-2 180 So) PS#86, 170 total yds as true.

WR CHRIS VANCE SR. 6-2 180 PS#106JC. 8 sts, 34 rec (17.8), huge hands. Bam Childress (5-9 180 So) PS#27DB. 1 rec LY. Angelo Chattams (5-10 185 So) **PS#15**, 2 rec.

TE Ben Hartsock Jr. 6-4 264 PS#46. 1 st as rFr, 1 rec. 4 sts LY, 7 rec (11.6). Ryan Hamby (6-4 230 rFr) PS#52. **RJ Coleman** is **PS#4TE**. Jason Caldwell (6-4 255 So) PS#43.

C Alex Stepanovich Jr. 6-4 302 **PS#18**. 7 games, 33 min as true. 3 sts at LG in 2001, 9 games, 102 min, 2 letters. Adam Olds (6-4 275 rFr) **PS#25**. Ben Nash (6-3 275 rFr).

RG BRYCE BISHOP JR. 6-3 312 **PS#8OL**. 12 sts as rFr, 311 min. +12 lbs, 1L. Andree Tyree (6-3 280 rFr) **PS#13TE**, worked at DL LY. **Doug Datish** (6-5 290 Fr) is **PS#11**.

LG ADRIEN CLARKE JR. 6-5 325 **PS#15OL**. 10 sts as rFr, 242 min. 10 sts LY, 289 min, 2L. Scott Kuhnhein (6-4 285 Sr) **PS#20**, 2nd string 2Y, 6 games, 20 minutes, 2L.

RT Derek Morris Fr. 6-6 350 **PS#1OL**. Ivan Douglas (6-8 305 Jr) PS#253. 2 sts as rFr, 79 min. Inj'd in 2001. 36" vert. TJ Downing (6-5 280 Fr) is PS#74. 355 bench.

LT SHANE OLIVEA JR. 6-3 310 **PS#16OL**. 5 games as true, 22 min. 11 sts at RT in 2001, 311 min, 2L. Ryan Cook (6-5 305 rFr) **PS#53OL**. Rob Sims (6-4 290 Fr) is **PS#33**.

K MIKE NUGENT SO. 5-10 170 **PS#5K**. 52 yd FG in HS. Hit 7 of 14 FG's here LY, L/44. **Josh Huston** (6-2 195 So) **PS#10**. 85% KO's TB in HS. 3 of 10 FG's LY 1 of 8 from 30+.

DEFENSE

DE Kenny Peterson Sr. 6-4 265 **PS#7**. 15 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl in 2000. 2 sts LY, 24 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 138 min. **Simon Fraser** (6-6 250 So) **PS#13**, 6 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl, 44 mins as **true**.

DT DARRION SCOTT JR. 6-3 271 **PS#14LB**. 8 tkls as true. 10 sts LY, HM Big 10, 49 tkls, 7 tfl, 4 pbu. David Thompson (6-5 287 Sr) PS#68, 12 tkls, 2 tfl LY. **Quinn Pitcock is PS#11.**

DT TIM ANDERSON JR. 6-4 289 **PS#15**. 6 tkls, 2 sks as rFr. 11 sts, **HM Big 10**, 38 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl. Marcus Green (6-0 300 rFr) PS#50OL. Fred Sturrup (6-3 291 Jr) PS#35DL.

DE WILL SMITH JR. 6-4 250 **PS#18**. 12 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl, 99 min as true. 10 sts LY, 47 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 217 min. Mike Kudla is PS#23LB. 485 bench! Joel Penton is PS#51DL.

OLB WILLIE "Cie" GRANT SR. 6-2 220 PS#61. 13 tkls as LB in 2000. 10 sts at **CB** in 2001, 56 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. AJ Hawk (6-2 230 Fr) PS#40. Stan White Jr. is **PS#18**.

MLB Mike D'Andrea Fr. 6-3 240 **PS#1LB**. **Fred Pagac** (6-0 225 Jr) **PS#14LB**. 11 tkls as true. RS in 2000. 2 sts, 12 tkls LY. **Reggie Arden** (6-4 240 rFr) **PS#11LB**. Also TE in spg.

OLB MATT WILHELM SR. 6-5 245 PS#33. 12 sts, **2nd Tm B10**, 66 tkls, 15 tfl in 2000. 9 sts at MLB (inj) LY, 63 tkls, 7 tfl. Robert Reynolds (6-3 234 Jr) **PS#23.** 1 st LY. Pat O'Neill (6-4 230 Jr) **PS#23.**

CB Richard McNutt Jr. 5-11 178 **PS#10**. 12 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 2 sts, 9 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Bobby Britton (5-11 194 Jr) PS#70. 2 sts LY, 10 tkls. Maurice Lee (5-10 178 Jr) PS#13WR.

CB Dustin Fox So. 6-0 190 **PS#16**. 1 st, 28 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu as **true**. Fastest on tm. Chris Conwell (5-9 180 Sr) 2 yr st'r @ Youngstown St at CB. Harlen Jacobs (6-1 197 So).

SS MICHAEL DOSS SR. 5-11 204 **PS#12**. 12 sts in 2000, 94 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. 12 sts LY, 87 tkls, 10 tfl, 3 int, 4 pbu. **1st Tm B10, 2Y**. Thomas Matthews (6-2 206 So) PS#230LB.

FS DONNIE NICKEY SR. 6-3 203 PS#148. 10 sts, 73 tkls in '99. 12 sts, 64 tkls in 2000. 12 sts, 54 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu, HM B10 LY. Will Allen (6-1 190 Jr) PS#57, 14 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu LY.

P ANDY GROOM SR. 6-1 185 49 punts LY, **#4 in NCAA** w/45.0 avg & net of **38.3**, 2nd Tm Big 10. BJ Sander (6-4 215 Jr) PS#3K. 37 punts in 2000, 41.9 avg, **36.2 tm net.**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Mike D'Andrea 6-3 240 PS#1
RB	Maurice Clarett 6-0 230 PS#2
OL	Derek Morris 6-6 350 PS#1
QB	Justin Zwick 6-4 210 PS#7
DL	Quinn Pitcock 6-4 285 PS#11
OL	Doug Datish 6-5 290 PS#11
TE	R.J. Coleman 6-5 265 PS#4
WR	Roy Hall 6-3 210 PS#15
LB	Stan White Jr. 6-3 230 PS#18
LB	Mike Kudla 6-3 235 PS#23
LB	Bobby Carpenter 6-3 240 PS#26
DB	E.J. Underwood 6-1 175 PS#17
OL	Rob Sims 6-4 290 PS#33
DB	Tyler Everett 6-1 185 PS#24

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 24	Texas Tech (Pigskin Classic)	G					
Aug. 31							
Sep. 7	Kent St	G					
Sep. 14	Washington St	G					
Sep. 21	† Cincinnati (Paul Brown Stadium)	G					
Sep. 28	Indiana	G					
Oct. 5	at Northwestern	G					
Oct. 12	San Jose St (HC)	G					
Oct. 19	at Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 26	Penn St	G					
Nov. 2	Minnesota	G					
Nov. 9	at Purdue	G					
Nov. 16	at Illinois	A					
Nov. 23	Michigan	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Bucks are 8-1 ATS their last 9 vs the Big East (13-2 SU since 1980).
OSU is 17-4 ATS vs Iowa since 1976.
The visitor is 7-1 ATS last 8 in the Michigan St series.

This is the 2nd meeting between these two teams since 1990.
OSU won the other meeting 17-10 but failed to cover as a 9' pt home favorite.

Bonus: OSU is 5-0 SU but 1-4 ATS vs MAC schools since 1996.

This will be the first meeting between these two Ohio teams.
Buckeyes are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 games after a bye.

Ohio St is 11-2 SU, but 6-7 ATS as a home favorite against Pac 10 teams.
OSU is 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS at home vs Washington St.

Pending L3W, OSU is 36-4 SU & 22-18 ATS against non-Big 10 foes S/'90.
This is going to be played at Paul Brown Stadium, home of the NFL's Bengals.

After a 5-3 mark last year, OSU is 38-26 ATS in Big 10 play the last 8 years.
The visitor is 7-2-1 ATS the last 10 in this series.

The Buckeyes are 7-0 SU, but 3-4 ATS at Evanston.
Should apply here: OSU is 17-6 ATS as a single digit favorite, 7-5 L3Y.

This is the first meeting for these two teams.
Ohio St is 5-0 SU and 4-1 ATS vs the WAC since 1986.

Buckeyes are 23-8 ATS on artificial turf since 1990.
Four of the last 6 series meetings have been decided by 10 or more points.

OSU is 13-6-1 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more home games since 1990.
Ohio St is 6-3 ATS vs PSU since the Lions joined the Big 10.

OSU is 3-1 SU, but 1-3 ATS the last 4 when hosting the Golden Gophers.
Pending earlier results the Bucks are 35-13-1 SU but only 24-23-1 ATS vs Big 10 at home S/'90.

Scarlet and Gray entered 2002 at 19-10 ATS last 29 Big 10 away contests.
Ohio St has outscored Purdue 578 to 294 since 1981.

OSU is 9-2 SU but 4-6-1 ATS the last 11 the game before Michigan.
The Bucks are 6-4 SU, but 3-7 ATS the last 10 meetings with the Illini.

The Buckeyes have dropped 5 of their last 6 home finales ATS.
OSU is 7-14-1 SU, 11-10-1 ATS vs UM since 1980, 3-1-1 ATS as a HD.

JIM TRESSEL (Career 142-62-2)
2nd Year at Ohio State

Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE

7-5 Straight Up	2-3 Home Favorite
5-6 Vs The Spread	0-1 Home Dog
3-1 Off A S/U Loss	2-1 Away Favorite
5-3 Vs Conference	1-1 Away Dog
	0-3 Vs Non-Conf

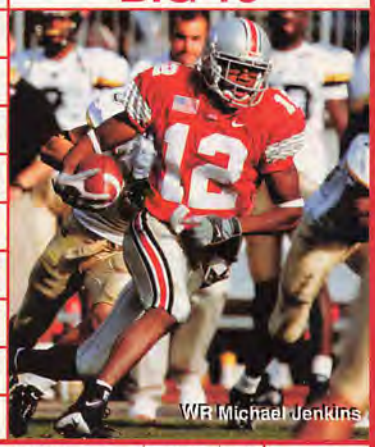
2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (20,20,4)
Lost: 16 (9,7,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 103,532

BIG 10


WR Michael Jenkins

STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (101,568)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	10-1	10-2	10-1	6-6	8-3	7-4	62-18
ATS	11-1	7-4	6-6	7-4	5-7	5-6	5-6	46-34
Home Fav	6-0	4-2	2-5	3-3	3-4	2-4	2-3	22-21
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Away Fav	5-1	3-2	3-0	4-1	0-1	3-1	2-1	20-7
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	1-1	4-5
Favorite	11-1	7-4	5-5	7-4	3-5	5-5	4-4	42-28
Dog	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	1-2	4-6
Grass	7-1	6-3	4-6	5-4	4-6	4-5	4-6	34-31
Artificial	4-0	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	12-3
vs Conf	7-1	4-4	5-3	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	33-23
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	2-1	0-3	13-11
Off SU Win	10-1	6-4	6-4	5-4	1-5	3-5	2-4	33-27
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	4-1	1-1	3-1	9-4

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jonathan Wells	251	1331	37	1294	16	5.2
Lydell Ross	**120**	**447**	**28**	**419**	**6**	**3.5**
Sammy Maldonado	39	174	6	168	0	4.3
Steve Bellisari	83	280	173	107	3	1.3
Jamar Martin	22	91	5	86	0	3.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Steve Bellisari	220	119	54.1	1919	10	7
Craig Krenzel	**43**	**23**	**53.5**	**286**	**1**	**3**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Michael Jenkins		**49**	**988**	**20.2**	**3**	**68**
Chris Vance		**34**	**605**	**17.8**	**4**	**61**
Darnell Sanders		18	197	10.9	3	27
Jamar Martin		13	120	9.2	1	19
Jonathan Wells		11	117	10.6	0	23
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Andy Groom	**49**	**2204**	**45.0**	**–**	**38.3**	**2**	**18**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mike Nugent	**3-4**	**3-7**	**1-3**	**0-0**	**7-14**	**44**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Doss	**87**	**3**	**7**	**4**	**3**
Joe Cooper	83	1	5	3	1
Matt Wilhelm	**63**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Cie Grant	**56**	**0**	**4**	**5**	**3**
Donnie Nickey	**54**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**2**
Darrion Scott	**49**	**2**	**5**	**4**	**0**
Will Smith	**47**	**4**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Courtland Bullard	47	2	6	1	0
Derek Ross	41	1	2	6	7
Tim Anderson	**38**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**1**
Tim Cheatwood	34	2	4	1	0
Mike Collins	29	1	2	0	0
Dustin Fox	**28**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**1**
Kenny Peterson	**24**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Vance	**23**	**159**	**6.9**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Maurice Hall	**24**	**523**	**21.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Rose	-2	Arizona St	20-17	W
97	Sugar	+6'	Florida St	14-31	L
98	Sugar	-12'	Texas A&M	24-14	L
00	Outback	-6'	S Carolina	7-24	L
01	Outback	+1	S Carolina	28-31	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OHIO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	26.0	19	180	3.9	191	51.7	14.3	+9	2001	6	20.3	18	139	3.6	197	51.9	16.5
7*	27.6	19	156	3.7	205	52.3	13.1	+8	2000	7	18.5	18	102	2.7	223	54.0	17.6
5	23.8	18	167	4.2	181	46.7	14.6	-8	1999	7	23.9	19	160	3.7	203	59.7	15.1
8	35.8	24	200	4.7	298	58.9	13.9	+5	1998	9	12.0	14	70	2.2	190	48.3	21.7
5*	30.3	21	164	3.8	242	59.7	13.4	0	1997	3	13.1	15	119	3.2	158	46.3	21.2
6	37.9	22	228	4.8	212	53.8	11.6	+15	1996	10	10.9	14	96	2.6	150	46.2	22.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Akron	27	56 - 236	4.2	17 - 29	289	2	14	33 - 114	3.5	15 - 32	134	2	-2
at UCLA	8	35 - 121	3.5	5 - 23	45	2	18	41 - 61	1.5	16 - 26	262	3	+2
at Indiana	24	53 - 197	3.7	15 - 21	194	2	16	36 - 156	4.3	14 - 21	181	0	+2
Northwestern	17	53 - 287	5.4	4 - 10	109	1	22	48 - 170	3.5	18 - 31	136	5	+1
Wisconsin	17	50 - 121	2.4	10 - 21	132	5	15	35 - 127	3.6	12 - 22	202	1	0
San Diego St	19	40 - 136	3.4	15 - 32	198	4	15	37 - 117	3.2	15 - 32	202	1	+4
at Penn St	15	40 - 203	5.1	8 - 21	209	4	25	45 - 251	5.6	17 - 36	280	2	+1
at Minnesota	25	47 - 265	5.6	12 - 17	203	0	20	45 - 246	5.5	11 - 23	120	2	0
Purdue	20	49 - 166	3.4	14 - 20	263	3	12	32 - 71	2.2	12 - 27	140	3	-1
Illinois	20	40 - 224	5.6	15 - 37	206	4	18	41 - 116	2.8	18 - 28	274	3	0
at Michigan	11	50 - 137	2.7	11 - 18	118	1	18	35 - 117	3.3	21 - 47	206	3	+4
†S Carolina	21	35 - 64	1.8	22 - 37	324	3	17	36 - 120	3.3	19 - 37	227	3	-1
TOTALS	224	548 - 2157	3.9	148 - 286	2290	31	210	464 - 1666	3.6	188 - 362	2364	28	+9
AVERAGES	18.7	46 - 180	3.9	12 - 24	191	2.6	17.5	39 - 139	3.6	16 - 30	197	2.3	0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-30	24-10	L
Bowling Green	-39	44-13	L
Arizona	-17	28-20	L
at Missouri	-15	31-10	W
Iowa	-3'	23-7	W
at Penn St	+6'	27-31	W
Indiana	-34	31-0	L
Northwestern	-21'	49-6	W
at Michigan St	-6	37-13	W
at Minnesota	-23	31-3	W
Illinois	-39'	41-6	L
at Michigan	+3'	14-20	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia	-11	34-17	W
Toledo	-37	49-0	W
Missouri	-24'	35-14	L
Penn St	-15	28-9	W
at Illinois	-36'	41-0	W
Minnesota	-38	45-15	L
at Northwestern	-29	36-10	L
at Indiana	-24	38-7	W
Michigan St	-27'	24-28	L
at Iowa	-25	45-14	W
Michigan	-10	31-16	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Miami (Fla)	-5'	12-23	L
UCLA	-11	42-20	W
Ohio U	-43	40-16	L
Cincinnati	-33	34-20	L
Wisconsin	-7	17-42	L
Purdue	-2'	25-22	W
at Penn St	+11	10-23	L
at Minnesota	+3'	20-17	W
Iowa	-22'	41-11	W
at Michigan St	+5'	7-23	L
Illinois	-10'	20-46	L
at Michigan	+11	17-24	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-18'	43-10	W
at Arizona	-5'	27-17	W
Miami (Oh)	-23	27-16	L
Penn St	-12	45-6	W
at Wisconsin	-1'	23-7	W
Minnesota	-13	17-29	L
at Iowa	-19	38-10	W
at Purdue	+1'	27-31	L
Michigan St	-14'	27-13	L
at Illinois	-7'	24-21	L
Michigan	-2'	26-38	L

2001 RESULTS

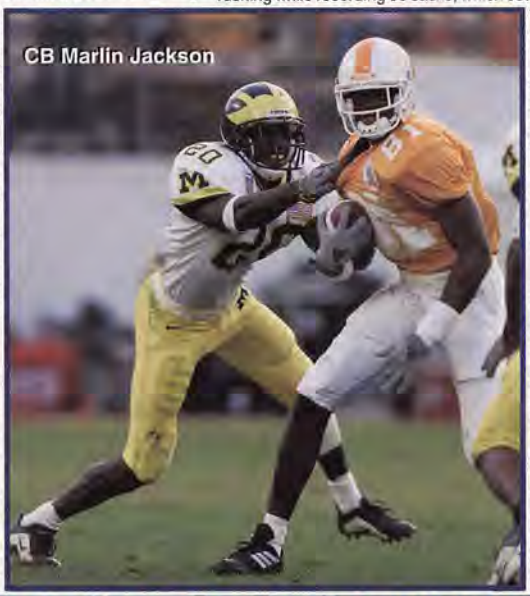
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-25	28-14	L
at UCLA	+6'	6-13	L
at Indiana	-9'	27-14	W
Northwestern	-3	38-20	W
Wisconsin	-11	17-20	L
San Diego St	-22'	27-12	L
at Penn St	-6'	27-29	L
at Minnesota	-2	31-28	W
Purdue	-6	35-9	W
Illinois	+1'	22-34	L
at Michigan	+8'	26-20	W

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - John Navarre has great size at 6-6 224 and was PS#32. He was forced into the starting lineup in 2000 and after 2 games simply led the NCAA in pass efficiency. After a tough road game vs UCLA he lost his job and overall threw for 583 yards (52%) with an outstanding 8-1 ratio. He won the starting job last year and in the first six games completed 59.6% with a 9-2 ratio. However, over the last 5 games of the regular season Navarre completed just 46.8% with an 8-10 ratio. He finished with 2,435 yards (53.8%) with a 19-13 ratio and was often the target of disgruntled fans. Jermaine Gonzales (6-2 209 So) was PS#27 and has 4.5 speed. Gonzales was brought in numerous times as a change of pace for the offense. He threw 13 passes for 88 yards while rushing for 41, and also had 2 catches for 71 yards. He moved to WR early this spring, but moved back to QB before spring wrapped up. He's a tremendous athlete who also saw playing time on Michigan's hoops team. Andy Mignery played in 4 games as the #3 QB as a rFr, but was the Scout Team QB LY. He moved to TE this spring. Spencer Brinton (6-5 225 Jr) was PS#35 and originally signed at San Diego St. He had 5 starts for the Aztecs in 1997, throwing for 1,097 yards (45%) with a 6-10 ratio. The next year he started the first 2 games before going down to injury. He went on a LDS church mission in 1999 and 2000, and saw action in just 3 games here last year after joining the team post-spring. He had lost weight on the mission but has bulked up some this year. He will battle Navarre (who trimmed down to 224 to add speed) for the starting job. Last year the stats were not that great, and this unit has added experience so I look for solid improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - Michigan has been known as a power running team throughout the years but did not even average 4.0 ypc in 1996-1999. In fact, in 1999 they averaged just 122 ypg (3.2) which was their worst total since 1963. In 2000 Anthony Thomas and an experienced offensive line rolled up 215 ypg with a super 4.8 ypc for the team. Last year Thomas departed as did the majority of the O-line and they reverted to 1999's inferior level, averaging just 143.0 ypg, the second worst total since 1963. Chris Perry and BJ Askew (PS#55) split the TB job and neither possesses breakaway speed, with the longest run between them being just 30 yards. Askew, who was the starting FB in 2000, moved to TB and had 902 yards (4.5). Perry was injured a good portion of the year and also suffered some problems fumbling the ball in practices which limited his time. He emerged as the starter in bowl practices, but rushed for just 39 yards on 17 carries vs Tenn. He finished the year with 495 yards (3.8). WR reverses were a big part of the offense and WR Calvin Bell had 15 rushes for 169 yards and was the #3 rusher. This year only TB Walter Cross (126 yds, 3.7) graduates, but unfortunately they were forced to dismiss super rFr Kelly Baraka (PS#1) after spring. Last year Timmy Bracken (5-10 204 So, PS#205) was competing for a starter's job when he broke his leg in August. David Underwood (6-0 225 So) was PS#16 but played in just 5 games as a true frosh (108 yds). Askew is adamant in the fact that he is a TB and not a FB, but he spent the spring at FB and is expected to remain there. I list the depth at FB below. I think this unit should be solidly improved in 2002, especially with an improved O-line and an O-line coach running the offense.


CB Marlin Jackson

RECEIVERS - In 1999 David Terrell and Marcus Knight combined for 1,832 receiving yards. Knight departed but Terrell and Marquise Walker then combined for 1,829 yards in 2000. Terrell left early for the NFL draft (#1DC of CHI) and I projected Walker as my 1st Team Big 10 WR last year. Walker was truly the team's go-to guy with over four times the amount of yards as the next closest receiver (a TE). Walker (UM's career reception leader) had 86 rec's (13.3). Unfortunately he departs (#3DC of TB) as does TE Bill Seymour (11 sts, 27 rec, 10.3). The third leading receiver was FB BJ Askew. Unlike the last couple of years, they did not have a lot of rec's from the #2 WR as Calvin Bell is the leading returning WR with 21 (11.2). I list the 2 deep below. There are two VHT's who could have a big impact this year in Tyrece Butler (PS#5) and Tim Massaquoi (PS#8), and don't forget this year's frosh VHT signees. Not even listed below are TE's Jim Fisher (6-5 244 So, PS#15), and David Spytek (6-7 243 rFr, PS#52DL). This unit does not have a Walker returning like it did last year, and will clearly be the major question mark of the offense, but it is a group loaded with VHT's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - As I mentioned in the RB write-up, despite having incredible talent on the OL (a lot of VHT's) the Wolves had not topped 4.0 ypc in 5 years prior to the 2000 season and averaged just 3.2 ypc in '99 while allowing 25 sacks. Finally their OL lived up to their potential in 2000, paving the way for 4.8 ypc while yielding just 18 sacks. That 2000 unit was much maligned coming into the season and folks were speculating that they wouldn't be very good since they were returning the same players who had struggled the year prior. Last year they had to replace 4 starters including two 1st round DC's and a 2nd round DC. As expected, the unit struggled, averaging just 3.6 ypc and yielding 30 sacks. This year 3 starters return again. Gone are LG Jonathan Goodwin (#5DC of NYJ, 11 sts, 2nd Tm AA, 2 yr st'r) and C Kurt Anderson (12 sts, HM B10) as well as backup G Ben Mast (1 st). Seven of the top 10 are back, and I list the 2 deep below and as usual is it loaded with VHT's (14 of 15 players listed). With the OL coach now also running the offense I expect him to put a priority on establishing the run. I look for solid improvement and most fans hope they see the type of improvement they accomplished in 2000.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Wolves had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups from the front wall and had only 1 player return with starting experience. They then lost a projected starter to injury in the first game. They gave up 3.8 ypc for the year, which was very un-Michigan-like, and had just 21 sacks. Last year they lost 1 starter and 1 backup but had 9 players returning with experience. As you would expect, UM's D got a lot stronger, as they allowed just 2.5 ypc rushing while recording 50 sacks, which set a school record and led the Big 10. Big 10 OL's will not be too happy to note that 7 of the top 8 players are back including all 4 starters, and this has the makings of one of the two best DL's in the nation.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 the Wolves had a very inexperienced LB corps but everyone returned last year. ILB Larry Foote made some great strides offseason, going from 4.8 to 4.5 speed and increasing his weight from 220 to 235. He led the Big 10 and tied a UM record with 26 tfl on the year. This year they do suffer some losses. Gone are ILB Foote (#4DC of PIT, 12 sts, 2nd Tm AA, 82 tkls, B10 Def POY) and ILB Eric Brackins (9 sts, HM B10, 55 tkls, 5 tfl). Four of the top 6 are back including a pair with starting experience and naturally the group is loaded with VHT's. This still looks like a top-notch LB corps but it is clearly less experienced and will be down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Michigan did not fare well in my pass D rankings in '99 as they were #82, and in 2000 they were #87 despite having 6 of their top 8 back. Last year 6 of the top 8 returned along with a '99 starter that missed 2000 due to injury in Cato June. Despite having to replace 2 starters, they had 3 full-time starters back and I gave them a shot at finishing in the Top 25. They did just that as they ended up #24, allowing 55.1% with a 13-11 ratio. This year they have just 1 loss in CB Todd Howard (12 sts, 2 int's, 13 pbu, 2nd Tm B10). Six players return with starting experience and not only is the group loaded with VHT's but FOUR players in the 2 deep ranked in the top 9 DB's coming out of HS. Ernest Shazor may work his way into the starting lineup after redshirting last year. This is clearly one of the most talented secondaries in the NCAA and should improve in the rankings once again.

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SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly Lloyd Carr has not had great success with this unit despite the amount of VHT's that Michigan hauls in. His top finish in my special teams rankings from 1995-1999 was #49. With a healthy Hayden Epstein handling the kicking and punting duties in 2000, they moved up to #32. Last year Michigan tied a school record with 7 blocked punts, which was a major factor in them finishing #30. Epstein has a powerful leg that will be missed (#7 DC of JAX) on KO's where they allowed just 20.3 per KR as well as on punts where he surprisingly only averaged 39.3. Epstein also hit 13 of 20 FG's and set a school record with a 57 yard FG vs Mich St. The top KR, Todd Howard (21.3) departs and top PR Marquise Walker is also gone (9.0). Julius Curry also averaged 11.2 on 19 PR's prior to his injury, so they are solid in that area. I list the replacements at K and P below but with the loss of basically all of their top guys, I look for this unit to clearly drop in the rankings this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1997 Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title even though they faced one of the toughest schedules in the country. Carr has an amazing record of 11-2 vs Top 10 competition and the Wolves have been to 27 straight bowls, the 2nd longest streak in the country. Last year was the first time since 1984 that Michigan lost their season finale to Ohio St and lost their bowl game in the same season. They suffered a couple of tough losses in their 8-4 season. Against Washington, a blocked FG attempt and an interception return for a TD in the 4Q turned that game around, and against Mich St Wolverine fans will say that the Spartans were given some extra time. Their loss to Tennessee in the bowl game was by the largest margin of defeat a Wolverine team has suffered since 1968 when Ohio St beat them 50-14. On the bright side they also handed PSU a shutout at home, the first time that's ever happened to Joe Paterno. After having a team loaded with NFL caliber offensive players in 2000, last year the Wolves averaged just 360.7 ypg which was their lowest total since 1984, and their 146.6 ypg rushing was their 2nd worst average since 1963. OC Stan Parrish resigned and now they bring in their 4th OC in 8 years under Carr. Michigan had similar offensive struggles in 1999 but rebounded in 2000 behind a veteran OL and they possess one of those this year. They also have an experienced QB and some talented players at the skill positions. They should greatly exceed last year's rushing totals and top the 26.7 ppg they achieved last season. Defensively, they showed much improvement last year, allowing 72 ypg less than they did in 2000 although surprisingly they actually yielded more points per game (19.8 vs 19.1). Overall in Big 10 play UM outgained their foes by an average of 340.1-289.1, including their loss to OSU where they had an 18-11 FD edge. This year's D has 8 starters back and I rate it #3 in the country. They have 15 starters back overall and 48 lettermen, which is among the most in the Big 10, but unfortunately they avoid Indiana and Northwestern in league play so they face arguably the toughest conference schedule in the Big 10. They face Notre Dame, Illinois, Purdue and Ohio St - all on the road, all of which will be tough contests, but this team is capable of winning all of those games and will probably be the preseason favorite for the conference crown.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JOHN NAVARRE JR. 6-6 224 *4 sts in 2000, 583 yds, 8-1 ratio. 12 sts LY, 2435 yds (54%) 19-13 ratio.* ***Spencer Brinton*** *(6-5 225 Jr) PS#35. 7 sts at San Diego St in '97 & '98.*

RB CHRIS PERRY JR. 6-1 235 *PS#45. 417 yards (5.4) as true. 495 yards (3.8), 5 starts LY. David Underwood (6-0 225 So)* ***PS#16****. 108 yards (3.5) in 2001. 4.38 speed.*

FB BJ ASKEW SR. 6-3 228 *6 sts at FB in 2000, 18 rec (14.3). 8 sts LY at TB/FB.* ***902 yds*** *(4.5), 26 rec (9.1). Sean Sanderson (6-3 280 rFr) PS#62. Kevin Dudley (6-1 240 So).*

WR RON BELLAMY SR. 6-0 199 ***PS#28****. 10 sts LY, 14 rec (18.0). Braylon Edwards (6-3 200 So) PS#71, 3 rec as true.* ***Jason Avant*** *(6-2 195 Fr)* ***PS#10, 4.4*** *spd. Carl Tabb is* ***PS#12****.*

WR Tyrece Butler Jr. 6-3 212 *PS#5. Inj in '99. RS in 2000. 1 st, 4 rec LY, (24.8). Calvin Bell (6-1 192 Jr) PS#94. 4 sts, 21 rec (11.2), 169 yds rush LY.* ***Tim Massaquoi*** *(6-4 220 rFr)* ***PS#8****.*

TE Bennie Joppru Sr. 6-5 243 ***PS#8****. 1 st as rFr. 6 sts in 2000, 11 rec. 3 sts LY, 17 rec (6.9). Phil Brackins (6-4 230 Jr) PS#45DB. 1st at FB LY. Andy Mignery (6-3 229 Jr)* ***PS#24QB****.*

C Andy Christopfel So. 6-3 295 ***PS#35****. 4 gms as rFr, lettered.* ***David Pearson*** *(6-3 283 Jr)* ***PS#48LB****. 8 tkls, 1 tfl on DL LY. Moved to OL. David Schoonover (6-3 252 rFr).*

RG DAVE PETRUZIELLO SR. 6-4 298 ***PS#6TE****. 3 sts, 12 tkls, 2 tfl at DT in 2000. 10 sts,* ***HM B10*** *at RG in 2001. Matt Lentz (6-6 305 rFr).* ***PS#45****. Jeff Gaston (6-5 290 So)* ***PS#21****.*

LG David Baas So. 6-5 299 ***PS#29OL****. 1 start, 6 games as rFr. Joe Denay (6-8 299 Sr)* ***PS#26****. 2 starts last year, 2nd string.* ***Leo Henige*** *(6-4 333 rFr)* ***PS#32****.*

RT TONY PAPE JR. 6-6 299 ***PS#3****. 11 sts at LT LY, HM B10.* ***Demeterius Solomon*** *(6-6 299 Jr)* ***PS#4****. 2nd string as rFr. 11 sts LY,* ***HM B10****. Dan Simelis (6-6 298 rFr)* ***PS#23****.*

LT ADAM STENAVICH rFR. 6-5 294 ***PS#15****. Courtney Morgan (6-3 298 Jr)* ***PS#44OL****, 3 games as rFr. 1 start, 8 games in 2001. Kyle Ealey (6-7 253 rFr)* ***PS#5TE****.*

K Philip Brabbs Jr. 6-2 195 *PS#350DB in '99. KO's as true. Some KO's LY. Luke Perl (6-0 205 So). Troy Nienberg (6-2 170 Jr). Ken Fremer (6-0 178 rFr) PS#57.*

DEFENSE

DE DAN RUMISHEK SR. 6-4 277 ***PS#26LB****. 12 sts, 22 tkls,* ***7 sks****, HM B10 LY. Larry Stevens (6-3 265 Jr)* ***PS#8LB****. 4 sts as true. 5 sks, 2 yrs. Pierre Woods (6-5 215 rFr)* ***PS#9****.*

DT NORMAN HEUER JR. 6-5 292 *PS#27. 12 sts LY, 31 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl. Grant Bowman (6-1 287 Jr) PS#76, 5 sts in 2000. 18 tkls, 4 sks LY. Gabe Watson (6-4 334 Fr)* ***PS#5****.*

NT SHAWN LAZARUS SR. 6-4 297 *PS#122LB. 5 sts in 2000, 14 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 sts LY, 16 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Pat Massey (6-8 240 rFr)* ***PS#7****. John Wood (6-4 282 Sr). Larry Harrison is* ***PS#22****.*

DE SHANTEE ORR JR. 6-1 250 *PS#68LB. 11 sts LY, 35 tkls, 6 sks, Top DL Awd,* ***2nd Tm B10****. Alain Kashama (6-5 260 Jr) 2 sts in 2000, PS#171. Alex Ofili (6-3 240 rFr) PS#110.*

OLB VICTOR HOBSON SR. 6-1 244 ***PS#13****. 10 sts as So, 58 tkls, 12 tfl. 11 sts LY,* ***2nd Tm B10****, 80 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl. John Spytek (6-4 243 Jr)* ***PS#38****, 29 tkls, 2Y. Joe Sarantos (6-3 208 rFr)* ***PS#48****.*

ILB Carl Diggs Jr. 6-1 245 ***PS#26****. 3 sts LY, 42 tkls, 7 tfl. Scott McClintock (6-2 239 rFr)* ***PS#9****. 4.5. Roy Manning (6-2 230 So) PS#125. 2 sks LY. Kolby Wells (6-2 228 So)* ***PS#44****.*

ILB Lawrence Reid rFr 6-1 209 ***PS#51****. Zach Kaufman (6-1 230 Jr) PS#70. 6 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Emmanuel Casseus (6-2 235 Jr) Canadian. Jeremy Van Alstyne (6-4 224 Fr)* ***PS#17****.*

CB MARLIN JACKSON SO. 6-1 182 ***PS#6****. 7 sts LY incl 6 of L/7 sts, 47 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. Brandon Williams (5-11 183 Sr) PS#55. 4 sts in 2000, 32 tkls, 2 pbu. 1 st LY, 2 int, 3 pbu, 4.36.*

CB Jeremy LeSueur Jr. 6-1 200 ***PS#9****. 2 sts as rFr, 32 tkls, 2 tfl. 5 sts LY, 35 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu.* ***Markus Curry*** *(5-11 182 So)* ***PS#20****. 13 tkls as rFr. Zia Combs (5-11 181 So) PS#64.*

SS CHARLES DRAKE SR. 6-1 204 ***PS#16RB****. 4 sts in 2000, 27 tkls, 2 pbu. 9 sts LY, 67 tkls, 8 tfl, 3 pbu, HM B10. Julius Curry (6-0 200 Sr) PS#25RB.* ***11 sts*** *in 2000, 59 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu, 7 tfl.*

FS CATO JUNE SR. 6-1 224 ***PS#2****. Last 4 sts as rFr. Torn ACL in 2000. 11 sts LY, 58 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Ernest Shazor (6-4 215 rFr)* ***PS#1DB*** *in 2001. Could play both ways.*

P Adam Finley So. 6-4 211 *PS#6K. 41.0 avg in HS, 4 of 5 FG's with long of 47 as Sr. 4 punts here LY, 43.3 avg. Andy Mignery (6-3 229 Jr) PS#24QB. Scout tm QB LY.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL	Gabe Watson 6-4 334 PS#5
WR	Jason Avant 6-2 195 PS#10
DL	Mike Kolodziej 6-7 280 PS#14
QB	Matt Gutierrez 6-4 206 PS#12
WR	Carl Tabb 6-2 171 PS#12
DB	Greg Cooper 6-0 180 PS#11
DL	Larry Harrison 6-2 261 PS#22
LB	Jeremy Van Alstyne 6-4 224 PS#17
DB	Quinton McCoy 5-11 172 PS#15
RB	Darnell Hood 5-11 186 PS#33
WR	Steve Breaston 6-0 170 PS#43
OL	Rueben Riley 6-3 311 PS#47
TE	Kevin Murphy 6-5 220 PS#13
RB	Pierre Rembert 6-1 197 PS#49

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Michigan is 5-1 SU, 4-1-1 ATS vs WAC teams since 1976. The visitor is 7-2 ATS in the Indiana series. Despite a 5-1 mark the L2Y, UM is just 8-16 ATS as a Big 10 DD favorite.
Aug. 31	Washington	G						Michigan is 10-1 SU but 5-6 ATS in their 1st HG of the season since 1991. The Wolverines are 8-5 SU but only 6-7 ATS vs the Pac 10 since 1980.
Sep. 7	W Michigan	G						Last year Michigan beat the Broncos 38-21 as a 14 pt home favorite. Maize and Blue are 22-32 ATS as DD favorites S/'93 but were 4-1 ATS LY.
Sep. 14	at Notre Dame	G						Michigan is 2-5-1 SU & 4-3-1 ATS L/8 trips up to South Bend. The dog is 9-1-1 ATS and the visitor is 8-2-1 ATS in this series.
Sep. 21	Utah	G						UM is 7-14 ATS in sandwiched HG's the L/11 years but 5-2 ATS recently. This will be the first meeting between these two schools.
Sep. 28	at Illinois	A						Wolfies are 1-6 ATS prior to a bye the last 7. May apply: UM is 14-5-1 ATS last 20 and 9-3 ATS last 12 as a dog.
Oct. 5								
Oct. 12	Penn St	G						The Wolverines are 2-8-1 ATS the week after a bye. UM has won and covered 5 in a row vs Paterno and the Lions outscoring them 145-46.
Oct. 19	at Purdue	G						The Wolverines are 11-3 SU the last 14 meetings with Purdue. Michigan is just 6-8 ATS vs the Boilers in that span.
Oct. 26	Iowa (HC)	G						Wolverines are 8-2 SU but only 5-5 ATS in their L/10 Homecoming gms. UM is 12-3-1 SU, but 5-10-1 ATS their L/16 meetings vs the Hawkeyes.
Nov. 2	Michigan St	G						Michigan is 9-2 SU but only 6-5 ATS at home vs Michigan St. Wolverines are 8-5 SU but 4-9 ATS the last 13 vs the Spartans overall.
Nov. 9	at Minnesota	A						Minnesota and Michigan annually battle for the Little Brown Jug. The home team has covered just 4 of the last 14 meetings.
Nov. 16	Wisconsin	G						Michigan is 15-3 SU but 8-10 ATS their last 18 vs the Badgers. Each of the L/3 UW/UM meetings have been decided by 5 or less, L2Y by 3 pts each.
Nov. 23	at Ohio St	G						The underdog has covered 3 in a row in this series. The home team is 12-7-1 ATS in this "Big 2" rivalry.
Nov. 30								

LLOYD CARR (Career 66-20)

8th Year at Michigan

Carr's records AT MICHIGAN

66-20	Straight Up	20-22	Home Favorite
36-42-1	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Dog
8-8	Off A S/U Loss	8-17-1	Away Favorite
26-29-1	Vs Conference	6-3	Away Dog
		10-13	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (22,24,2)
Lost: 19 (8,8,3)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 109,908

BIG 10

STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (107,501)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	8-3	11-0	9-3	9-2	8-3	8-3	62-17
ATS	5-7	5-6	6-5	4-8	5-6	6-5	5-5-1	36-42-1
Home Fav	1-5	2-4	3-4	3-2	3-3	4-2	4-2	20-22
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav	3-1	1-2	2-1	0-5	1-3	0-3	1-2-1	8-17-1
Away Dog	0-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	6-3
Favorite	4-6	3-6	5-5	3-7	4-6	4-5	5-4-1	28-39-1
Dog	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	8-3
Grass	2-6	3-5	4-4	4-7	4-4	6-4	5-2-1	28-32-1
Artificial	3-1	2-1	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-3	8-10
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	2-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	10-13
Off SU Win	3-5	4-3	5-5	3-5	5-3	3-4	3-4-1	26-29-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	2-0	8-8

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
BJ Askew	**199**	**932**	**30**	**902**	**10**	**4.5**
Chris Perry	**129**	**517**	**22**	**495**	**2**	**3.8**
Calvin Bell	**15**	**170**	**1**	**169**	**3**	**11.3**
Walter Cross	34	127	1	126	2	3.7
John Navarre	**49**	**70**	**188**	**-118**	**0**	**-2.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John Navarre	**385**	**207**	**53.8**	**2435**	**19**	**13**
Jermaine Gonzales	**13**	**7**	**53.8**	**88**	**0**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marquise Walker	86	1143	13.3	11	47
Bill Seymour	27	279	10.3	0	34
BJ Askew	**26**	**236**	**9.1**	**2**	**41**
Calvin Bell	**21**	**236**	**11.2**	**1**	**47**
Ronald Bellamy	**14**	**252**	**18.0**	**2**	**53**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Hayden Epstein	71	2790	39.3	–	34.8	0	17

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Hayden Epstein	5-6	4-6	2-6	2-2	13-20	57

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Larry Foote	82	6	20	7	0
Victor Hobson	**80**	**5**	**8**	**0**	**0**
Charles Drake	**67**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**0**
Cato June	**58**	**3**	**2**	**6**	**2**
Eric Brackins	55	2	3	1	0
Marlin Jackson	**47**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**3**
Carl Diggs	**42**	**0**	**7**	**2**	**1**
Todd Howard	41	0	2	13	2
Shantee Orr	**35**	**6**	**5**	**4**	**0**
Jeremy LeSueur	**35**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**
Norman Heuer	**31**	**5**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Dan Rumishek	**22**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Brandon Williams	**18**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Julius Curry	**19**	**213**	**11.2**	**0**
Marquise Walker	23	206	9.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Todd Howard	22	469	21.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Rose	-7	Washington St	21-16	L
98	Citrus	-3	Arkansas	45-31	W
99	Orange	+1	Alabama	35-34	W
00	Citrus	-7'	Auburn	31-28	L
01	Citrus	+3	Tennessee	17-45	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	26.7	19	143	3.6	216	53.6	13.5	-6	2001	8	19.8	16	89	2.5	229	55.1	16.1
7	33.7	22	215	4.8	231	59.2	13.3	+13	2000	5	19.1	21	147	3.8	243	58.5	20.4
7*	30.1	21	122	3.2	265	60.4	12.9	+10	1999	8	20.6	16	121	3.3	212	51.7	16.2
6	27.6	18	156	3.8	226	59.1	13.8	-3	1998	9	18.1	15	122	3.1	181	49.9	16.8
8*	26.8	21	182	3.9	205	63.3	14.4	+9	1997	6	9.5	12	89	2.7	134	49.5	23.5
5*	23.1	19	168	3.9	214	55.6	16.5	+2	1996	9	15.3	17	115	3.0	182	55.1	19.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Miami (Oh)	22	47-189	4.0	20-34	214	1	18	29-127	4.4	22-44	223	3	+2
at Washington	21	37-124	3.4	26-45	248	2	13	35-69	2.0	13-22	199	1	-2
W Michigan	23	39-188	4.8	18-30	284	1	24	25-13	0.5	36-58	374	7	+2
Illinois	21	45-137	3.0	16-30	268	5	12	27-25	0.9	24-46	275	3	+1
at Penn St	21	48-147	3.1	18-33	263	3	14	26-25	1.0	21-38	244	4	+2
Purdue	16	38-122	3.2	21-28	233	2	12	37-57	1.5	16-33	198	7	-3
at Iowa	14	36-63	1.8	16-38	233	1	13	34-65	1.9	20-34	235	3	0
at Michigan St	14	30-121	4.0	14-27	195	2	25	53-169	3.2	15-37	183	11	-1
Minnesota	26	56-300	5.4	14-26	153	2	12	30-126	4.2	12-25	164	3	-1
at Wisconsin	12	38-105	2.8	11-26	58	4	16	45-159	3.5	14-29	133	3	0
Ohio St	18	35-117	3.3	21-47	206	3	11	50-137	2.7	11-18	118	1	-4
†Tennessee	20	31-103	3.3	21-39	240	4	22	37-97	2.6	27-35	406	4	-2
TOTALS	228	480-1716	3.6	216-403	2595	30	192	428-1069	2.5	231-419	2752	50	-6
AVERAGES	19.0	40-143	3.6	18-34	216	2.5	16.0	36-89	2.5	19-35	229	4.2	-0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado	-1	27-3	W
Baylor	-28	38-3	W
Notre Dame	-14	21-14	L
at Indiana	-20	37-0	W
Northwestern	-24	23-6	L
Iowa	-7	28-24	L
at Michigan St	-2'	23-7	W
Minnesota	-27	24-3	L
at Penn St	+1	34-8	W
at Wisconsin	-14'	26-16	L
Ohio St	-3'	20-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	-5	20-36	L
Syracuse	-10	28-38	L
E Michigan	-35	59-20	W
Michigan St	-8	29-17	W
at Iowa	-9	12-9	L
at Northwestern	-14	12-6	L
Indiana	-13'	21-10	L
at Minnesota	-12'	15-10	L
Penn St	+3	27-0	W
Wisconsin	-3	27-10	W
at Ohio St	+10	16-31	L
at Hawaii	-38'	48-17	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Notre Dame	-7'	26-22	L
Rice	-27	37-3	W
at Syracuse	-5'	18-13	L
at Wisconsin	-3'	21-16	W
Purdue	-6	38-12	W
at Michigan St	-2'	31-34	L
Illinois	-24'	29-35	L
at Indiana	-16'	34-31	L
Northwestern	-23	37-3	W
at Penn St	+6	31-27	W
Ohio St	-11	24-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-30	42-7	W
Rice	-27'	38-7	W
at UCLA	-4'	20-23	L
at Illinois	-7	35-31	L
Wisconsin	-8	13-10	L
at Purdue	+2	31-32	W
Indiana	-15'	58-0	W
Michigan St	-16'	14-0	L
at Northwestern	-7'	51-54	L
Penn St	-15'	33-11	W
at Ohio St	+2'	38-26	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Oh)	-24'	31-13	L
at Washington	+3	18-23	L
W Michigan	-14	38-21	W
Illinois	-6'	45-20	W
at Penn St	-11	20-0	W
Purdue	-11	24-10	W
at Iowa	-6	32-26	T
at Michigan St	-6	24-26	L
Minnesota	-15'	31-10	W
at Wisconsin	-5	20-17	L
Ohio St	-8'	20-26	L

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

QB Jeff Smoker left foes breathless with 63% completions and a 21-8 ratio in 2001.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Ryan Van Dyke (PS#14) battled Bill Burke for the starting job in both 1998 and 1999, seeing action in 11 games but not starting. In 2000 Van Dyke was given the starting job and 3 backup QB's decided to transfer prior to the season. That forced true frosh Jeff Smoker (PS#3) into the backup role. Van Dyke was injured in the opener and Smoker led the team to their first two wins. Smoker struggled against Northwestern and Van Dyke returned healthy after 3 games to start the next 4 but Smoker would start the last 3. Smoker threw for 1,365 yards (52.3%) with a 6-7 ratio. At the beginning of last year Williams' plan was to alternate the two. Smoker ended up starting 10 games but Van Dyke was impressive, hitting the game winning TD pass vs Notre Dame and then seeing the bulk of the playing time vs Northwestern. Against Iowa, Smoker saw the bulk of the action hitting 14 of 20. The next week vs Minnesota Smoker hit 21 of 33 for 258 yards but went down with a sprained ankle. Van Dyke came in and then suffered a broken jaw and a concussion and would not see action the rest of the year. Damon Dowdell (PS#72) was brought in off the bench and on 4th & 1 had a wide open field to run for the FD but opted to pass (his only pass attempt) and it fell incomplete, a key play in the loss. Smoker would see the bulk of the work over the next 3 games but against Indiana suffered a sprained left shoulder in the 2Q and played the 2H injured, but wasn't as effective. Dowdell started vs Purdue and hit 24 of 45 for 304 yards but would get just 10 more passes of mop-up duty in the finale. Smoker blossomed in the season's final 3 games. In those three he hit 60 of 85 (71%) for 350 ypg with an 8-2 ratio. He finished as the Big 10 leader in pass efficiency, throwing for 2,579 yards (63.4%) with a 21-8 ratio. He was sacked 12 times vs Michigan but still managed to throw the game winning TD pass on the last play. Van Dyke departs but Smoker and Dowdell are back. Aaron Alexander (6-5 195 rFr) was PS#20 and ran the scout team last year. He looks like the QB of the future. Amish Patel (6-0 195 So) was PS#314JC. Smoker had some great stats last year which will be tough to top. He showed tremendous improvement from 2000 and should improve once again as a junior.

RUNNING BACKS - TJ Duckett (#1DC of ATL, PS#1LB) was described as having Ron Dayne's size but with a little more speed. In his first full year as a starter (2000), despite being banged up, he rushed for 1,353 yards (5.6). Last year he rushed for 1,420 yards (5.4). Little-John Flowers was one of 4 captains in 2001 and rushed for 296 yards (4.3). Duckett opted to leave early for the NFL and Flowers was a senior so the leading returning rusher is FB Dawan Moss (PS#94) who had 93 yards (3.7). There is a possibility that Tyrell Dortch (5-10 197, PS#4) could return to the TB position. He was moved to CB last year due to injuries and started 2 games before severely breaking his leg. The other candidates at TB are listed below. David Richard (PS#10LB) may follow in Duckett's footsteps to start as a true after being a standout LB in HS. The team also gets back Shawn Foster (4.31 speed) who had 323 yards rushing in 1998 and 1999 at RB and 1 start at WR in 2000. FB Moss was the #1 TB in the spring but I think one of the true frosh, or McConnell or Foster, will win the starting TB job and Moss could move back to FB. While there is decent talent here, with the loss of a player like Duckett, I'll call this unit weaker.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Spartans had to replace their leading returning receiver but got a huge addition in newcomer Charles Rogers who was PS#2 and a PQ in 2000. Despite not having played a snap, I projected Rogers on my 1st Team Big 10 last year and he did not disappoint me. Rogers, who has size (6-4 200) as well as 4.3 speed, hauled in 67 rec's with a super 21.9 ypc. In the bowl game he had 270 yards and he set a school record for yards receiving in a season. In 2000 the Spartans' top 3 receivers had 11 yards less COMBINED than Rogers did last year. He is back with improved upper body strength but they must replace 4 of their top 6 pass catchers from last year, although 2 were RB's. The main losses are WR Herb Haygood (#5DC of DEN, 8 sts, 57 rec), TE Chris Baker (#3DC of NYJ, 12 sts, 40 rec, 2nd Tm B10), and TE Ivory McCoy (5 sts, 5 rec). I list the 2 deep below and BJ Lovett (PS#54JC) and Robert Strickland (PS#33) both have potential. TE Eric Knott (PS#1) played DE last year due to the depth problems but moved back to TE in the spring. With the presence of Rogers, this is automatically one of the best receiving corps in the country but I'll call it a little weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Spartans averaged 3.9 ypc rushing and allowed 43 sacks with a veteran, but injury plagued, O-line in 2000. Last year they had to replace 4 starters due to graduation and had only 9 OL's on scholarship during the spring so Williams did not even hold a spring game. OC Watts felt that last year's unit compared favorably to the 1999 unit that led the way to a 10-2 record, but injuries kept them from reaching their full potential. This year all 10 players from the 2 deep return and I list them below. There are plenty of HT's and even 9 VHT's in the group and this unit is vastly more experienced than it was heading into last year when it averaged 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 44 sacks.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year MSU had to replace 3 players who combined for 17 starts and then lost their top DL, Josh Shaw, to an injury vs Michigan and he missed the rest of the year. Overall, with 4 players returning who had starting experience including basically 2 full-time starters, they allowed 4.4 ypc rushing and for the second straight year did not put pressure on opposing QB's with just 18 sacks as a whole for the defense (could not blitz much due to CB inj's). This year they must replace DE Nick Myers (12 sts, 53 tkls, 11 tfl, bowl Def MVP), and DT Josh Shaw (7 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 54 tkls, 9 tfl, #5DC of SF) but do have 6 of the top 8 DL's returning and get back 2 frosh from last year who were academically ineligible. In the 2 deep that I list below 5 of the players return with starting experience and there are 5 VHT's. Size wise this is not a very big defensive front but it is stronger this season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Spartans had to replace 3 players who combined for 15 starts, including a 7th round DC, and they had just 1 full-time starter returning, albeit a good one in Josh Thornhill. It was a very young group with plenty of underclassmen. This year they must replace Thornhill (12 sts, 1st Tm B10, 128 tkls, 15 tfl) and backups Matt Kropf (4 tkls) and Matt Dawes (3 tkls). Two full-time starters return and I list the 2 deep below which includes 3 VHT's. One of the returning starters, Mike Labinjo, moved from FB to DE to SLB last year and is now in his 2nd year on the defensive side while the other returning starter is Ronald Stanley who played as a true. Seth Mitchell, the other projected starter, probably would have started as a true frosh had he not sprained his MCL. This unit is more experienced and even with the loss of their star, should be just as good.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Spartans usually finish at the top of my pass D rankings, finishing #14 in 1997, #8 in 1998, and #4 in 1999. In 2000 they had to replace 2 starters who won 1st and 2nd Team Big 10 honors but had two excellent CB's and despite the lack of a pass rush finished #25. Last year they had to replace 3 starters after CB Cedric Henry had become academically ineligible and 3 of the 4 backups were freshmen. They then lost an amazing FOUR CB's to injury during the year. Somehow they still finished #1 in the Big 10 in ypg pass defense and #14 in the NCAA and they only dropped to #36 in my pass D rankings, allowing 52.1% with an 18-18 ratio. This year the only losses are SS Duron Bryan (12 sts, 60 tkls, 4 int, 13 pbu) and FS Lorenzo Guess (3 sts, 47 tkls, 2 int's, 6 pbu). Due to the injuries, this year no less than 7 players return with starting experience and they get back Henry (22 pbu in 2000). This is a much deeper and experienced secondary and should get back into their accustomed spot in the Top 20 of my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Spartans finished #20 in 1999 thanks to the strong punting of Craig Jarrett who had a net of 40.2. They dropped to #50 in 2000 despite Jarrett's presence. Last year basically everyone returned and the Spartans featured some of the very best special teams performances in the country but also some of the very worst. Against Indiana they ran a fake FG which was stopped and had DB Bryan swat at a loose punt which Indy fell on at the 17 for a fumble recovery for 2 crucial errors. Against Northwestern they missed 3 FG's and 2 XP's but returned both a punt and a kickoff for TD's. On the plus side, they were #1 in the Big 10 in both KR and KR defense and did have 3 TD's in the return game. The team suffered 4 blocked punts against C Michigan and allowed 7 overall. Punter Jarrett averaged 43.6 ypp but the team's net punting dropped to 33.5 with the 7 blocks. Herb Haygood was one of the nation's top KR's (26.3) and had teams kicking away from him or out of bounds to avoid him. Charles Rogers averaged 8.8 on 18 PR's. FG kicking was a problem as David Schaefer hit 1 of 5 FG's and was replaced by true frosh Dave Rayner (PS#27). Rayner may have hit 8 of 14 FG's but was just 2 of 8 from 30+ with a long of 41. Schaefer handled KO's most of the year. Jarrett (#6DC of SEA) is a big loss but they did sign true frosh Brandon Fields PS#37. Overall the unit finished #77 and I look for them to shore up their punt protection schemes and they could move up in the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

MSU has won 7 straight home games against ranked opponents and in 1999 beat all of the big boys including ND, Ohio St, Penn St, Michigan and Florida to finish the year an outstanding 10-2 and Head Coach Nick Saban left for LSU. In 2000 his successor Bobby Williams had just 11 returning starters and had to play the 3rd toughest schedule in the country. The Spartans were -8 in turnovers as the team plummeted to 5-6 despite the fact that they beat Rose Bowl representative Purdue 30-10. It was a team that was decimated by injuries during the year. Last year's team had just 6 senior starters and only 10 seniors on the 2 deep. Injuries hurt them again last season as 10 starters missed 51 games due to injury and 15 frosh were on the season ending 2 deep. This year they are switching to a grass field for the first time since 1968 and that should help cut down on the injuries. Last year the team was loaded with offensive talent and managed 5,388 yards, which was a school record (breaking the 1978 record) despite the fact that they allowed 44 sacks which was the most in the Big 10. Despite losing their top RB in TJ Duckett, this team is loaded with superstar WR Charles Rogers, 5 starters back on the OL and a veteran QB. I look for them to top last year's 31.2 ppg and call them the most potent offense in the Big 10. Last year's defense actually lost 4 starting CB's due to injury which is almost unheard-of. The team could not blitz because of the banged up secondary and recorded just 19 sacks. The secondary now appears to be among the NCAA's best so I look for more pressure from the defensive front 7 and great improvement on that side of the ball. This is one of the strongest teams in the country and very capable of an 8-0 start before they travel to Ann Arbor on November 2nd. They also have a road game against Penn St to end the season and Bobby Williams is just 1-7 SU on the Big 10 road. This team should have won 8 games last year, despite the injuries, as they only lost to Northwestern because of a fluke play, and may be the most talented team in the Big 10 this year. They should also cut down on the injuries thanks to the grass surface. I'll call for them to definitely exceed last year's 7 win total and be a prime player in the Rose Bowl sweepstakes.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JEFF SMOKER JR. 6-3 212 PS#3. 6 sts as true, 1365 yds (52%) 6-7 ratio, 201 rush. 11 sts LY, 2579 yds (63%) 21-8 ratio, 201 rush. Damon Dowdell (6-1 212 So) 362 pass, 59 rush.

RB David Richard Fr. 6-1 230 **PS#10LB**. Michael McConnell (6-0 203 Jr) PS#68. JC in 2000. Shawn Foster (5-11 204 Sr) PS#63. 336 yds 3Y, Inel LY. Jaren Hayes is PS#30.

FB DAWAN MOSS SR. 5-10 236 7 sts in 2000, 190 total yds, 8 sts LY, 93 yds (3.7). TB in spg. Mark Goebel (6-2 216 Jr) PS#79, 19 tkls, 2Y. Jason Bradley (6-0 249 So) PS#77LB.

WR Julian (BJ) Lovett Sr. 6-4 207 4.4. 1 st LY, 10 rec (8.2). Robert Strickland (6-4 208 rFr). Kyle Brown PS#6. Matt Trannon PS#16TE. Canadian Ziehl Kavanaght (5-11 178 Jr).

WR CHARLES ROGERS JR. 6-4 200 PS#2. Size & 4.3 spd. PQ in 2000. 12 sts LY. **Mich St rec 1470 yds** (21.9). Ben Steckler (6-4 196 rFr) PS#87. Marcus Waters (6-4 233 Jr) PS#50LB.

TE Eric Knott So. 6-3 257 **PS#1**. 1 tfl at DE LY. 4.65. 40 Jason Randall (6-5 245 So) PS#46. 1 st, 7 tkls LY. Ryan Woods (6-4 237 So) PS#73, 3 rec LY. Matt Walters PS#171JC.

C BRIAN OTTNEY JR. 6-6 309 PS#29. 9 sts as rFr, 12 sts LY, Top Interior Lineman Award. Christopher Morris (6-4 285 rFr) PS#85. DeMarco Monroe (6-4 310 Jr) PS#35.

RG WILLIAM WHITTICKER SO. 6-6 298 PS#67. 2nd string as true but RS. 11 sts LY (missed 1 inj). **Paul Harker** (6-3 297 Sr) PS#52. 10 sts in '98, 1 st LY. Joe Brooks (6-3 287 Jr).

LG JOE TATE JR. 6-5 283 PS#447. 1 st at DE, 8 gms in 2000. 6 sts on OL LY, improved to 400 bench. Joe Patrick (6-5 310 Jr) PS#31, 6 sts LY. Gordon Niebylski (6-3 300 rFr) PS#92.

RT STEVE STEWART JR. 6-5 310 PS#106. 1 st as rFr. 12 sts in 2001. Improved bench to 400 this year. Sean Poole (6-6 297 So) **PS#26**. Torn ACL LY, +17 lbs this year.

LT ULISH BOOKER SR. 6-7 305 PS#93. PQ in 1998. 2 starts at LT in 2000. 12 starts in 2001, handled Wendell Bryant 1 on 1. Stephon Wheeler (6-5 308 rFr) PS#460OL.

K DAVE RAYNER SO. 6-2 209 PS#27K. 82% KO in the EZ in high school. 8 of 14 FG's here as true LY, long of 41, only 2 of 8 from 30+. Chris Christoff (5-8 175 Jr).

DEFENSE

DE Clifford Dukes So. 6-3 250 PS#138LB. 5 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 2 sks, 2 pbu. Dominick Brown (6-3 260 Jr) PS#100LB, PQ in 2000. Luc Mullinder (6-4 274 Jr) PS#67TE.

DT KYLE RASMUSSEN JR. 6-4 270 PS#59. 3 sts, 15 tkls in 2000. 12 sts LY, 54 tkls, 3 tfl. Greg Yeaster (6-1 269 So) PS#138, 1 tkl. Brandon McKinney (6-3 310 So) PS#46, PQ LY.

DT Matthias Askew So. 6-6 287 PS#29. 29 tkls, 1 tfl, 4 pbu, 3 sts. DE/DT in spg. Kevin Vickerson (6-5 285 So) PS#40. 2 sts, 13 tkls, 1 sk as true. Alphonso Townsend (6-6 310 So) PS#24.

DE GREG TAPLIN JR. 6-5 260 PS#95. 4 sts as true, 21 tkls, 2 tfl. 6 sts LY, 27 tkls, 2 pbu. Lonnie Simmons (6-3 288 So) PS#92, 2 tkls as rFr. Van Brown (6-5 250 Jr). PS#145.

SLB MIKE LABINJO JR. 6-1 254 9 games as rFr. 12 sts LY, 64 tkls, 5 sks, 12 tfl, NFL potential. James Cooper (6-3 220 So) PS#27TE, 1 tkl as rFr. Steve Kielp is PS#68DL.

MLB Seth Mitchell rFr. 6-2 242 PS#21. 4.7 spd, RS LY. Knee inj last wk of spg TY. Michael Bazemore (6-3 240 rFr) PS#37DL, 4.6 spd. Clifton Ryan (6-3 255 Fr) is PS#33.

WLB RONALD STANLEY SO. 6-0 220 PS#65LB. 11 sts as **true**, 43 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Monquiz Wedlow (5-11 192 Jr) PS#70DB. 6 tkls as rFr. 1 start LY, 38 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl, 6 hurries.

CB CEDRIC HENRY SR. 5-10 182 PS#83. 52 tkls, 13 pbu in '98. 11 sts in 2000, 46 tkls, 5 int, 22 pbu. Inel LY. Tyrell Dortch had 2 sts (inj) LY. Roderick Maples (5-10 180 So) PS#67.

CB BRODERICK NELSON SR. 6-0 175 PS#16WR. 11 sts LY, HM B10, 5 int, 20 pbu. DeMario Suggs (5-11 192 Sr) PS#69WR, 4 sts in '00, 44 tkls, 3 tfl. 3 sts (inj) LY. Damien Fortson PS#155QB.

SS THOMAS WRIGHT SR. 6-1 196 10 sts at SS, 107 tkls, 13 pbu in 2000. 12 sts at FS, 92 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 int, 13 pbu LY, HM Big 10. Eric Smith (6-2 194 rFr) PS#301. Derron Ware is PS#42DB.

FS Robert Flagg So. 6-2 192 PS#461. 4 sts as true, 37 tkls, 1 sk. Jason Harmon (5-11 188 So) PS#171, 2 sts until broke ankle LY. Jeremiah McLaurin (5-11 180 Jr) PS#60.

P Brandon Fields Fr. 6-2 215 PS#37K, 41.2 avg in high school, all but 5 KO's were TB's. Michael Servis (6-1 198 Jr) 0-1 xp's LY. Dave Rayner 44.7 avg in HS as a punter.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	David Richard 6-2 230 PS#10
WR	Kyle Brown 6-1 195 PS#6
QB	Drew Stanton 6-3 220 PS#16
RB	Jaren Hayes 5-9 180 PS#30
WR	Agim Shabaj 5-10 185 PS#33
LB	Clifton Ryan 6-3 255 PS#33
TE	Matt Trannon 6-7 215 PS#16
OL	Kyle Cook 6-4 290 PS#53
DB	Derron Ware 6-3 205 PS#42
DL	Steve Kielp 6-6 225 PS#68
WR	Jerramy Scott 5-10 185 PS#71
OL	Nate Weber 6-5 300 PS#79
DB	Carlos Alexander 5-11 170 PS#54
DB	Ashton Watson 6-0 170 PS#61

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MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	E Michigan	G					
Sep. 7	Rice	G					
Sep. 14	California	G					
Sep. 21	Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 28	Northwestern	G					
Oct. 5							
Oct. 12	at Iowa	G					
Oct. 19	Minnesota (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	Wisconsin	G					
Nov. 2	at Michigan	G					
Nov. 9	at Indiana	G					
Nov. 16	Purdue	G					
Nov. 23	at Penn St	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

HC Bobby Williams is a Purdue Graduate & MSU is just 1-2 ATS the L/3 vs PU.
Spartan Stadium has been converted to grass, giving MSU an all grass schedule for the first time since the '60's.

Spartans are 7-0 SU and 6-1 ATS vs the MAC since 1994 and...
MSU is 10-4 ATS as a double digit home favorite.

Spartans are 17-10 ATS in September since 1994.
Pending LW: MSU is 16-9 ATS vs non-conference opponents since 1994.

Including bowls, MSU is 1-3 SU, 0-4 ATS vs the Pac 10.
This is the 1st time MSU has had a 3rd straight HG since a 29-10 win over Wisky in '94.

The home team has covered 10 of 16 in the Notre Dame series.
MSU is 5-0 SU and ATS their last 5 vs the Irish.

LY was the 1st time the Wildcats have been favored in over 25 years.
Michigan St is 6-3-1 ATS their last 10 prior to a bye week.

Bonus: Michigan St is 5-10 ATS in road openers.

MSU is 2-8 ATS their last 10 vs Iowa.
The underdog is 6-2 ATS in the last 8 series meetings.

Pending LW: MSU is 14-20 ATS their last 34 October contests.
Spartans are 13-6 ATS vs Minnesota, but only 3-6 ATS the last 9 meetings.

Pending earlier results, MSU is 18-10 ATS as a home favorite since 1996.
The home team is 5-2 ATS the last 7 meetings in the USA (but 0-2 L2Y).

The SU winner has covered 8 of the last 9 in this series.
The home team is 12-4 ATS in this instate rivalry.

Michigan St has avoided letdown with an 11-5 ATS mark after Michigan.
Spartans are 8-5 ATS vs the Hoosiers since 1987.

The home team is 9-1-1 ATS in the last 11 series meetings.
Spartans are a perfect 11-0 ATS in their final home game.

MSU is just 3-9 ATS in their final road game.
Michigan St is 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS their last 4 trips to Happy Valley.

BOBBY WILLIAMS (Career 13-11)
3rd Year at Michigan State

Williams' records AT MICHIGAN ST

13-11 Straight Up	4-5 Home Favorite
11-11 Vs The Spread	2-1 Home Dog
5-5 Off A S/U Loss	0-3 Away Favorite
7-9 Vs Conference	5-2 Away Dog
4-2 Vs Non-Conf	

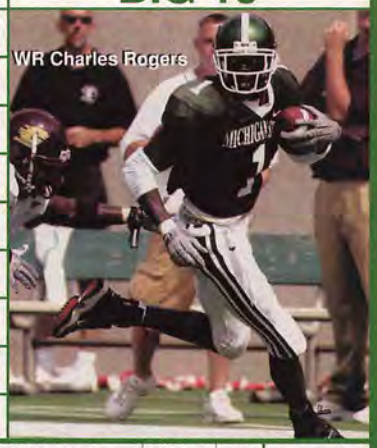
2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (23,20,1)
Lost: 18 (8,8,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 73,715

BIG 10



STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (72,027)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-4-1	6-5	7-4	6-6	9-2	5-6	6-5	45-32-1
ATS	7-4	8-3	5-5-1	6-6	8-3	6-5	5-6	45-32-1
Home Fav	0-1	5-1	2-1	3-2	4-1	3-1	1-4	18-11
Home Dog	3-2	0-0	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	9-5
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	1-2	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-1	5-7
Away Dog	3-1	2-2	1-0-1	1-3	1-1	2-1	3-1	13-9-1
Favorite	1-1	6-1	3-3	3-3	6-2	3-3	1-5	23-18
Dog	6-3	2-2	2-2-1	3-3	2-1	3-2	4-1	22-14-1
Grass	1-0	2-1	1-1-1	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-1	11-9-1
Artificial	6-4	6-2	4-4	5-4	6-2	4-2	3-5	34-23
vs Conf	5-3	7-1	2-5-1	4-4	6-2	4-4	3-5	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	14-8
Off SU Win	3-3	4-2	4-2	2-4	7-1	2-3	3-2	25-17
Off SU Loss	3-0	3-1	0-3-1	4-1	1-1	3-2	2-3	16-11-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
T.J. Duckett	263	1466	46	1420	12	5.4
L.J. Flowers	69	312	16	296	1	4.3
Dawan Moss	**25**	**99**	**6**	**93**	**0**	**3.7**
Charles Rogers	**4**	**38**	**2**	**36**	**1**	**9.0**
Jeff Smoker	**81**	**201**	**259**	**-58**	**2**	**-0.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Smoker	**262**	**166**	**63.4**	**2579**	**21**	**8**
Ryan Van Dyke	67	37	55.2	569	4	1
Damon Dowdell	**56**	**27**	**48.2**	**362**	**2**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Charles Rogers	**67**	**1470**	**21.9**	**14**	**87**
Herb Haygood	57	808	14.2	4	47
Chris Baker	40	548	13.7	4	39
L.J. Flowers	25	299	12.0	2	42

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Craig Jarrett	51	2225	43.6	–	33.5	7	15

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dave Rayner	**6-6**	**1-4**	**1-3**	**0-1**	**8-14**	**41**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Thornhill	128	0	15	6	0
Thomas Wright	**92**	**1**	**6**	**13**	**2**
Mike Labinjo	**64**	**5**	**12**	**0**	**0**
Duron Bryan	60	0	2	13	4
Josh Shaw	54	0	9	3	2
Kyle Rasmussen	**54**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Nick Myers	53	4	7	0	0
Broderick Nelson	**50**	**0**	**1**	**20**	**5**
Lorenzo Guess	47	2	1	6	2
Ronald Stanley	**43**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Clifford Dukes	**41**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Monquiz Wedlow	**38**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Robert Flagg	**37**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Matthias Askew	**29**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Rogers	**18**	**158**	**8.8**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Herb Haygood	24	632	26.3	2

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Independence	+6'	LSU	26-45	L
96	Sun	-7'	Stanford	0-38	L
97	Aloha	+5	Washington	23-51	L
99	Citrus	+2'	Florida	37-34	W
01	Silicon Valley	+4'	Fresno St	44-35	W

MICHIGAN STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	31.2	23	155	3.7	293	59.4	14.3	-1	2001	5	25.9	20	181	4.4	206	52.1	14.9
4	17.9	21	170	3.9	196	54.1	20.5	-8	2000	6	21.2	16	154	4.0	164	51.6	15.0
9*	31.5	19	147	3.8	222	55.6	11.7	-3	1999	8	20.4	17	76	2.3	229	52.6	14.9
4	28.0	20	129	3.2	246	54.1	13.4	+3	1998	8	24.5	19	172	4.2	192	48.8	14.8
6*	28.5	20	187	4.3	192	59.6	13.3	0	1997	9	19.8	16	131	3.6	185	53.0	16.0
5	29.8	21	178	3.7	222	57.5	13.4	-12	1996	8	25.2	17	124	3.2	189	55.5	12.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
C Michigan	25	49 - 196	4.0	18 - 29	290	6	16	40 - 165	4.1	18 - 36	122	1	0
at Notre Dame	16	40 - 124	3.1	14 - 25	208	3	18	43 - 156	3.6	13 - 24	124	3	+2
at Northwestern	26	42 - 111	2.6	22 - 37	274	7	20	44 - 191	4.3	23 - 40	231	2	-2
Iowa	15	39 - 90	2.3	14 - 22	179	1	22	35 - 144	4.1	22 - 41	220	0	+2
at Minnesota	29	37 - 121	3.3	27 - 47	351	3	20	42 - 322	7.7	11 - 24	124	0	-2
at Wisconsin	18	39 - 237	6.1	13 - 20	326	2	26	46 - 151	3.3	20 - 37	368	3	+1
Michigan	25	53 - 145	2.7	15 - 37	183	12	14	30 - 121	4.0	14 - 27	195	2	+1
Indiana	22	30 - 110	3.7	20 - 30	288	2	27	63 - 489	7.8	4 - 13	48	1	-2
at Purdue	20	33 - 60	1.8	24 - 45	304	3	13	49 - 140	2.9	13 - 21	126	2	-4
Penn St	24	41 - 186	4.5	24 - 36	356	3	18	35 - 95	2.7	15 - 29	305	1	0
Missouri	29	52 - 264	5.1	17 - 27	375	0	16	40 - 167	4.2	10 - 30	74	0	+1
†Fresno St	23	42 - 210	5.0	22 - 32	376	2	25	22 - 29	1.3	35 - 58	531	3	+2
TOTALS	272	497 - 1854	3.7	230 - 387	3510	44	235	489 - 2170	4.4	198 - 380	2468	18	-1
AVERAGES	22.7	41 - 155	3.7	19 - 32	293	3.7	19.6	41 - 181	4.4	17 - 32	206	1.5	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-27	42-10	W
Memphis	-19'	51-21	W
at Notre Dame	+2'	23-7	W
Minnesota	-24	31-10	L
at Indiana	-19	38-6	W
at Northwestern	-13	17-19	L
Michigan	+2'	7-23	L
Ohio St	+6	13-37	L
at Purdue	+1	21-22	T
at Illinois	-24	27-17	L
Penn St	+4	49-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-5'	16-23	L
at Oregon	E	14-48	L
Notre Dame	+7	45-23	W
at Michigan	+8	17-29	L
C Michigan	-28	38-7	W
Indiana (2OT)	-9'	38-31	L
at Minnesota	-7'	18-19	L
Northwestern	-10	29-5	W
at Ohio St	+27'	28-24	W
Purdue	+2'	24-25	W
Illinois	-20	41-9	W
at Penn St	+6'	28-51	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon	-10	27-20	L
E Michigan	-32	51-7	W
at Notre Dame	+6'	23-13	W
at Illinois	-7	27-10	W
Iowa	-21'	49-3	W
Michigan	+2'	34-31	W
at Purdue	-2'	28-52	L
at Wisconsin	+2	10-40	L
Ohio St	-5'	23-7	W
at Northwestern	-19	34-0	W
Penn St	-2	35-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-8	34-24	W
at Missouri	-9'	13-10	L
Notre Dame	-4	27-21	W
Northwestern	-11'	17-37	L
at Iowa	-9	16-21	L
Wisconsin	+3	10-17	L
at Michigan	+16'	0-14	W
Illinois	-2'	14-10	W
at Ohio St	+14'	13-27	W
Purdue	+8	30-10	W
at Penn St	+1	23-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-27	35-21	L
at Notre Dame	+9	17-10	W
at Northwestern	+7'	26-27	W
Iowa	-5	31-28	L
at Minnesota	-2'	19-28	L
at Wisconsin	+4	42-28	W
Michigan	+6	26-24	W
Indiana	-7	28-37	L
at Purdue	+3	14-24	L
Penn St	-2'	37-42	L
Missouri	-7'	55-7	W

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Lions had just one experienced QB returning in Matt Senneca who had outstanding size (6-3 228) but was not very mobile. He had previously played in 25 games as a holder and in numerous games as a backup QB. In 2000 he completed 52.6% for 200 yards in 5 games prior to Mich St when he was 0 for 8. Zack Mills was PS#15 and is a scrambler who threw for 6,000 yards and 56 TD's in HS and has 4.7 speed. Senneca won the starting job due to his experience and threw for 755 yards (42.9%) with just a 3-5 ratio while rushing for 158 yards. Mills saw time in the first 3 games and won the starting job prior to Michigan where he hit 21 of 38 for 244 yards. Mills was injured vs Northwestern but returned in a huge way vs Ohio St, setting the PSU all-time record for total offense in a single game as he passed for 280 yards while rushing for 138. Mills led the team to a win over S Miss and they were leading Illinois 21-14 when he was injured. Senneca had a horrible game, hitting just 6 of 23 with 3 int's (2 of which bounced off the WR's hands) and the team lost a crucial road game. Senneca was booed at home the next week but won back the favor of the fans by hitting 17 of 23 for 278 yards vs Indiana. Mills was healthy and QB'd the majority of the final two games and finished with 1,669 yards passing (55.2%) and a 9-12 ratio while rushing for 344 yards. Mike Robinson is a little faster and stronger than Mills (4.4 speed). Chris Ganter (6-1 197 rFr) was PS#57. He's the son of Lion's assistant OC, Fran Ganter. Tom Lundquist (6-2 213 rFr) was PS#156. This unit is much more experienced. If Mills stays healthy, he could have a tremendous season.

Lefty QB Zack Mills hopes to right the Lions offense in 2002 after its 2001 struggles.

RUNNING BACKS - Eric McCoo rushed for 927 yards in his first year here with a super 6.3 ypc in just 4 starts. In 1999 the numbers dropped to 782 yards (5.1) and 692 (4.9) in 2000 but he led the team in rushing each year. With a backfield loaded with quality players, McCoo would get just 7.5 attempts per game as a senior after having missed most of the spring due to academics. Larry Johnson rushed for 68 yards until an injury vs Northwestern but would lead the team in rushing with 337 yards which was the lowest total for a leading rusher here since 1959. The team even used the power I vs Northwestern, a formation that Paterno had not used for 30 years. The lack of a feature RB of late is a glaring weakness due to the fact that in Paterno's first 399 games they NEVER totalled less than 34 yards rushing yet in the last 26 games they have rushed for less than 34 yards in a game SIX times. They did correct that down the stretch and did not rush for less than 95 yards in the final 7 games. This year they must replace McCoo (265, 3.2), Omar Easy (#4DC of KC, 196 yds, 4.4) and Eddie Drummond (156 yards, 4.7) as well as FB Mick Blosser (32 yards, 3.6). Last year Sean McHugh (PS#3TE) took over the starting FB job but was lost for the year to injury two weeks later. I list the 2 deep below and this is clearly a position where some true frosh could contribute to immediately but Johnson does have a pair of VHT's behind him in Pete Gilmore (PS#33) and Michael Gasparato (5-11 205 So, PS#36). One of Paterno's biggest regrets from last year was not giving the ball to Larry Johnson 20 to 25 times while moving Easy to FB and McCoo to WR. Johnson will get the majority of carries this year and has an excellent shot at topping 1,000 yards.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 dropped passes hurt this unit with Bryant Johnson dropping more passes than he caught and Eddie Drummond also struggling. Last year they had to replace their top receiver in TE Tony Stewart and a starting WR as well. The only returning starter (Drummond) dropped passes all year, again including two vs Ohio St, one of which was intercepted. He saw time at RB and finished the year with only 6 rec's (17.2). Bryant Johnson (PS#22) finally emerged and had 51 rec's (17.0) while Tony Johnson (PS#9) added 27 (18.7). Those two VHT's should improve and both had solid ypc's. PS#1TE RJ Luke got in one start but opted to transfer to W Illinois. TE John Gilmore (#6DC of NO) had 25 rec's (11.4) and he and Drummond depart. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and there are 2 VHT's at TE. Not listed in the 2 deep below are WR's Ryan Scott (6-2 191 So, PS#97), Kinta Palmer (6-4 182 rFr), Anwar Phillips (6-1 180 rFr), Matt Kranchick (6-6 232 Jr) and TE Mike Lukac (6-2 246 Jr). With practically all the WR's back, this unit should be solidly improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 PSU had a banged up OL that had 8 different starting lineups and they averaged 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks. Last year the team had to replace 4 players who combined for 42 starts and then lost Joe Hartings (8 game starter in 2000) to injury prior to the year. That left them with just 4 players returning who had combined for 15 starts in 2000. Starting tackle Matt Schmitt came down with mono and ended up with only 2 starts before being relegated to backup duty. The unit got stronger as the season went on. They allowed 19 sacks in the first 4 games but yielded just 13 over the final 7 and the rushing total increased dramatically. For the season the team averaged 3.4 ypc while allowing 32 sacks but they averaged just 1.46 ypc the first 4 games and 4.24 over the last 7. This year the only losses are LG Greg Ransom (11 sts) and backup G Geoff Stryker. There are an amazing 13 VHT's in the 3 deep I list below with 9 of them listed among the Top 20 at their position out of HS. If this unit continues to make strides like it did over the 2H of last season, they will be one of the Big 10's top OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - PSU's defense allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing in 1999 but had to replace the 1st pick of the NFL draft in Courtney Brown and 3 players who combined for 29 starts. The unit slipped in 2000, allowing 3.6 ypc while the defense as a whole recorded 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and star DT Jimmy Kennedy was a bit overweight and did not have the same type of season he had in 2000 (Anthony Adams was probably the better DT last year). Still, he would have been a late 1st round or early 2nd round pick in the draft but opted to stay in school. He should play with much more passion this year. Overall the defense allowed 4.4 ypc rushing while recording just 23 sacks but is a more veteran unit in 2002. This year's only loss from this unit is DE Bob Jones (11 sts, 35 tkls, 3 tfl). Seven of the top 8 are back and it is loaded with VHT's like Charles Rush who was PS#4 in 2001. Paterno also signed 3 more VHT DL's this year. Not listed below is Tyler Valoczki (6-4 283 Sr). With practically everyone back, this unit will have much more bite in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - PSU's LB coach is Ron Vanderlinden who used to be the head coach at Maryland. Penn St is known as "Linebacker U" and in 2000 LaVar Arrington was the 2nd overall pick in the NFL draft. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 14 starts. However, returning starter Ron Graham was having academic problems and did not take over a starter's role until the final 6 games. The unit lost starting OLB Derek Wake in the season opener to an injury and the starting LB's in Wk 2 were Dave Benfatti and Tom Williams, both ex-walk-ons (surprising for "LB U"). This year they must replace Shamar Finney (11 sts, 83 tkls, 9 tfl), Ron Graham (6 sts, 34 tkls, 2 tfl), Williams (3 sts, 17 tkls, 1 tfl) and Benfatti (3 sts, 26 tkls, 1 tfl). Returning starter Deryck Toles is still plagued by an enzyme disorder so he can only play 25-30 plays per game. When he does play he is a dominant playmaker and had 8 starts last year. Paterno said prior to last year that Derek Wake could be a great OLB. I list the 2 deep below and it is loaded with VHT's. Last year was not a normal year for the Lion LB corps, so I would expect this year's group to be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - PSU has had 3 top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 5 years. Most of those finishes were with veteran secondaries. They basically had to replace all 4 starters in 2000 and dropped to #33. Last year the losses were heavy as they once again had to replace 3 full-time starters. Overall the Lions had their lowest finish under Paterno at #69, allowing 56.7% with 13 TD's and just 6 int's. This year they must replace CB Bruce Branch (11 sts, 2 int's, 11 pbu, 52 tkls), FS Sam Crenshaw (1 st, 9 tkls) and CB Tom Humphrey (6 tkls). There is a question mark at SS as Yaacov Yisreal (PS#10WR) could be suspended for the first 5 games of the season due to a DUI arrest. There is plenty of talent in the 2 deep listed below and not listed are Eric Dare (5-9 187 Jr), Gio Vandemia (6-0 189 rFr), Paul Cronin (6-2 212 rFr), Anwar Phillips (6-1 180 rFr) who may play here or at WR and true frosh James Kanuch (PS#13). This is an experienced secondary and generally that means a high finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One thing the Lions have done very well through the years is block kicks. Last season they had six blocks and in 2000 they had 5 blocks. The return unit had 4 TD's last year with Larry Johnson recovering 2 blocked punts for TD's. Punter David Royer is back for his 3rd year and had a super net of 38.0 which was part of the reason the Lions finished at #13 overall. Royer is back for his senior season and Paterno also signed a super frosh punter this year in Jeremy Kapinos (PS#39). True frosh Robbie Gould took over the kicking duties and hit 6 of 10 with a long of 46 and also had solid kickoffs. Dave Kimball (6-2 186 Jr) was PS#2K and also handled KO's. The team allowed 21.5 per KR but that should improve. One of Paterno's biggest concerns is replacing NFL caliber long snapper Bob Jones. They must also replace their top PR in Bruce Branch (11.1) but Larry Johnson, who averaged a super 26.7 on KR's, is back. Johnson may see less action as he'll be getting more time at the RB position but with practically everyone back, PSU will contend for a top 25 finish.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The last 2 years for PSU have been record breaking as they have had just the 2nd and 3rd losing seasons in Joe Paterno's tenure and the first back to back losing seasons at the school since 1931-'32. This team was #2 in the country in 1999 but lost at home to Minnesota and since then have only compiled an 11-20 record. Last year's team had 14 seniors in the 2 deep and just 10 returning starters which was the fewest in the Big 10. They did narrowly miss out on a winning season. They led the Illini 21-11 in the 2H when QB Mills was injured and had the game comfortably in hand vs Virginia when a ball was ruled a fumble (although TV replay showed Mills was down) and UVA returned it 92 yards for a TD to turn the game around. Paterno passed Bear Bryant as the winningest coach in major college football last year but last year's team was the first in school history to start out 0-4. Sixteen scholarship players have left the program over the last 4 years, the most ever in the Paterno era. Offensively the team got better as the season went on and QB Mills gained confidence. The offense averaged just 5.5 ppg the first 4 (actually avg'd 7.75 but got a blocked punt for a TD and safety) but over the last 7 games averaged 25.7 ppg. With 8 starters back and their first true feature TB in years, I look for the Lions to greatly improve upon last year's 22.5 ppg. Despite a lot of talent on defense, the Lions still allowed 4.4 ypc rushing, 443.6 ypg and 25.5 ppg. In league play, PSU was actually outgained by an average of 444.5 to 342.3 (difference of 102.2 ypg) which was the worst in the Big 10 but they still managed a 4-4 Big 10 mark. The Lions were -11 in turnovers last year so check out my "Turnovers=Turnaround" article. Their defense should be vastly improved and I think they could rate among the top 3 in the Big 10. They have 8 home games this year so they have the prospect for a very big season. I went out on a limb and called for PSU to win the Big 10 last year and they disappointed me. I do 7 sets of power ratings and 3 of them have PSU as the most talented team in the league. They do have to travel to both Michigan and Ohio St which makes winning the Big 10 crown tough. Had I not been baffled by the Lions' play last year, I may have called for them to win the title this year. However they should easily achieve a winning record and are capable of winning 9 games or more.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB ZACK MILLS SO. 6-2 215 **PS#15.** 4 sts as rFr, 1669 yds (55.2%), 9-12 ratio, 344 yds rush, led 3 comeback wins. Mike Robinson (6-3 228 rFr) PS#171. 4.4 speed.

RB LARRY JOHNSON SR. 6-2 222 PS#109. 6 sts in 3Y. 896 career yds (4.6), 24 rec (13.8). 454 ret yds LY. Pete Gilmore (5-10 209 So) PS#33. Donnie Johnson is PS#45DB.

FB Sean McHugh Jr. 6-5 264 **PS#3TE.** 2 sts LY until inj, 20 yds rush (2.5), 7 rec (6.7). Paul Jefferson (6-1 258 Jr) PS#112. 70 total yds 2Y. Ricky Upton (6-0 236 Jr).

WR TONY JOHNSON JR. 5-11 206 **PS#9RB.** 14 rec (14.6) as true. 4 sts LY, 27 rec (18.7). Ernest Terrell (6-3 198 rFr) 4.2 spd. Track. Josh Hannum (6-1 170 Fr) is PS#26.

WR BRYANT JOHNSON SR. 6-2 210 PS#22. 11 sts LY, 51 rec (17.0). HM B10. Gerald Smith (5-10 179 So) **PS#13DB.** Terrance Phillips (6-0 187 rFr) PS#23. 4.4. May be moved to DB TY.

TE Andrew Richardson rFr. 6-6 260 PS#11. Isaac Smolko (6-5 267 rFr) PS#15. Casey Williams (5-11 242 Jr) 1 sts in 2000, 45 snaps. 7 gms in 2001 until injury, no stats.

C JOE IORIO SR. 6-3 302 6 sts in 1999 & 2000. 11 sts in 2001, 3 letters. Dave Costlow (6-2 275 Jr) **PS#8DL.** Eric Rickenbach (6-5 303 Sr) PS#45. 3 sts in 2000.

RG TYLER LENDA SR. 6-3 289 PS#31RB. 2 sts, 272 snaps in 2000. 11 sts LY, 3L. Scott Davis (6-2 287 So) **PS#29DL.** 2nd string LY. Tom McHugh (6-4 287 rFr) PS#204.

LG Nick Marmo So. 6-5 299 **PS#17OL.** 2nd string LY. Impressive offseason in weight room. Tyler Reed (6-5 301 rFr) **PS#10OL.** EZ Smith (6-3 286 rFr) **PS#13OL.**

RT MATT SCHMITT SR. 6-4 304 PS#14. 5 sts in 2000. 2 sts LY until mono. Off MIP in spg. **Chris McKelvy** (6-3 325 Jr) **PS#9.** L/9 sts as rFr, 1L. John Wilson (6-8 318 rFr) PS#28.

LT GUS FELDER SR. 6-5 321 **PS#8OL.** 6 sts in 2000 at RG. 11 sts at LT in 2001. 3 letters. Damone Jones (6-4 315 Jr) PS#19OL. Mark Farris (6-6 295 Fr) is **PS#9OL.**

K ROBBIE GOULD SO. 6-0 168 PS#73K. Hit 6 of 10 FG's, long of 46 as true, 2 of 4 from 40+. Dave Kimball (6-2 186 Jr) PS#2K. 0 of 3 FG's in 2000 as true. KO's in 2001.

DEFENSE

DE Jeremiah Davis So. 6-4 245 **PS#28DL.** 2 tkls as rFr. John Bronson (6-3 270 So) PS#56TE. 9 tkls as rFr, 1 tfl. Lavon Chisley (6-5 262 rFr) PS#79WR & +24 lbs in RS year.

NT JIMMY KENNEDY SR. 6-5 330 **PS#50OL.** 12 sts in 2000, 42 tkls, 6 sks. **1st Tm B10 LY**, 51 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Turned down **NFL** (1st or 2nd rounder). **Charles Rush** (6-2 286 rFr) **PS#4.**

DT ANTHONY ADAMS SR. 6-0 293 **PS#40.** 12 sts in 2000, 36 tkls, 8 tfl. 11 sts LY, 59 tkls, 10.5 tfl. Tim Falls (6-3 280 Sr) **PS#19**, 19 tkls, 4 tfl in 3Y. Jason Robinson (6-3 267 So) PS#38.

DE MICHAEL HAYNES SR. 6-3 280 PS#88DL. 2 sts, 509 plays, 31 tkls, 6 sks in 2000. 10 sts in 2001, 41 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. Added 15 lbs. **Matthew Rice** (6-6 263 rFr) **PS#34DL.**

OLB LaMar Stewart So. 6-1 229 **PS#18.** 32 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl as true. JR Zwierzynski (6-3 230 Fr) is PS#16RB. Jimi Mitchell (6-2 213 So) PS#83. TC Cosby (6-0 225 So) PS#73.

ILB Sam Ruhe Jr. 6-5 264 **PS#15DL.** 20 tkls, 4.5 tfl in 2 yrs at DE. Gino Capone (6-1 236 Jr) PS#31RB. 29 tkls, 1 sk 2 yrs. Tim Johnson (6-3 242 So) **PS#15LB.**

OLB DEREK WAKE SO. 6-3 240 **PS#17.** 10 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 1 st LY until inj in 1st gm. **Deryck Toles** (6-0 216 Jr) PS#22RB. 12 sts, 72 tkls, 7 tfl 2Y. Dethrell Garcia (6-1 223 rFr) PS#35DL.

CB Allen Zemaitis rFr. 6-2 197 PS#72. 4.3 speed. Calvin Lowry PS#28. In for spg, 4.33 speed. Maurive Humphrey is PS#80. Rich Gardner (5-11 187 Jr) 24 tkls, 1 st LY.

CB BRYAN SCOTT SR. 6-2 215 **PS#4DB.** 11 tkls as true. 6 sts, 34 tkls, 2 pbu in 2000. 11 st LY, 82 tkls, 3 tfl, 8 pbu. Chris Harrell (6-3 205 So) PS#69WR. 6 tkls in 2001.

HERO YAACOV YISRAEL JR. 5-11 195 **PS#10WR.** 1 st, 29 tkls, 2 sks in 2000. 11 sts, 71 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu LY. Possibly susp 1st 5 gms TY. Andrew Guman (6-3 208 So) PS#115. 12 tkls, 1 pbu as true.

FS SHAWN MAYER SR. 6-0 198 **PS#14DB.** 11 tkls as rFr. RS in 2000. 10 sts LY, #1 w/97 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Jesse Neumyer (6-0 209 rFr) PS#33LB. James Millon (5-10 195 Sr).

P DAVID ROYER SR. 6-3 205 10 punts, 36.7 average in 1999. 62 punts in 2000, 38.9 average, net of 34.4. 71 punts in 2001, 40.6 avg & **solid net of 38.0**, 19 inside 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Brandon Snow 6-2 225 PS#11	
OL	Mark Farris 6-6 295 PS#9	
RB	J.R. Zwierzynski 6-3 230 PS#16	
DL	Tamba Hali 6-4 255 PS#13	
WR	Josh Hannum 6-1 170 PS#26	
DB	James Kanuch 6-2 190 PS#13	
OL	Brian Borgoyn 6-5 295 PS#26	
OL	Chris Auletta 6-6 320 PS#31	
DB	Calvin Lowry 6-0 180 PS#28	
DL	Jason Alford 6-4 270 PS#42	
DL	Levi Brown 6-5 300 PS#47	
RB	Chris Wilson 6-1 235 PS#47	
RB	Tim Shaw 6-2 220 PS#60	
DB	Donnie Johnson 6-0 195 PS#45	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	UCF	G						The Lions are 4-7 ATS as a favorite of 24 or more. PSU is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS vs Purdue with an average score of 31-19.
Sep. 7								PSU is 197-47 (81%) SU all-time at Beaver Stadium. Lions lost SU to Toledo as an 18 pt fav in the last MAC attack on Happy Valley.
Sep. 14	Nebraska	G						Bonus: PSU is 2-4 ATS their last 6 after a bye.
Sep. 21	Louisiana Tech	G						This should be only the 18th time in 37 yrs that Paterno is a HD (7-10 ATS). Nittany Lions are 13-24 ATS vs bowl teams from the prior year.
Sep. 28	Iowa	G						Last meeting vs Louisiana Tech was a 67-7 romping back in 2000. PSU is 14-10 ATS last 24 non-Big 10 games, but 2-5 ATS the last 2 years.
Oct. 5	at Wisconsin	A						The away team is 4-1 SU and ATS the last 5 meetings. Lions are 1-3 SU and ATS in this series the last 4 years.
Oct. 12	at Michigan	G						PSU is 12-3 ATS in their first game away from Happy Valley. Pending LW: Penn St is 26-34 ATS in their last 60 conference games.
Oct. 19	Northwestern (HC)	G						Penn St is 0-5 SU and ATS their last 5 vs Michigan. The straight up winner is 9-0 ATS in the Penn St/Michigan series.
Oct. 26	at Ohio St	G						The dog is 4-2 ATS and 2-4 SU the last 6 series meetings. Penn St is 6-1 SU and 4-3 ATS vs Northwestern.
Nov. 2	Illinois	G						PSU is 5-2 ATS in the last 7 sandwiched road games. The Lions are 3-6 ATS vs OSU since joining the Big 10.
Nov. 9	Virginia	G						Penn St is 6-1 SU and 5-2 ATS their last 7 meetings vs Illinois. Pending 9/21: Paterno's crew is 6-13 ATS L/18 in the 1st of B2B HG's.
Nov. 16	at Indiana	G						PSU leads the series 4-2 SU and only lost last year due to turnovers. The Lions are 3-6 ATS the last 3 games of the season the last 3 years.
Nov. 23	Michigan St	G						Nittany Lions are 2-9 ATS in their last 11 road finales. PSU is 7-0 SU and 4-3 ATS vs the Hoosiers.
Nov. 30								Nittany Lions are 9-2 ATS in their last 11 Beaver Stadium finales. The home team is 7-2 ATS in this season ending rivalry.

JOE PATERNO (Career 327-96-3)
37th Year at Penn State

Paterno's records AT PENN ST

327-96-3	Straight Up	56-58-4	Home Favorite
177-155-4	Vs The Spread	7-10	Home Dog
24-29	Off A S/U Loss	41-35	Away Favorite
33-39	Vs Conference	27-16	Away Dog
		94-80-4	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 29 (12,15,2)
Lost: 16 (8,8,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 107,576

BIG 10

RB Larry Johnson

STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (107,282)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	10-2	9-2	8-3	9-3	5-7	5-6	54-26
ATS	5-6	6-6	5-6	5-6	6-6	5-7	7-4	39-41
Home Fav	3-2	3-4	2-4	5-1	3-4	3-2	2-1	21-18
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-3
Away Fav	2-3	2-1	3-2	0-3	3-1	1-2	0-1	11-13
Away Dog	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-3	4-0	5-7
Favorite	5-5	5-5	5-6	5-4	6-5	4-4	2-2	32-31
Dog	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-3	5-2	7-10
Grass	4-4	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-5	4-5	5-4	29-31
Artificial	1-2	3-1	2-1	0-3	1-1	1-2	2-0	10-10
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	4-4	6-2	25-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	2-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-2	14-10
Off SU Win	4-3	4-5	4-5	2-5	5-4	1-3	4-1	24-26
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-2	4-3	3-2	12-11

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Larry Johnson	71	358	21	337	2	4.7
Eric McCoo	82	299	34	265	6	3.2
Omar Easy	45	225	29	196	1	4.4
Zack Mills	74	344	157	187	3	2.5
Eddie Drummond	33	165	9	156	0	4.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Zack Mills	230	127	55.2	1669	9	12
Matt Senneca	126	54	42.9	755	3	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bryant Johnson	51	866	17.0	3	44	
Tony Johnson	27	504	18.7	3	63	
John Gilmore	25	284	11.4	0	34	
Eric McCoo	16	154	9.6	3	35	
R.J. Luke	12	207	17.2	1	64	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
David Royer	71	2880	40.6	–	38.0	0	19
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Robbie Gould	2-2	2-4	2-4	0-0	6-10	46	

PLAYER	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
Shawn Mayer	97	.5	1	1	1
Shamar Finney	83	2	7	1	2
Bryan Scott	82	1	2	8	0
Yaacov Yisrael	71	1	2	9	1
Anthony Adams	59	3.5	7	0	0
Bruce Branch	52	0	0	11	2
Jimmy Kennedy	51	1.5	6	0	0
Michael Haynes	41	4	7	1	0
Deryck Toles	35	0	2	1	0
Bob Jones	35	3	0	3	0
Ron Graham	34	1	1	1	0
LaMar Stewart	32	3	2	0	0
Dave Benfatti	26	0	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Bruce Branch	22	245	11.1	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Larry Johnson	17	454	26.7	1
Tony Johnson	6	103	17.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Outback	-2'	Auburn	43-14	W
96	Fiesta	+1	Texas	38-15	W
97	Citrus	+13'	Florida	6-21	L
98	Outback	-7	Kentucky	26-14	W
99	Alamo	-7	Texas A&M	24-0	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PENN STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	22.5	19	120	3.4	226	50.4	15.3	-11	2001	6	25.5	23	206	4.4	237	56.7	17.4
7	22.0	18	142	3.8	183	51.5	14.8	+4	2000	2	24.4	19	156	3.6	208	55.4	14.9
8*	32.1	19	186	4.5	225	56.6	12.8	+2	1999	9	19.5	17	114	2.9	198	51.3	17.3
6	26.4	18	192	4.5	171	50.5	13.7	+3	1998	5	15.3	17	98	2.7	209	53.2	20.1
5	30.5	20	195	4.9	204	52.2	13.1	-8	1997	6	21.2	22	188	4.3	211	55.4	18.9
3*	27.8	20	213	4.9	170	51.7	13.8	+12	1996	9	15.6	18	146	3.6	199	50.8	21.0

	OFFENSE				2001 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Miami (Fla)	16	33-82	2.5	13-31	241	4	23	44-258	5.9	20-27	344	0	-1
Wisconsin	11	25-23	0.9	6-20	108	9	26	66-320	4.8	10-19	114	2	-1
at Iowa	15	27-33	1.2	20-37	161	3	20	44-104	2.4	16-25	225	3	0
Michigan	14	26-25	1.0	21-38	244	4	21	48-147	3.1	18-33	263	3	-2
at Northwestern	26	44-213	4.8	25-47	288	0	29	45-229	5.1	23-40	298	0	+1
Ohio St	25	45-251	5.6	17-36	280	2	15	40-203	5.1	8-21	209	3	-1
S Mississippi	26	37-145	3.9	25-39	298	2	27	36-151	4.2	26-47	252	2	+1
at Illinois	16	34-114	3.4	11-33	148	3	21	47-184	3.9	16-33	195	1	-2
Indiana	22	38-172	4.5	17-23	278	1	25	49-298	6.1	12-24	225	4	-1
at Michigan St	18	35-95	2.7	15-29	305	1	24	41-186	4.5	24-36	356	3	0
at Virginia	18	39-164	4.2	12-28	136	3	19	50-188	3.8	13-23	131	2	-5
TOTALS	207	383-1317	3.4	182-361	2487	32	250	510-2268	4.4	186-328	2612	23	-11
AVERAGES	18.8	35-120	3.4	17-33	226	2.9	22.7	46-206	4.4	17-30	237	2.1	-1.0

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Pittsburgh	-32	34-17	L
Temple	-37	52-10	W
at Louisville	-21	57-21	W
at Illinois	-26	41-6	W
Ohio St	-6'	31-27	L
Minnesota	-34'	16-15	L
at Northwestern	-16	30-27	L
Michigan	-1	8-34	L
at Purdue	-6	42-17	W
Wisconsin	-15	35-10	W
at Michigan St	-4	14-49	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	-8	34-6	W
Bowling Green	-38	48-3	W
at Pittsburgh	-25	20-13	L
at Ohio St	+15	9-28	L
at Minnesota	-17	27-17	L
Purdue	-8'	31-13	W
Illinois	-34	27-0	L
at Michigan	-3	0-27	L
Northwestern	-24	41-10	W
at Wisconsin	+1'	3-24	L
Michigan St	-6'	51-28	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-4'	41-7	W
Akron	-45'	70-24	W
Pittsburgh	-34	20-17	L
at Miami (Fla)	-2	27-23	W
Indiana	-27	45-24	L
at Iowa	-28	31-7	L
Ohio St	-11	23-10	W
at Purdue	-4	31-25	W
at Illinois	-16	27-7	W
Minnesota	-14	23-24	L
Michigan	-6	27-31	L
at Michigan St	+2	28-35	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	-2	5-29	L
Toledo	-18	6-24	L
Louisiana Tech	-15	67-7	W
at Pittsburgh	-5'	0-12	L
at Ohio St	+12	6-45	L
Purdue	+13	22-20	W
at Minnesota	+7	16-25	L
Illinois	-2'	39-25	W
at Indiana	-1'	27-24	W
Iowa (OT)	-17	23-26	L
at Michigan	+15'	11-33	L
Michigan St	-1	42-23	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Fla)	+13'	7-33	L
Wisconsin	-1'	6-18	L
at Iowa	+9'	18-24	W
Michigan	+11	0-20	L
at Northwestern	+10	38-35	W
Ohio St	+6'	29-27	W
S Mississippi	-1'	38-20	W
at Illinois	+9	28-33	W
Indiana	-2'	28-14	W
at Michigan St	+2'	42-37	W
at Virginia	-5'	14-20	L

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In Ron Turner's first two seasons at UI, a big part of the Illini's offensive struggles were due to the fact that he played musical QB's and the Illini completed just 42.7% and 46.7% in 1997 and 1998. Finally, in 1999 he stuck with one QB and that was Kurt Kittner. Kittner had a phenomenal TD/Int ratio of 24-5, throwing for 2,702 yards (54.5%) and rushing for 226 yards while leading the team to a bowl game blowout win. He had an 18-8 ratio in 2000 and last year Kittner was one of the top QB's in the country, throwing for 3,256 yards (54%) with a super 27-14 ratio. His percentage would have been higher if not for drops and the larger amount of deep passes thrown. Kittner was banged up at times, including against Purdue when he had a sore leg and threw 4 int's. He finished his career (#5DC of ATL) within 4 yards of Jack Trudeau as the Illini's all-time passing leader and finished 5th in the Big 10 in all-time career passing yards. Kittner directed 12 come-from-behind victories in his career. It will be an interesting battle to replace him. Dustin Ward was PS#92 and threw for 390 yards (53.2%) with a 4-2 ratio in 2000, getting one start due to a Kittner injury. Last year he played in 3 games with 8 pass attempts. Jon Beutjer was PS#27. He started 4 games for Iowa in 2000, throwing for 841 yards (61.6%) with a 6-3 ratio while rushing for 72 yards. He is my favorite to win the job. Mark Kornfeld (6-1 195 So) was PS#58 and opted to move to WR in the spring. Brian Zeches (6-1 205 rFr) was PS#162. Chris Pazan is PS#28 this year and has a strong arm and perhaps even a quicker release than Kittner. Tim Brasic (PS#48) was a late signee after Matt Dlugolecki transferred. Naturally, with the loss of an experienced starter like Kittner who had a great senior season, this unit is much weaker.

A case could be made that WR Brandon Lloyd should have been the Big 10's MVP in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - The Illini alternated RB's Rocky Harvey and Steve Havard for two years and they combined for 1,564 yards in 1999. Havard departed in 2000 but VHT Antoineo Harris (PS#14) took over his role and he and Harvey combined for 1,455 yards with Harris being the leading rusher at 772 but Harvey having the better ypc at 5.6. Last year they had to replace their FB, who was an NFL draft pick, and were very thin at TB with Harvey and Harris being the only two scholarship TB's in for the spring. Harris led the team in rushing with 626 yards (3.7) despite breaking his wrist and missing most of the final 3 games. Harvey finished #2 on the team in rushing with 620 yards but once again had the superior ypc at 4.3. FB Carey Davis also played some TB after Harris went down and had 467 yards (4.3). I list the 2 deep below. Also true frosh Ibrahim Halsey (PS#38) should be in the mix once August rolls around. With their leading rusher back, this unit should at least match last year's production.

RECEIVERS - In Ron Turner's first two seasons he tried to rely on JUCO's at this position but most did not qualify, leaving the unit very thin. In 1999 the team's best WR was Brandon Lloyd (30 rec's) who was the team's deep threat with 17.0 ypc. Big things were expected but he broke his leg in July of 2000 and did not play. As a result the receivers were inexperienced and lacked speed overall. It could be argued that Lloyd (PS#47) was the MVP of the Big 10 last season, as with Lloyd the Illini offense has been potent, leading the way to 2 bowl bids. Without him they were 5-6 in 2000. Last year Lloyd led the team again with 65 rec's and 1,062 yards (16.3). Their other starting WR, Walter Young, made great strides after snagging 27 passes in 2000. He had 50 (17.8) last year and finished with 3 straight 100 yard games including the bowl. This year they do lose TE Brian Hodges (9 sts, 10 rec) but everyone else is back and Anthony McClellan should be the Illini's best receiving TE in quite some time. I list the 2 deep below and not listed are Ade Adeyemo (6-0 195 So, PS#33), Eric McGoey (6-3 200 Jr, PS#197) and Kendrick Jones (6-1 180 rFr, PS#128). All 7 of the WR's stand over 6 feet tall with the average height being 6-3. No Illini WR has played in the NFL since 1989, but that will change soon. This is clearly one of the Big 10's best receiving corps and while their numbers may be down a little with an inexperienced QB, the overall talent and experience level is greater in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Turner has made the OL a priority and has recruited a lot of VHT's. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 5th round DC and two 2nd Team Big 10 choices but 8 of the top 10 returned. The ypc dropped some to 3.5, but they allowed only 16 sacks. The line remained remarkably healthy, with all 5 starters starting all 11 games during the regular season. Bucky Babcock broke his wrist and did not start the bowl so David Diehl took his place. Diehl alternated series during the season with Sean Bubin and got in for 385 plays. For the second straight year 2 starters depart. Gone are C Luke Butkus (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 3rd Tm AA) and LG Jay Kulaga (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm Big 10) as well as backup RT Dan Cutter. Seven of the top 10 OL's are back and this year's group looks just as strong.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Illini had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups and then early on they lost 2 players from the 2 deep for the rest of the season due to injury. They ended up playing 4 true frosh and were not able to rotate the DL's as Turner likes to do. The Illini allowed 4.8 ypc rushing and had just 18 overall sacks in 2000. Last year they had to replace 2 starters, including a 1st Team Big 10 member, but 6 of the top 8 were back. Under new DC Mike Cassity, who brought over his attacking defense with him from Okla St, they rotated 8 to 10 DL's and kept up the pressure on the QB for the entire game. With a healthier and deeper line the numbers improved dramatically, as they yielded 3.9 ypc and were #2 in the Big 10 with 40 sacks. This year they must replace DT Brandon Moore (12 sts, 41 tkls, 5 sks, HM B10), DE Terrell Washington (12 sts, 50 tkls, 8 tfl) and backup DE Robby Long (2 sts, 15 tkls, 4 tfl). They are in about the same shape this year as they were in 2001, which makes them formidable.

LINEBACKERS - This school was developing a reputation as "LB U" with 2 Butkus Award winners in a row in 1994 & '95. They had a strong group in 1999 but had to replace their #1 and #2 tacklers in 2000. Last year they lost 2 starters and 3 backups and JUCO Mario Ivey, who started the first 2 games, did not have the impact expected, playing in just 3. This year they are in much better shape as all 3 starters return. Jerry Schumacher moved to MLB from OLB (where he had 104 tkls in 2000) last year and was even more productive with 125 tackles and 17 tfl. Joe Bevis is undersized at OLB and I expect VHT Matt Sinclair to beat him out by season's end. The only loss from this unit is backup OLB Lamont Holden (6-3 250 So) who moves to DE. They get an interesting addition in Winston Taylor who was a 2 year starter at E Illinois and was the Scout Team Defensive MVP last year. Not listed below is Antonio Mason (6-0 240 rFr, PS#189), Lee Sicinski (6-1 225 So, PS#201) and Estus Hood (6-4 235 So). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and there are a good amount of HT's in the group and it is much more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year they had to replace just 2 players who combined for 6 starts and the unit was highly experienced. Turner also brought in PS#15JC in Mike Hall, who gave the Illini 3 top-notch CB's. Overall Illinois moved up to #20 in my rankings allowing just 50% completions with a 19-18 ratio. This year they have to replace 2 outstanding safeties in SS Bobby Jackson (12 sts, 65 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu, 2nd Tm B10) and FS Muhammad Abdullah (12 sts, 98 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu, HM B10). Last year's group did suffer a loss when Marc Jackson went down for the year in the preseason but he returns after starting 3 games in 2000. I list a talented 2 deep below and there are a good amount of VHT's. Still, the unit is a little less experienced but possesses excellent CB's which are needed in Mike Cassity's defense since it puts CB's on an island. Also, keep in mind that last year was Christian Morton's first season at CB and he had 26 pbu, which ranked 3rd in the NCAA while the other starting CB, Eugene Wilson, simply led the NCAA with 30 pbu's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Turner UI had ranked #68, #68, #51, #43 and had a #46 finish last year in my special teams rankings. They were outstanding in KR coverage in 2000 and allowed just 16.7 but last year it dropped to 21.5 with a new kickoff man. Punter Steve Fitts had his best net punting in his 4 year career at 36.7 last year and PR Eugene Wilson was solid with a 10.0 average. Fitts leaves as UI's all-time leader, not only in total punts, but in punting average with a mark of 41.7. Replacing Fitts will be tough and I list the possible replacements below. Wilson did average just 19.6 on KR's and should improve with a year's seasoning. Christian Morton, who averaged 24.4 on KR's in 2000, only averaged 16.4 last year. The team signed frosh PK Steve Weatherford (PS#36) who has a powerful leg but he redshirted last year. Three different kickers handled duties (see below). After Penn St had 1 KR and 1 PR TD Turner reinserted starters LB Schumacher, S Jackson and S Abdullah into the special teams unit to help. This unit could have their best finish yet in my special teams rankings under Turner but they need a punter to emerge.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

After a solid 8-4 season in 1999 in which they clubbed Virginia 63-21 in the bowl game, the Illini (who benefitted from +13 in turnovers) finished just 5-6 the next year. The team did lose to Northwestern in the season finale of 2000 without QB Kittner who was injured and had 2 incorrect fumble calls go against them vs Michigan, suffering 3 losses by 6 points or less. The team had not been above .500 in Big 10 play since 1994 but last year, with 13 starters returning including Kittner, they got their first outright Big 10 Title since 1993. Overall in Big 10 play last year the Illini outgained their foes by an average of 432.3 to 360.6 and the 71.7 ypg difference was best in the league. They were somewhat fortunate as PSU led them 14-0 when QB Mills was injured, OSU QB Bellisari was suspended for their game 1 day prior to the contest and they faced Northwestern who did not have RB Damien Anderson. Another key to their season was the small amount of injuries and that was thanks in part to the new Astro Play surface that was installed. Last year's team had 17 seniors and its first 7 game win streak since 1993. They finished the regular season #7 in the country in the AP with a 10-1 record and defeated 3 ranked teams. Last year WR Brandon Lloyd returned after missing 2000 due to an injury and the offense was much more potent. Offensively they set the school record for most points in a season and the top 2 years have both come under Turner (1999's team held previous record). This year they have 7 starters back on offense but Kittner's leadership will be tough to replace. They still figure to be potent but I doubt they'll come near the 32.5 ppg they averaged last season. Defensively the Illini have 7 starters back and despite getting toasted in the Sugar Bowl by LSU I rated them the 5th best defense in the league. DC Mike Cassity did a fine job in his first year after coming from Okla St. The team had 40 sacks which was 2nd most in the Big 10 and they were able to blitz more because of the excellent cover CB's. With all of the CB's back they should have a fine pass rush again this year and still rank in the top 5 of the Big 10 in total defense. Prior to last year's 4-0 season at home in Big 10 play, the Illini were just 9-23 at home vs league foes and that will be a key this season. They have some tough home games including Michigan, Purdue and Ohio St, and should they take care of business in those, they have a lot of winnable road games and could once again contend for Big 10 honors.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Jon Beutjer Jr. 6-5 205 PS#27. 4 sts at Iowa in 2000, 841 yds (62%), 6-3 ratio, 72 yds rush. **Dustin Ward** (6-3 205 Jr) PS#92. 1 st, 10 gms, 421 yds (53%), 5-3 ratio, L/2Y.

RB ANTOINEO HARRIS SR. 6-1 221 **PS#14**. 772 yds (4.0) in 2000. #1 w/ 629 yds (3.7). Out most of L/3 w/inj LY. Morris Virgil (5-10 195 rFr) **10.3 100m**. Ryan Clifford (5-10 190 So) EM trans.

FB CAREY DAVIS JR. 6-0 215 PS#323. 1 st, 61 yds in 2000. 11 sts LY, 467 yds (4.3), 39 rec. Brad Haywood (6-1 230 Jr) PS#136. 318 plays, 2Y. Carlos Lattimore (6-1 215 Sr).

WR BRANDON LLOYD JR. 6-2 180 7 sts as **true**, 30 rec (17.0). RS in 2000. 65 rec (16.3), 12 sts LY. Greg Lewis (6-0 180 Sr) PS#113. 11 sts, 40 rec (13.6) in 2000. 3 sts, 13 rec (17.3) LY.

WR WALTER YOUNG SR. 6-5 220 PS#51QB. 7 sts in 2000, 27 rec (14.9). 50 rec (17.8), 11 sts LY, L/3 all 100 yds +. Aaron Moorehead (6-3 200 Sr). 7 sts, 30 rec (17.3) in 2000.

TE Anthony McClellan So. 6-3 243 PS#94. 1 st, 8 rec (15.3) LY. Kenny Boyle (6-3 245 Jr) PS#67. Melvin Bryant is PS#22. Mike Gomez (6-5 230 Jr) PS#203JC. In for spring.

C Duke Preston So. 6-5 295 PS#195OL. 2nd string, 2 gms as rFr. James Brown (6-3 290 Sr) 2nd string 3 yrs, 1 letter. Dave Hilderbrand (6-3 285 So) PS#152OL.

RG PAT "BUCKY" BABCOCK SO. 6-4 290 PS#149. 11 sts as rFr until inj prior to bowl. Wrist not 100% in spg. **Aaron Hodges** (6-3 290 Jr) **PS#18**. 62 snaps in 2000, 17 snaps LY.

LG David Diehl Sr. 6-6 300 **PS#36OL**. 43 plays as rFr. 43 plays, 15 KD's in 2000. 385 plays LY, 56 KD's, started bowl, 3L's. Bryan Koch (6-3 270 So) PS#289OL.

RT TONY PASHOS SR. 6-6 320 PS#148. 12 sts as rFr, 41 KD's. 11 sts in 2000, 80 KD's. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm B10**, 111 KD's, 490 bench. Clark Collins (6-3 280 So) PS#100.

LT SEAN BUBIN JR. 6-7 300 **PS#39**. 27 plays, 6 KD's as rFr. 12 sts, 570 snaps LY, 39 KD's. Rob Needham (6-5 290 rFr) **PS#29**. Kyle Schnettgoecke (6-3 275 rFr) PS#126.

K PETER CHRISTOFILAKOS JR. 5-9 170 PS#29. 12 of 13 FG's LY, L/38, 29-29 XP's. **2nd Tm B10**. John Gockman (5-10 165 Jr) 5 of 7 FG's, **Long of 52**. All from 40+. JJ Tubbs 5 of 8, L/42.

DEFENSE

DE Derrick Strong Jr. 6-4 250 PS#71DL. 9 tkls, 1 sk as true. 33 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl last year. Jemari Perry (6-4 245 Jr) PS#161. 9 tkls, 2 yrs. Lee Robinson is PS#86JUCO.

DT BRETT KAUTTER SR. 6-2 278 PS#261. 20 tkls, 2 sks in '99 & 2000. 12 sts, 22 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Charles Gilstrap (6-3 290 Jr) PS#241. 17 tkls, 1 sk, 2Y. Ryan Matha (6-1 275 rFr) PS#258OL.

DT Jeff Ruffin Jr. 6-4 290 PS#158DL. 1 st, 4 tkls as rFr. 21 tkls, **5 sks**, 1 tfl LY. Jamie Hanton (6-4 280 Sr) PS#283JC. 4 tkls here LY. Mike Maloney (6-3 277 So) PS#91.

DE MIKE O'BRIEN JR. 6-6 245 PS#208, 7 tkls as true. Inj in 2000. 10 sts LY, 33 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl, 400 bench, 9 QBH. Brian Schaefering (6-5 260 So) PS#113DB. 8 tkls, 1 sk as **true.**

OLB TY MYERS JR. 6-4 235 PS#130. 11 sts, 48 tkls, 3 sks, 2 int, 7 pbu in 2001. Winston Taylor (6-0 240 Jr) 2 yr starter at E Illinois. Jim Goranson (6-3 240 rFr) PS#57.

MLB JERRY SCHUMACHER SR. 6-3 235 11 sts at OLB in 2000. 12 sts@MLB LY, #1 w/125 tkls, 6 sks, 11 tfl. Mike Gawelek (6-2 235 So) PS#168. 9 tkls LY. T.W. Norman (6-3 230 rFr) PS#62DL.

OLB JOE BEVIS JR. 6-0 225 PS#92. 9 sts LY, #3 with 78 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl, 6 QBH. **Matt Sinclair** (6-3 230 So) **PS#30DB**. 6 tkls, 107 plays as true. Cyrus Garrett is PS#41.

CB CHRISTIAN MORTON JR. 6-1 180 PS#39QB. 4.3. **#3 NCAA w/ 26 pbu**, 12 sts, **2nd Tm B10**, 70 tkls, 4 int. **Mike Hall** (5-10 175 Sr) PS#15JC, 2 sts, 21 tkls, 1 int, 11 pbu here LY.

CB EUGENE WILSON SR. 5-11 185 PS#141. 11 sts, 4 int, 16 pbu in 2000. **#1 in NCAA w/ 30 pbu** LY, 70 tkls, **1st Tm B10**. Abe Jones (5-11 170 rFr) PS#58RB. Nana Agyeman (6-2 200 Jr).

SS James McGill Jr. 6-2 210 **PS#14JC**. 4 int, 10 pbu at JC LY. Kyle Kleckner (6-0 190 rFr) PS#157WR. Taman Jordan (5-11 195 So) 2 tkls as true, 148 plays. Def MIP in spg.

FS Marc Jackson Jr. 6-1 205 PS#26. **3 sts** in 2000, 52 tkls, 3 pbu, RS LY. Jamaal Clark (6-2 190 Jr) PS#23WR. 7 tkls, 1 sk LY. Sedrick Davenport (6-0 185 So) PS#55.

P Steve Weatherford rFr. 6-4 215 PS#36K, 45.4 avg, 4.26 hang time as Sr in HS. 7 FG's of 40+. RS LY. Matt Minnes (6-2 200 So) RS in 2000. Injured in 2001. #1 P after spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DB	James McGill 6-2 210 PS#14JC	
RB	Ibrahim Halsey 5-11 190 PS#38	
QB	Chris Pazan 6-2 190 PS#28	
LB	Cyrus Garrett 6-3 215 PS#41	
TE	Melvin Bryant 6-5 220 PS#22	
OL	Matt Maddox 6-4 286 PS#73	
QB	Tim Brasic 6-2 185 PS#48	
LB	Josh Tischer 6-1 215 PS#64	
DL	Lee Robinson 6-5 260 PS#86JC	
OL	Andrew Burk 6-6 270 PS#84	
TE	Mike Trepina 6-3 250 PS#34	
LB	Scott Moss 6-3 250 PS#76	
DB	Steve Harris 6-0 180 PS#77	
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Sep. 14	Arkansas St	A					
Sep. 21	San Jose St	A					
Sep. 28	Michigan	A					
Oct. 5	at Minnesota	A					
Oct. 12	Purdue	A					
Oct. 19							
Oct. 26	Indiana (HC)	A					
Nov. 2	at Penn St	G					
Nov. 9	at Wisconsin	A					
Nov. 16	Ohio St	A					
Nov. 23	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Illini have won 9 in a row SU vs non-Big 10 teams, going 6-3 ATS.
UI is 3-0-1 SU and 3-1 ATS vs current Mt West schools since 1980.
The home team is 6-2 ATS in the Michigan St series.

Fighting Illini are 3-4 SU and 2-5 ATS vs Missouri since 1980.
Illinois is 7-1 ATS in their last 8 road openers.

UI is 6-4 SU and 3-6-1 ATS against current CUSA foes.
Illini are 7-14-1 ATS since 1984 in September road games.

The last time these 2 teams met Illinois won 41-3 as a 14' pt HF in 1999.
Illinois is 7-4 SU but 3-7 ATS their last 11 home openers.

Ron Turner was the HC of the Spartans in '92 and led SJSU to a 7-4 record.
Pending LW, the Illini are 12-26-2 ATS their last 40 tries as a home favorite.

Illinois is 15-7-1 ATS in their conference opener, but 2-5-1 the last 8 years.
Fighting Illini have covered 3 out of the last 4 vs the Wolverines.

Illinois is 8-15 ATS in their last 23 October tussles.
UI is 3-5 ATS their last 8 vs the Golden Gophers.

The SU winner is 9-1-1 ATS in the last 11 series games.
Boilermakers have outscored UI 103-50 in the last 3 meetings.

Bonus: Ill/Purdue are the 2nd closest in proximity of all the Big 10 teams.

Illini are 4-7 ATS the week after a bye.
The favorite is 10-5-2 ATS in this series since 1981.

UI is 1-6 SU and 2-5 ATS the last 7 meetings against Penn St.
Illinois is 8-4 ATS since 1995 in November road games.

These 2 teams have totalled 40 or less pts in 10 of their last 14 games.
Illinois is 4-5-1 SU and 3-7 ATS vs the Badgers.

UI is 7-3 ATS their last 10 home finales.
Fighting Illini are 13-4 ATS their last 17 vs Ohio St.

The visiting team has covered 8 of 10 and 11 of 14 in this series.
Illini are 5-2 ATS in their last 7 road finales.

Bonus: UI is 12-5-1 ATS since '97 on grass, pending 9/7 & 11/2 outcomes.

RON TURNER (Career 33-35)

6th Year at Illinois

Turner's records AT ILLINOIS

26-31	Straight Up	6-7	Home Favorite
24-29-1	Vs The Spread	5-11	Home Dog
9-16-1	Off A S/U Loss	4-1	Away Favorite
17-22-1	Vs Conference	9-10-1	Away Dog
		7-7	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (20,22,3)
Lost: 18 (7,8,3)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 54,949

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Straight Up	5-5-1	2-9	0-11	3-8	7-4	5-6	10-1	32-44-1
ATS	5-5-1	4-7	2-8-1	4-6	7-4	4-7	7-4	33-41-2
Home Fav	1-3-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-3	3-3	8-11-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-4	1-5	1-3	1-3	2-0	0-0	5-16
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	5-1
Away Dog	3-1	3-2	1-3-1	3-2	3-1	0-3	2-1	15-13-1
Favorite	2-3-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	3-0	2-4	5-3	13-12-1
Dog	3-2	3-6	2-8-1	4-5	4-4	2-3	2-1	20-29-1
Grass	1-1	1-1	1-0-1	2-1	4-1	1-2	4-1	14-7-1
Artificial	4-4-1	3-6	1-8	2-5	3-3	3-5	3-3	19-34-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	2-5-1	3-5	4-4	3-5	5-3	24-31-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1-1	1-2	0-3	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-1	9-10-1
Off SU Win	2-2-1	0-2	0-0	0-3	4-2	3-2	5-4	14-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-5	2-7-1	3-3	2-2	1-4	1-0	15-23-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Antoineo Harris	169	669	40	629	6	3.7
Rocky Harvey	145	648	28	620	4	4.3
Carey Davis	108	474	7	467	1	4.3
Kurt Kittner	42	98	112	-14	2	-0.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kurt Kittner	409	221	54.0	3256	27	14
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brandon Lloyd	65	1062	16.3	10	59	
Walter Young	50	890	17.8	8	61	
Carey Davis	39	274	7.0	3	23	
Aaron Moorehead	17	289	17.0	2	36	
Rocky Harvey	15	250	16.7	1	48	
Greg Lewis	13	225	17.3	1	59	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Steve Fitts	62	2612	42.1	–	36.7	0	19
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Peter Christofilakos	5-5	7-8	0-0	0-0	12-13	38	
John Gockman	0-0	0-0	3-4	2-3	5-7	52	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jerry Schumacher	125	6	11	3	0
Muhammad Abdullah	98	2	2	8	3
Joe Bevis	78	3	4	2	0
Eugene Wilson	70	1	0	30	6
Christian Morton	70	0	0	26	4
Bobby Jackson	65	1	5	12	2
Terrell Washington	50	4	4	1	0
Ty Myers	48	3	0	7	2
Brandon Moore	41	5	3	0	0
Mike O'Brien	33	5	3	1	0
Derrick Strong	33	4	2	3	0
Brett Kautter	22	1	4	1	0
Jeff Ruffin	21	5	1	0	0
Mike Hall	21	1	0	11	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Eugene Wilson	25	250	10.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Eugene Wilson	12	235	19.6	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	John Hancock	+6'	UCLA	3-6	W
92	Holiday	E	Hawaii	17-27	L
94	Liberty	-7	E Carolina	30-0	W
99	MicronPC	+2'	Virginia	63-21	W
01	Sugar	+2	LSU	34-47	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	32.5	21	143	3.5	277	54.1	12.9	+4	2001	6	23.8	21	147	3.9	234	50.0	16.0
8*	26.7	21	163	4.1	217	57.3	14.2	-2	2000	4	26.0	23	233	4.8	180	54.8	15.9
6*	32.3	21	174	4.3	234	54.2	12.6	+13	1999	8	22.8	21	170	4.1	218	53.2	17.0
6*	13.5	15	142	3.8	146	46.5	21.3	-11	1998	8	29.6	21	154	3.7	217	55.7	12.5
6	10.8	15	125	3.6	162	42.7	26.5	-10	1997	6	33.5	20	211	4.7	207	59.7	12.5
7	17.3	18	133	3.5	178	55.0	18.0	-10	1996	5	33.8	19	213	4.8	194	57.7	11.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at California	18	34-76	2.2	18-35	297	0	22	40-167	4.2	22-35	214	3	+5
N Illinois	18	37-102	2.8	17-34	241	1	23	44-214	4.9	17-44	159	2	+2
Louisville	23	42-203	4.8	18-39	301	0	13	25-29	1.2	22-39	309	3	+3
at Michigan	12	27-25	0.9	24-46	275	3	21	45-137	3.0	16-30	268	5	-1
Minnesota	25	48-198	4.1	16-28	239	0	20	38-149	3.9	20-34	242	4	0
at Indiana	21	57-276	4.8	12-17	116	3	23	40-194	4.9	18-36	165	1	-1
Wisconsin	32	48-169	3.5	24-45	401	0	17	27-126	4.7	14-29	205	4	-2
at Purdue	19	39-121	3.1	15-34	299	1	15	37-62	1.7	20-39	178	9	-2
Penn St	21	47-184	3.9	16-33	195	1	16	34-114	3.4	11-33	148	3	+2
at Ohio St	18	41-116	2.8	18-28	274	3	20	40-224	5.6	15-37	206	4	0
Northwestern	32	47-183	3.9	33-43	387	1	25	42-201	4.8	19-41	266	1	-1
†LSU	14	21-61	2.9	15-36	302	3	32	44-151	3.4	31-53	444	1	-1
TOTALS	253	488-1714	3.5	226-418	3327	16	247	456-1768	3.9	225-450	2804	40	+4
AVERAGES	21.1	41-143	3.5	19-35	277	1.3	20.6	38-147	3.9	19-38	234	3.3	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	+4	7-24	L
at Louisville	+6	14-26	L
Washington St	+12	22-35	L
at Iowa	+28	10-38	T
Penn St	+26	6-41	L
at Wisconsin	+13	7-31	L
Purdue	+10'	3-48	L
at Indiana	+4'	6-23	L
Northwestern	+12'	21-34	L
at Ohio St	+39'	6-41	W
Michigan St	+24	17-27	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	+12'	13-20	W
Mid Tenn St	NL	48-20	–
Louisville	-6'	9-35	L
Iowa	+10	14-37	L
at Northwestern	+14	13-10	W
Ohio St	+36'	0-41	L
Wisconsin	+21'	3-37	L
at Purdue	+24	9-42	L
at Penn St	+34	0-27	W
Indiana	+13'	31-16	W
at Michigan St	+20'	9-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-14'	41-3	W
San Diego St	+3'	38-10	W
at Louisville	+12	41-36	W
Michigan St	+7	10-27	L
at Indiana (OT)	+2	31-34	L
Minnesota	+1	7-37	L
at Michigan	+24'	35-29	W
Penn St	+16	7-27	L
at Iowa	-6'	40-24	W
at Ohio St	+10'	46-20	W
Northwestern	-13'	29-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn St	-33'	35-6	L
at San Diego St	-6'	49-13	W
California	-14	17-15	L
Michigan	+7	31-35	W
at Minnesota	-1	10-44	L
Iowa	-12'	31-0	W
at Penn St	+2'	25-39	L
at Michigan St	+2'	10-14	L
Indiana	-8	42-35	L
Ohio St	+7'	21-24	W
at Northwestern	+7'	23-61	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+2'	44-17	W
N Illinois	-20	17-12	L
Louisville	-3'	34-10	W
at Michigan	+6'	20-45	L
Minnesota	-10	25-14	W
at Indiana	-3'	35-14	W
Wisconsin	-5'	42-35	W
at Purdue	+2	38-13	W
Penn St	-9	33-28	L
at Ohio St	-1'	34-22	W
Northwestern	-18'	34-28	L

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

QB Kyle Orton ought to optimize the offensive output for Purdue this season.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Boilermakers had to replace Drew Brees who left as the Big 10 career leader in pass attempts, completions, yards, TD's and total offense. He also led all QB's in NCAA history that had 10,000 passing yards or more with his 939 yards rushing. Tiller has a great system and in his first year here had Billy Dicken, a little used backup QB, throw for 3,136 yards (55%) with a 21-16 ratio. Even Brees in his first season threw for 3,983 yards (63%) with a 39-20 ratio. Brandon Hance enrolled early in 2000 as a frosh to learn the offense and had a big spring game. He was the backup QB all of 2000 but still maintained his redshirt. He was more mobile than Brees with 4.7 speed and took most of the snaps last spring. Tiller was very high on his grasp of the offense and in last year's magazine I projected a big year for him. Tiller's confidence in Hance seemed to wane during the season. Hance's 117 yards passing in the opener vs Cincinnati was the lowest ever for a Tiller team here at Purdue. Hance threw for just 1,529 yards (52.7%) with an 8-10 ratio and was booed loudly in his last 2 home starts. Kyle Orton (PS#11) became the fan favorite and started the final 3 games, throwing 62, 52 and 74 passes which was much more than Hance was allowed to attempt in any of his starts. Orton hit 38-74 for 419 yards with 4 int's and 2 TD's in the bowl despite playing with a shoulder injury. Hance saw the writing on the wall and opted to transfer prior to the bowl. Kyle Smith (6-4 209 rFr) was PS#117. The fans are much higher on Orton and it looks like Tiller is more willing to let him air it out. He has a stronger arm and is two inches taller than Hance but not quite as mobile. Since Tiller has more confidence in his QB, you can expect much improved numbers from this position.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 they avg'd 152 ypg rushing and 4.1 ypc and last year had everyone back from that team plus got the addition of speedy Joey Harris (4.26 spd). Perhaps due to the fact that they had four new starters on the O-line, Purdue's rushing totals slipped, dropping to 98 ypg and just 2.7 ypc. Montrell Lowe (PS#78) had 998 yards rushing (4.4) in 2000 but saw those numbers drop to 640 (3.5). Lowe is already #4 all time in attempts here (needs 105 to become career leader). The second leading rusher was actually QB Hance. Tiller talked often about Joey Harris and his speed but he had just 255 yards (4.4). Harris did average 10.5 ypc in the first two games but then was hampered by various injuries. Sedrick Brown was the #3 leading rusher in 2000 with 260 yards (5.9) but last year he had just 85 (3.3). LB Joe Odom had 51 yards on a fake punt and was the fifth leading rusher! I list the 2 deep below and also in the mix are Brandon Jones (5-11 227 rFr, PS#36), Jerod Void (6-2 192 rFr, PS#107DB) and true frosh Jerome Brooks (PS#51) who is likely to see action. Tiller went to a 2 RB set at times last year to help with pass protection and was flirting with it again this spring. The only problem was finding a FB on a roster stocked with TB's and WR's. LB Jon Goldsberry (6-3 238 So) was moved over the last week in spring to give the Boilers a traditional FB. This unit slipped drastically last year but with a much more experienced offensive line, should at least get back to the rushing numbers that they put up in 2000.

RECEIVERS - Two years ago Purdue had to replace their top 2 receivers who combined for 173 rec's. Last year Purdue lost their fastest WR in Vinny Sutherland who had led the team with 72 rec's (14.1). Prior to the year, Tiller said "All the receivers are back except Sutherland and we will be better than last year." At season's end Tiller said, "We have finesse WR's and need to spend the offseason getting them to be more physical." John Standeford led the NCAA's true frosh receivers in 2000 with 67 rec's but only had 47 (12.5) last year. Tiller was high on Taylor Stubblefield (PS#51) and said he would have played a lot as a true frosh if not for injury. He led the team with 73 rec's (12.5). Much was expected of true frosh Kevin Noel (PS#25) but in an injury plagued year, he had just 4 rec's. TE Tim Stratton (only 4th player in Big 10 history to be 1st team Big 10 in 3 different years) stuck around for his senior season after turning down the NFL but regretted it at season's end. He had a couple of drops (something that plagued the entire receiving corps) and lost favor among the coaching staff. Against Ohio St he had just two passes thrown his way with one drop and his zero rec's snapped a streak of 36 straight games with a catch. They went to the 2 back offense in that game and Stratton came in for just 20 plays. He and backup Chris Randolph (5 starts, 0 rec) both depart with Stratton leaving as the career reception leader here. The only other loss from last year is A.T. Simpson who was PS#6 and had 25 rec's in 2000 but surprisingly just one rec last year. I list the 3 deep below. Not listed is true frosh Alphonzo Royal (6-0 205, PS#156) who Tiller says has the toughness of a TE with a WR's size along with 2 other top-notch signees (see Top Newcomers) as well as Chris James (5-10 178 Sr) who has 22 rec's the last 3 years. Last year's numbers were subpar for a Tiller offense. Even with the loss of a super TE, this unit should be stronger with some solid newcomers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Boilermakers had 3 seniors in 2000 who had been together as full-time starters for 2 years. The O-line in Tiller's first 4 years had allowed just 21, 16, 15 and 11 sacks. Part of that super sack number could be attributed to Brees' quick release but last year the front had some major losses, having to replace 4 starters including a pair of NFL DC's. The unit struggled all year, allowing 42 sacks, more than the previous 3 years combined, while the team averaged just 2.7 ypc rushing. This year the only loss is LG Sean Rufolo who had 12 starts. Nine of the top 10 are back and they have 3 HT rFr added to the mix. Last year RG Rob Turner was lost to a broken leg after Wk 7 and replaced by Kelly Kitchel and both return so there are 5 players returning with 5 or more starts. This unit is much more experienced and should be a key to Purdue's offensive resurgence.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Purdue had been known primarily for their offense in Tiller's first 4 years but it was the defense that was the team's strength last year and they were especially strong up front. Coming into 2001 they had to replace 4 players who combined for 9 starts but the 4 who started the final 8 games together in 2000 returned. Purdue allowed 4.0 ypc rushing in 2000 but dropped that to 3.1 last year. This year they suffer some losses in DT Matt Mitrione (10 sts, 40 tkls, 14 tfl) and DE Akin Ayodele (#3DC of JAX, 12 sts, 9 sks, 11 tfl, 1st Tm Big 10). Overall 8 of the top 10 return and they bring in a JUCO, 3 HT rFr as well as true frosh Anthony Spencer. Not listed below are Doug Swann (6-5 228 So, 3 tkls), Antwon Harris (6-0 291 rFr, PS#160), and Nick Hardwick (6-4 282 Jr). This unit has potential but with the loss of their top 2 DL's and the fact they have less starting experience then they had heading into last year, I'll call the unit down a notch or two.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 the Boilers had to replace 2 starters and then lost a projected starter and had all underclassmen in the 2 deep. Despite the losses, the younger players flourished. The unit was so deep heading into last year that Tiller contemplated a switch to a 3-4 due to the abundance of LB's. Joe Odom was only PS#201 out of HS but has worked very hard since enrolling and has increased his size to 245 lbs and still has sub 4.5 speed while benching 400 lbs. Last year the team did lose starting SLB Gilbert Gardner for the season to injury vs Ohio St (he is ?? this year) and Niko Koutouvides took over his spot. Once again basically everyone returns plus they get some outstanding additions as Tiller signed a solid frosh class last year including a VHT in Brent Grover (PS#10). One player not listed below is Ladrell Bryant (6-2 215 rFr, PS#71) who was suspended prior to spring. This unit is rich in depth and talent and is one of the strengths of the defense.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Purdue had an inexperienced secondary in 2000, having to replace 4 starters who combined for 43 starts, and dropped down to #102 in my pass defense rankings. Last year they finally had an experienced secondary as they only had to replace one starter and one backup. They moved all the way up to #28, allowing 53.5% with a 18-21 ratio. This year they lose starting CB Ashante Woodyard (9 sts, 32 tkls, 5 pbu), backup FS Brady Doe (3 sts, 12 tkls, 2 tfl), SS Ben Smith (13 tkls) and SS Tim Upshur (4 tkls). Five players return with starting experience and FS Stuart Schweigert, who is a VHT who started as a true frosh, is already tied for Purdue's lead in career int's with 11. CB Antwaun Rogers had a great spring last year and with his 6-2 size and 4.39 speed looks like one of the top CB's in the Big 10. This is not an overly deep group but the starters are very experienced and I look for them to continue to move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 this group had its lowest finish in my special teams rating under Tiller at #71 costing them games vs Notre Dame and Penn St. Last year they had to replace their super returnman Vinny Sutherland but returned strong-legged Travis Dorsch as well as pooch punter Scott Kurz. Tiller said the 2000 special teams were so young they did not get to practice much that spring since most of the players joined the squad in the fall, and they would put more emphasis on them in the spring of 2001. The unit responded by moving up to #59 in my overall rankings. Top PR Seth Morales (8.5) and KR Joey Harris (18.9) both return and should improve. Dorsch, thanks to having a pooch punter, ranked #1 in the NCAA with a 48.4 average while Kurz averaged 34.5 on his 28 pooch punts. Dorsch (#4DC of CIN) won the Ray Guy Award and was 1 of 3 finalists for the Groza award. He is the first player in Big 10 history to be 1st team Big 10 as both K and P in the same year. Purdue's punting tandem had a solid net punt average of 37.9 but both depart. I list the projected replacements below. Purdue allowed 9.8 per PR and 21.9 per KR which is below average. Without Dorsch this unit will have a tough time topping last year's #59 finish.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2000 Purdue flirted with the Rose Bowl in some years but could never break through the Penn St/Ohio St/Michigan trinity and stood just 0-6 against those major foes. In 2000 victories over the Wolves and Buckeyes in tough games got them to their first Rose Bowl since 1966 behind the passing of Drew Brees. Joe Tiller's spread offense is always potent and in fact ranked in the top 30 of the NCAA rankings in every year of his coaching tenure (including Wyoming). Here at Purdue his teams averaged at least 30 ppg. Last season they had a young OL and inexperienced QB and stunningly fell to #105 offensively in the NCAA (yes, offense-#105) and averaged just 20.8 ppg. Tiller has much more confidence in QB Kyle Orton and will allow him to throw more and I expect them to get back over the 30.0 barrier once again and into the top 30 offensively as they have a much more stable OL. Last year the team had its best defense yet under Tiller, allowing 328 ypg, and I rated them the 3rd best D in the conference. Thanks to the defense the team recorded its 5th straight winning regular season for the first time since 1969 and actually made it to a bowl but finished the year 6-6 after the bowl loss. They have 8 starters back on the defensive side of the ball and will once again have one of the Big 10's toughest D's. Tiller is 25-4 in Ross-Ade Stadium with all of the losses coming vs ranked teams. The Boilers were lucky to finish 6-5 during the regular season as in Big 10 games they were outgained 354.9 to 286.8 and the 68.1 ypg deficit was the 3rd worst in the league. They were outscored on the season by an average of 23.2 to 20.8 despite the fact they benefitted from +11 in turnovers. This is a much stronger Purdue team than they fielded last season so they should be back into the Big 10 chase and will probably finish at .500 or better for the 6th consecutive year.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Kyle Orton So. 6-4 209 *PS#11. Last 3 sts as true, 1105 yds (49.5%) with 4-7 ratio, 27 yds rush. Attempted 62, 52 & 74 passes in 3 sts. Kyle Smith (6-4 209 rFr) PS#117.*

RB MONTRELL LOWE SR. 5-8 190 *6 sts, 841 yds (4.9) as rFr. 7 sts in 2000, 998 yds (4.4). 10 sts LY, 640 yds (3.5). Joey Harris (5-11 209 Jr) PS#31, 2 sts, 255 yds (4.4), 9 rec (7.4).*

WR JOHN STANDEFORD JR. 6-4 191 *PS#78. 2 sts as true, 67 rec (11.1). 11 sts LY, 47 rec (12.5). Ray Williams (6-2 175 Fr) size & track champ. Andre Chattams is PS#73. 4.5.*

WR TAYLOR STUBBLEFIELD SO. 6-1 166 *PS#51. 7 sts as rFr, #1 w/73 rec (12.5), 5 KR (22.8). **Kevin Noel** (6-3 206 So) PS#25, 4 rec as true. Jamaal Wilson (6-3 200 Jr) PS#267JC.*

WR SETH MORALES SR. 5-10 174 *12 sts, 35 rec (15.9) in 2000. 12 sts, 29 rec (12.2) LY, 39 PR (8.5). **Anthony Chambers is PS#118JC**, 4.5. Jameson Evans (6-3 207 rFr) PS#53DB.*

TE Mike Rhinehart So. 6-6 257 *PS#54QB. 2 sts at TE as true, 2 rec (4.0), 4.7 speed. Charles Davis (6-6 263 rFr) PS#22. Nick Cavallo (6-3 241 Fr) PS#60 in for spring.*

C GENE MRUCZKOWSKI SR. 6-2 299 *PS#111OL. 12 sts as rFr, 2nd Tm Frosh AA. 12 sts in 2000, HM Big 10 at G. 12 sts at C in 2001. Matt Turner (6-3 277 rFr) PS#85DL.*

RG ROB TURNER SR. 6-4 299 *PS#61DL. Lettered as rFr. 3 sts in 2000. 7 sts LY until broken leg & missed L/5. Max Miller (6-3 284 Sr) PS#80LB. 2nd string 2Y but 0 letters.*

LG Kelly Kitchel Sr. 6-6 299 *PS#331. 2nd string in '99 & 2000 & 15 gms, 0 letters. **L/5 sts** LY. Josh Tomsheck (6-6 299 rFr) PS#47TE. Jason Eisele (6-5 275 So) 2nd string LY.*

RT KELLY BUTLER SO. 6-8 299 *PS#119. 2 games as true but RS. 12 sts as rFr in 2001, lettered. Brian Wang (6-7 275 rFr) PS#36TE. Tyler Moore (6-7 290 So) PS#350, 1L.*

LT PETE LOUGHEED SR. 6-5 295 *PS#29TE. 1 st at TE as rFr, 3 sts at TE in 2000, 4 rec (14.0). 12 sts at LT in 2001. David Owen (6-6 284 So) PS#260DL. 2nd string in 2001.*

K Berin Lacevic Jr. 5-10 162 *PS#58K out of HS. Hit 12 of 16 FG's at JUCO LY & PS#90JUCO in for spring. Andy Nelson (6-2 224 So) 7 of 16 FG's at South Dakota St.*

DE SHAUN PHILLIPS JR. 6-3 260 *PS#77TE, 12 sts as rFr, 51 tkls, 7 sks, 7 tfl, 6 pbu. 12 sts, 72 tkls, 6 sks, 9 tfl, 6 pbu, HM B10 (2Y). Kevin Nesfield (6-3 243 Jr) 6 tkls, 1 tfl, 13 gms, 2Y.*

DT CRAIG TERRILL JR. 6-3 284 *PS#39. 8 sts as rFr, 23 tkls, **6 sks**. 12 sts LY, 34 tkls, 6 tfl. Ryan Davis (6-4 276 rFr) PS#98. Daemeon Grier (6-1 299 Jr) PS#157, 2 tkls, 9 gms, 2Y.*

DT Brandon Johnson Sr. 6-0 288 *Butler trans, MIP spring LY, 2 sts, 13 tkls, 1 sk, **700 lb squat**. Brandon Villarreal (6-2 287 rFr) PS#72LB. Mike Lawrence (6-5 285 So) PS#205.*

DE Vedran Dzolovic Jr. 6-3 260 *PS#265. 5 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 3 tkls, 4 gms LY. **Anthony Spencer** is **PS#44**. Jarod Ramirez (6-4 247 Jr) PS#600JC, 48 tkls, 11 sks in 2000. RS here LY.*

SLB JOE ODOM SR. 6-2 245 *8 sts in 2000, 53 tkls, 4 tfl, HM B10. 11 sts LY, **400 bench, 4.42**, 78 tkls, 7 tfl. Gilbert Gardner (6-2 234 Jr) 11 sts as true. 7 sts LY until inj, HM B10.*

MLB BRENT GROVER rFR. 6-4 259 *PS#10. 4.6 speed. **Nick Koutouvides** (6-3 226 Jr) PS#275, 11 tkls as true. 6 sts LY, 63 tkls, 5 tfl. Bobby Iwuchukwu (6-2 229 rFr) PS#162. 4.49.*

WLB LANDON JOHNSON JR. 6-2 211 *PS#142. 10 sts as rFr, 71 tkls, 6 tfl. 12 sts LY. 82 tkls, 9 tfl, 2 int, HM B10 (2Y). Brent Hawkins (6-2 232 rFr) PS#69. Jason Leimberger (6-2 219 rFr) PS#130.*

CB Jacques Reeves Jr. 6-1 183 *PS#148. 11 tkls as true, 4.46 spd. 3 sts LY, 32 tkls, 2 int, 1 pbu, B10 Fr of Yr on track tm. #2 B10 60 & 200. Brian Hickman (6-0 174 rFr) PS#430.*

CB ANTWAUN ROGERS SO. 6-2 170 *PS#31. **4.39**. 12 sts as rFr, 50 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, 4 tfl, top cover CB here, size & speed. Jeremy Burnett is PS#103. Colya Daily is PS#132WR.*

SS RALPH TURNER SR. 6-2 214 *PS#126QB. 10 sts in 2000, 65 tkls, 4 sks, 5 pbu, 6 tfl. 8 sts LY, 45 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu, shoulder inj. Deaunte Ferrell (5-11 188 Jr) PS#81RB.*

FS STUART SCHWEIGERT JR. 6-3 208 ***PS#16WR**. L/9 sts as true, Big 10 Fr of Yr, 85 tkls, 5 int, 10 pbu. 12 sts LY, 98 tkls, **6 int**, 5 pbu, 10.34 in 100m. Eric Smith (6-1 205 Jr) PS#227JC.*

P Aaron Levin So. 5-11 210 *PS#49K in 2000. Hit 7 of 7 FG's & had 40.0 punt average as 1st Team Wyoming all state in high school. Left footed, added 22 pounds last year.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Brandon Kirsch 6-2 185 PS#27	
DL	Anthony Spencer 6-3 235 PS#44	
RB	Jerome Brooks 5-10 185 PS#51	
WR	Andre Chattams 6-0 180 PS#73	
K	Berin Lacevic 5-10 162 PS#90JC	
OL	Pat Oxley 6-7 280 PS#95	
LB	George Hall 6-1 229 PS#86	
DB	Jeremy Burnett 6-0 190 PS#103	
WR	Anthony Chambers 6-1 194 PS#118JC	
WR	Ray Williams 6-2 175 PS#110	
LB	Duran Johnson 6-2 210 PS#118	
WR	Colya Daily 5-10 170 PS#132	
DB	John Lampert 6-2 205 PS#167	
TE	Nick Cavallo 6-3 241 PS#60	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Illinois St	G						Purdue is 10-5 ATS as a double digit away dog. Boilermakers are 9-3 ATS in their last 12 home openers. Purdue is 12-7 ATS their last 19 as away chalk.
Sep. 7	at Notre Dame	G						Boilermakers are 25-5 SU and 18-10-2 ATS at home under Tiller. Boilers have not had a non-lined game since 1990.
Sep. 14	W Michigan	G						Purdue is 3-11 ATS in their first lined away game. Boilermakers covered 6 of the L/9 meetings vs the Irish but are 0-2 ATS L2Y.
Sep. 21	Wake Forest	G						Purdue is 16-7-2 ATS their last 25 tries as a home favorite. The Boilermakers are 12-0 SU and 8-4 ATS in September HG's S/'97.
Sep. 28	Minnesota (HC)	G						Should apply: Purdue is 31-19-1 ATS off a SU win since 1991. Boilermakers are 11-5 ATS at home vs non-Big 10 teams.
Oct. 5	at Iowa	G						Drew Brees' alma mater is 5-1-1 ATS in their last 7 Homecoming games. Boilers are 8-2-1 ATS vs the Gophers, avg total score L9Y is 77.8 ppg.
Oct. 12	at Illinois	A						Boilermakers are 12-7-1 ATS in October since 1997. Purdue is 4-8 ATS their last 12 games vs Iowa.
Oct. 19	Michigan	G						Boilers are 13-7-1 ATS the last 8 years on artificial turf. These 2 are the 2nd closest in proximity of all the Big 10 tms & the visitor is 5-1-1 ATS the L/7.
Oct. 26	at Northwestern	G						Purdue is 12-4 ATS in sandwiched home games the last 16. Purdue is just 2-11 straight up vs Michigan.
Nov. 2								The visitor is 8-1-1 ATS in this series since 1990. Purdue is 4-2 ATS the game before playing Ohio St.
Nov. 9	Ohio St	G						OSU has outscored Purdue 313-119 in the last 9 meetings and... ...the Boilermakers are 1-8 SU and 2-6-1 ATS vs the Buckeyes.
Nov. 16	at Michigan St	G						Purdue is 2-10 ATS the wk before and 4-12 ATS the gm before Indiana. Purdue is 5-11 SU and 6-10 ATS in road finales since 1985.
Nov. 23	Indiana	G						Boilers are 4-10-1 ATS their last 15 home finales. The visitor is 9-4-1 ATS in this Old Oaken Bucket battle, but 0-4 last 4 years.
Nov. 30								

JOE TILLER (Career 78-52-1)

6th Year at Purdue

Tiller's records AT PURDUE

39-22	Straight Up	16-8-2	Home Favorite
28-26-2	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
9-7-2	Off A S/U Loss	9-7	Away Favorite
20-18-2	Vs Conference	1-9	Away Dog
		8-8	Vs Non-Conf

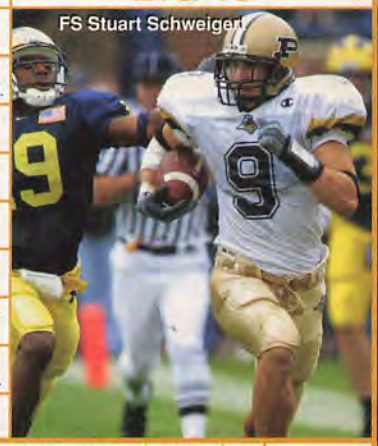
2001 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (17,16,1)
Lost: 18 (8,8,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 62,584

BIG 10



STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (67,332)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-6-1	3-8	8-3	8-4	7-4	8-3	6-5	44-33-1
ATS	7-3-1	5-6	6-4-1	7-5	5-6	6-5	4-6-1	40-35-3
Home Fav	1-1	1-2	2-1-1	5-1	2-2	4-2	3-2-1	18-11-2
Home Dog	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	6-5
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	3-1	1-1	2-1	2-3	1-1	10-7
Away Dog	2-1-1	3-2	0-1	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-3	6-12-1
Favorite	2-1	1-2	5-2-1	6-2	4-3	6-5	4-3-1	28-18-2
Dog	5-2-1	4-4	1-2	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-3	12-17-1
Grass	5-3	3-5	3-3-1	6-3	4-6	5-4	3-5-1	29-29-2
Artificial	2-0-1	2-1	3-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-1	11-6-1
vs Conf	4-3-1	4-4	5-2-1	5-3	2-6	5-3	3-4-1	28-25-3
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	1-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	1-2	12-10
Off SU Win	2-0-1	2-1	4-3	5-2	2-4	3-4	3-3	21-17-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-4	2-0-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2-1	15-14-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Montrell Lowe	**183**	**690**	**50**	**640**	**4**	**3.5**
Joey Harris	**58**	**287**	**32**	**255**	**3**	**4.4**
Brandon Hance	112	407	165	242	4	2.2
Sedrick Brown	**26**	**89**	**4**	**85**	**0**	**3.3**
Kyle Orton	**36**	**27**	**107**	**-80**	**0**	**-2.2**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brandon Hance	258	136	52.7	1529	8	10
Kyle Orton	**216**	**107**	**49.5**	**1105**	**4**	**7**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Taylor Stubblefield	**73**	**910**	**12.5**	**2**	**65**	
Tim Stratton	59	509	8.6	2	35	
John Standeford	**47**	**587**	**12.5**	**4**	**34**	
Seth Morales	**29**	**353**	**12.2**	**4**	**49**	
Joey Harris	**9**	**67**	**7.4**	**0**	**27**	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Travis Dorsch	53	2547	48.1	–	37.9	2	10

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Travis Dorsch	6-6	6-6	7-8	3-7	22-27	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Stuart Schweigert	**98**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**6**
Landon Johnson	**82**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**2**
Joe Odom	**78**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**3**
Shaun Phillips	**72**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**0**
Akin Ayodele	64	9	11	4	0
Niko Koutouvides	**63**	**0**	**5**	**4**	**0**
Antwaun Rogers	**50**	**0**	**4**	**5**	**3**
Ralph Turner	**45**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Matt Mitrione	40	4	10	0	0
Gilbert Gardner	**38**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Craig Terrill	**34**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Jacques Reeves	**32**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**2**
Ashante Woodyard	32	0	1	5	2
Jason Loerzel	16	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Seth Morales	**39**	**331**	**8.5**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joey Harris	**20**	**378**	**18.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Alamo	-4'	Oklahoma St	33-20	W
98	Alamo	+13	Kansas St	37-34	W
99	Outback	-5'	Georgia (OT)	25-28	L
00	Rose	-1'	Washington	24-34	L
01	Sun	+6'	Washington St	27-33	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	20.8	18	98	2.7	222	51.2	15.4	+11	2001	10	23.2	17	123	3.1	205	53.5	14.2
8*	31.8	25	152	4.1	309	59.7	14.5	0	2000	6	22.2	18	150	4.0	197	61.0	15.6
8*	32.0	25	130	4.1	332	60.2	14.4	+1	1999	4	25.4	19	139	3.6	227	55.8	14.4
4	34.2	24	116	3.8	324	63.5	12.9	+5	1998	8	21.2	19	145	3.5	194	52.9	16.0
7	33.0	21	174	5.2	269	53.8	13.4	+14	1997	3	22.3	22	178	4.1	223	57.7	18.0
6*	17.6	20	144	3.4	222	53.0	20.8	-5	1996	8	29.5	19	160	4.1	204	56.1	12.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Cincinnati	14	38 - 153	4.0	14 - 25	117	3	18	35 - 87	2.5	21 - 36	220	3	+2
Akron	21	36 - 179	5.0	22 - 41	292	2	17	47 - 133	2.8	15 - 25	133	2	+1
at Minnesota	24	39 - 151	3.9	23 - 37	337	2	20	43 - 216	5.0	14 - 28	190	1	+1
Iowa	11	30 - 70	2.3	17 - 34	147	0	12	34 - 33	1.0	22 - 34	174	6	0
at Michigan	12	37 - 57	1.5	16 - 33	198	7	16	38 - 122	3.2	21 - 28	233	2	+3
Northwestern	21	48 - 172	3.6	14 - 31	190	3	23	44 - 123	2.8	22 - 43	235	4	0
Illinois	15	37 - 62	1.7	20 - 39	178	6	19	39 - 121	3.1	15 - 34	299	1	+2
at Ohio St	12	32 - 71	2.2	12 - 27	140	3	20	49 - 166	3.4	14 - 20	263	3	+1
Michigan St	13	49 - 140	2.9	13 - 21	126	2	20	33 - 60	1.8	24 - 45	304	4	+4
at Indiana	21	18 - (-8)	-0.4	31 - 62	263	4	16	51 - 204	4.0	7 - 19	96	0	+1
Notre Dame	22	33 - 74	2.2	24 - 52	258	5	10	40 - 131	3.3	7 - 15	31	2	-3
†Washington St	28	32 - 55	1.7	38 - 75	419	5	15	27 - 81	3.0	15 - 41	281	1	-1
TOTALS	214	429 - 1176	2.7	244 - 477	2665	42	206	480 - 1477	3.1	197 - 368	2459	29	+11
AVERAGES	17.8	36 - 98	2.7	20 - 40	222	3.5	17.2	40 - 123	3.1	16 - 31	205	2.4	0.9

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	-9	22-36	L
Notre Dame	+19'	28-17	W
Ball St	-16	28-14	L
Northwestern	-3'	21-9	W
at Minnesota	-6	59-43	W
Wisconsin	-2	45-20	W
at Illinois	-10'	48-3	W
at Iowa	+10'	17-35	L
Michigan St	-1	22-21	T
Penn St	+6	17-42	L
at Indiana	-14	56-7	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	+7'	17-27	L
Rice	-13	21-19	L
UCF	-4	35-7	W
at Notre Dame	+7	30-31	W
Minnesota	-9'	56-21	W
at Wisconsin	+6	24-31	L
at Penn St	+8'	13-31	L
Illinois	-24	42-9	W
Iowa	-14	36-14	W
at Northwestern	-13	56-21	W
at Michigan St	-2'	25-24	L
Indiana	-16'	52-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCF	-17	47-13	W
Notre Dame	-4	28-23	W
C Michigan	-37'	58-16	W
Northwestern	-28	31-23	L
at Michigan	+6	12-38	L
at Ohio St	+2'	22-25	L
Michigan St	+2'	52-28	W
Penn St	+4	25-31	L
at Minnesota	-3	33-28	W
Wisconsin	-1	21-28	L
at Indiana	-13	30-24	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-38	48-0	W
Kent St	-43	45-10	L
at Notre Dame	-6	21-23	L
Minnesota	-13	38-24	W
at Penn St	-13	20-22	L
Michigan	-2	32-31	L
at Northwestern	-3'	41-28	W
at Wisconsin (OT)	-5'	30-24	W
Ohio St	-1'	31-27	W
at Michigan St	-8	10-30	L
Indiana	-16'	41-13	W

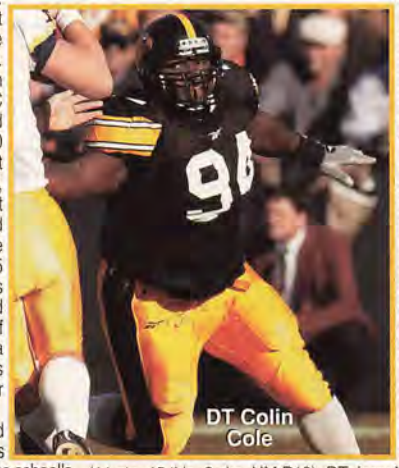
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	-8	19-14	L
Akron	-18	33-14	W
at Minnesota (OT)	-4	35-28	W
Iowa	-3'	23-14	W
at Michigan	+11	10-24	L
Northwestern	-5	32-27	T
Illinois	-2	13-38	L
at Ohio St	+6	9-35	L
Michigan St	-3	24-14	W
at Indiana	+2'	7-13	L
Notre Dame	-2'	18-24	L

IOWA HAWKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Kyle McCann, who got the scholarship that Drew Brees wanted in 1997, leaves as UI's #5 career all-time QB in passing yards. McCann played the last 18Q's of 2000 and guided the team to two of their 3 victories. McCann and Jon Beutjer battled for the starting job throughout the spring of 2001 and even into August. It was close but Beutjer opted to transfer after getting into a fight with a teammate. That left JUCO Brad Banks (6-1 185 Sr) as the backup to McCann. McCann started all 12 games and threw for 2,028 yards with a solid 60.3% and a 16-11 ratio and was 2nd in the Big 10 in pass efficiency. Things were not all wine and roses for him, however, as the mobile Banks became the fan favorite. Against Michigan the home crowd even booed McCann when he stepped onto the field with a 3Q lead over the Wolves. The next week McCann fumbled at the 10 in Wisconsin and Banks led 4 TD drives in that game. The job was up in the air prior to the Northwestern game but McCann had a solid game and held on to his starter's role the rest of the year as he rallied to hit 23 of 28 passes. Banks was considered more of a runner than passer, even though he threw for 2,000 yards and rushed for 500 at JC in 2000. Banks rushed for 181 yards in 9 games and completed 60% for 582 yards with a 4-2 ratio (#3 in Big 10 in pass eff). With Beutjer's departure, they were very thin at QB as the #3 QB was walk-on David Raih (6-5 190 Jr, PS#139) who got in 2 games with 1 pass attempt. Matt Bohnet (6-3 210 rFr) was PS#100. This year they've added JUCO Nathan Chandler (6-7 250 Jr) who enrolled for the spring. He has 4.7 speed, great size and threw for 2,455 yards (65%) with a 26-8 ratio and rushed for 400 net yards at JUCO last season. Banks should be a solid starter and took command of the job in the spring game, hitting 21 of 24 for 337 yards and 4 TD's. However, the possibility of a 2 QB rotation exists. With Banks mobility and Chandler's height and pure passing skills they could make it tough for opponents to prepare for the Hawkeyes.


DT Colin Cole

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Hawkeyes returned everyone to the RB corps including starting TB Ladell Betts and FB Jeremy Allen. Betts needed 1,531 yards to break the school's all-time rushing record but missed with 1,056 (4.8). He became the first Hawkeye ever to lead the team in rushing for 4 straight years. Allen rushed for 242 yards (4.7) and also had 20 rec's (13.2). Both Betts (#2DC of WAS) and Allen depart as does backup FB Robbie Crockett (36 yds). Aaron Greving (PS#37) was the #2 rusher with 333 yards and a solid 5.6 ypc (0.8 better than Betts). He tied an NCAA record by scoring TD's on 3 straight carries. He ran for 115 yards and 1 TD and won the Off MVP of the Alamo Bowl after Betts was injured. However, he did miss the spring with a foot injury. Fred Russell rushed for 141 yards (6.7) last year. Russell received the majority of the snaps this spring due to injuries and suspensions that left the squad with just 2 scholarship TB's. Siaka Massaquoi (5-11 200 Sr, PS#22) was suspended in the spring and will miss the 1st game. I list the 2 deep below. The big news is the return of Jermelle Lewis (PS#15) who earned back his scholarship after having it revoked for academic reasons. Naturally with the loss of their two starters, this unit looks weaker.

RECEIVERS - Last year Iowa had to replace team MVP WR Kevin Casper, who had 82 rec's, and a starting TE but they did have 3 senior WR's returning that had started a combined 20 games in 2000. Naturally this year the losses are even heavier. Kahlil Hill (#6DC of ATL) led the team with 59 rec's (14.3). Chris Oliver was #5 with 18 (8.4) and Tim Dodge had 13 (10.6). Those 3 depart but 2 of the top 3 receivers return as TE Dallas Clark had 38 rec's (14.2) and JUCO transfer CJ Jones, despite not starting, had 34 rec's (12.8). I list the 2 deep below and also in the mix are TE's Tony Jackson (6-3 265 So, PS#145), CJ Barkema (6-8 235 rFr, PS#74), Andy Thorn (6-5 255 So, PS#85) and WR Ramon Ochoa (5-10 189 Jr). I list 7 WR's below. This group looks to be in much the same shape as it was last year even though they lost their top guy.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an NFL OL coach for 6 years which means that this position is one of his top priorities. In his first 2 years the line was inexperienced and shuffled often, with 8 different OL combos alone in 2000. The unit averaged just 2.7 ypc rushing that year while allowing 57 sacks. Last year he had his first veteran offensive front, with 4 starters returning. Injuries hurt the group again, as they cost Eric Steinbach 2 starts, Andy Lightfoot 7 starts, Sam Aiello 7 starts and limited Ben Sobieski (6-5 305 Sr). Texas Tech's DC McMackin said "They are the most athletic OL we will face. It looks like a bunch of well built basketball players in football uniforms." With an experienced OL the Hawkeyes went from last in the Big 10 in scoring to first and the unit paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing 20 sacks. Ten players return this year with 22 letters among them including 8 with starting experience and there are 5 VHT's in the 2 deep I list below. There wasn't even enough room to mention VHT Adam Densmore (6-4 290 Jr, PS#84) and Jacob Bowers (6-5 265 So, PS#273) or this year's top-notch true frosh. This is probably the most experienced and athletically gifted OL in the Big 10.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year 7 of the top 8 returned and the unit averaged 292 lbs per man. They finished #2 in the Big 10 in total defense, allowing just 3.2 ypc (4.4 in 2000) although surprisingly recorded just 24 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DT Derrick Pickens (11 sts, 46 tkls, 6 sks, HM B10), DT Jerry Montgomery (10 sts, 27 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Aaron Kampman (#5DC of GB, 12 sts, 96 tkls, 9 sks, 8 tfl, 1st Tm B10), DE Joseph Uselman (34 tkls, 8 tfl, 1 st) and DT Cody O'Hare (10 tkls, 1 tfl). Montgomery did miss 2 games due to injury allowing Jared Clauss to get 2 starts and they do have one starter returning in Colin Cole. Kampman is a huge loss as he simply led the Big 10 in sacks. This is one area where true frosh could play right away but last year only 1 true frosh on the entire squad played. I list the 2 deep below and after clearly being a team strength last year, the unit is much less experienced and therefore weaker.

LINEBACKERS - The Hawks had to replace one starter last year and one backup who combined for 17 starts. They did have 3 players back who had 6, 4 and 7 starts the previous season. This year they lose MLB's Roger Meyer (7 sts, 83 tkls, 2 tfl) and Mike Dolezal (5 sts, 84 tkls, 1 tfl). Basically everyone else is back and I expect a much bigger contribution from Matt Roth (PS#25) who was the only true frosh to play last year and has NFL size and speed. I list a talented 2 deep below with a lot of HT's and even a couple of VHT's available. Not listed below is Mike Follett (6-5 215 rFr, PS#66QB). This unit is more experienced and I really like the crop of rFr who are being added.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 two true frosh started, and Iowa finished #103 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 1.5 starters and 1 backup and then a JUCO, who I projected as a starter, was injured. During the season the team lost its top CB Matt Stockdale with 5 games to go in his career. Due to the injuries, they allowed 262 yards passing to Wisconsin and 368 to Minnesota down the stretch. The Hawks still managed to move up to #37 in my pass D rankings, yielding 208.0 ypg, 55.2% with a 15-13 ratio. The 4 players who started the final 5 games all return. The only losses are Stockdale (7 sts, 12 pbu) and SS Shane Hall (5 sts, 32 tkls, 5 pbu). Five players return with starting experience and JUCO Jermire Roberts could make an impact after missing last year with injury. SS Bob Sanders impressively was voted 1st Team Big 10 as a true soph. He led the team in tackles and also had 4 int's. He is one of the hardest hitting safeties in the game. I look for continued improvement in the pass defense rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ferentz finished #30 in his first year in '99 and #7 in my special teams rankings in 2000, with the strength of the unit the previous four years being punter Jason Baker. Last year they had to replace Baker and despite the presence of some exciting returnmen they dropped down to #52. P David Bradley struggled at times, averaging just 36.7 (net 32.6). In 2000 Nate Kaeding hit 8 of 11 FG's from 40 to 49 and possesses a strong leg for kickoffs. Last year he hit 8 of 11 FG's with a long of 47. He set an Iowa record with 11 straight FG's over 2 seasons. The Hawks coverage units on kicks have been strong in past years and they allowed 7.5 on PR's and 19.0 on KR's last year. Exciting Kahlil Hill had 11.9 on PR's and 24.3 on KR's. He won the Mosi Tatupu Award for best special teams player in the country and will be missed. CJ Jones had 8 career punt return TD's at JUCO and averaged a super 27.3 on 6 PR's last year but only 19.8 on 12 KR's. Look for him to improve as a senior. Long snapper Kevin Worthy was inconsistent early and they suffered a blocked punt and a blocked FG vs Penn St. Bradley was just a frosh last year and should improve as a soph and even with Hill's loss, they could move up in the rankings.

K Nate Kaeding

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1997 the Hawks had been to 4 bowl games in the previous 6 years and started the season 4-0 but then went on an 8-31 slide until the final 3 games of the 2000 season. Since then the Hawks are 9-6 and last year made it to their first bowl since 1997. Iowa was a consensus 10th place pick in the Big 10 last year although I had them ranked 7th and their 4-4 finish put them among the league's top 7 teams. The Hawks outgained Big 10 opponents by 51.1 ypg (3rd best in the league). Despite their 4-4 league mark, they outscored Big 10 members by 7.1 ppg. Last year's team had 19 seniors and 12 juniors in the 2 deep. While the offense was only 7th best in the conference (387.6), the team averaged 32.9 ppg in league play which was the best. The defense allowed just 326.1 (#2 in Big 10). This year Iowa will be strong offensively up front with the entire offensive line and TE back but must break in some new skill position players. I don't think they'll come anywhere near the 32.6 ppg they managed last year. Defensively they lose the bulk of their outstanding DL but still figure to be formidable on that side of the ball. The non-conf slate is soft and they are very capable of a 4-0 start if they can end ISU's winning streak against them. They have some winnable road games in league play so if they can take care of business at home they are capable of matching or beating last year's Big 10 record. I will call for a 2nd consecutive winning season for the Hawks and a return to a bowl.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Brad Banks Sr. 6-1 185 PS#52. 2000 pass, 500 rush at JC. 29 TD's in 2000. 582 pass (60%) 4-2 ratio (#3 B10 pass eff) 181 rush LY. **Nathan Chandler** (6-7 250 Jr) **PS#26JC**.

RB Aaron Greving Jr. 5-11 207 PS#37. 333 yds (115 in bowl) w/5.6 ypc. **Jermelle Lewis** (5-11 208 So) **PS#15**. Fred Russell (5-8 185 Jr) PS#47. **4.28**, 141 yds (6.7) LY. #1 TB in spg TY.

FB Edgar Cervantes Jr. 6-3 240 5 tkls at LB in 2000. 20 yds rush 11 gms LY at FB. Aaron Mickens (5-10 235 So) PS#450RB, 10 gms LY. Kevin Sherlock (5-11 225 rFr).

WR Ed Hinkel rFr. 6-1 170 PS#62. 183 yds in spg gm. Calvin Davis (PS#70). Maurice Brown (6-2 210 Jr) 3 rec (14.0). Warren Holloway (5-10 184 So) PS#100.

WR C.J. Jones Sr. 6-0 185 PS#33JUCO. #2 rec here LY w/34 (12.8). 401 return yards. Darius Butler (6-1 190 rFr) PS#159. Dave Vickers (6-2 185 Fr) is PS#91WR.

TE DALLAS CLARK JR. 6-4 240 LB in '99 & 2000. 10 sts at TE LY. #2 w/38 rec (14.2) HM B10. Erik Jensen (6-3 259 Jr) PS#73RB, 2 sts, 4 rec LY. Ben Gates (6-6 235 rFr) PS#31.

C BRUCE NELSON SR. 6-4 290 PS#179. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts in 2000. **HM B10** in 2000 & 2001. 12 sts LY. Pete Traynor (6-3 290 Sr) 2L. Brian Ferentz (6-2 245 rFr) PS#129.

RG ANDY LIGHTFOOT SR. 6-6 294 **PS#25**. 2 sts as rFr. 8 sts in 2000. 4 sts in 2001 (inj'd). **Kory Borchers** (6-6 290 Jr) PS#63DL, 3 sts LY, 1L. Eric Rothwell (6-3 300 Jr) PS#158.

LG ERIC STEINBACH JR. 6-7 284 PS#23TE. L/4 sts as rFr. 3 sts in 2000 (inj'd 7). 9 sts LY (miss 2) **1st Tm B10**, 3L. Sam Aiello (6-5 305 Jr) **PS#31, 5 sts** in 2000, 4 sts LY (inj'd). 2L.

RT DAVID PORTER SR. 6-7 316 PS#145. 4 starts in 2000. 11 starts at RT last year, 2 letters. 6th yr Sr. Peter McMahon (6-7 312 So) 1 letter. Ben Cronin (6-5 270 rFr) PS#52.

LT ROBERT GALLERY JR. 6-7 300 PS#57TE. 4 sts at TE, 3 rec, 6 at RT as rFr. +50 lbs LY, 12 sts, 2L. **Ben Sobieski PS#27DL**. 11 sts in '98, inj's. 3L. **Blake Larsen** (6-7 304 rFr) **PS#3**.

K NATE KAEDING JR. 6-0 165 PS#16K. 14 of 22 FG's as **true**, long of 49. Iowa rec 11 straight FG's. 12 of 16 LY, long of 47, 4 of 5 from 40+, 1 miss from 50, HM B10.

DEFENSE

DE Jonathan Babineaux Jr. 6-2 255 3 sts at FB as true. Inj'd LY. **Lee Gray** (6-6 270 rFr) PS#69TE. Scott Webb (6-2 295 Sr) PS#267DL, JC. 2 tkls, 4 games in 2000, 7 tkls in 9 LY.

DT COLIN COLE SR. 6-2 300 PS#230. 25 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl as true. 1 st, 39 tkls, 5 sks in 2000 at DT. 12 sts at DE LY, HM B10, 64 tkls, 6 sks, 9 tfl. **Fabian Dodd** (6-3 280 rFr) PS#80.

DT Jared Clauss Jr. 6-5 287 PS#144. 11 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 2 sts LY, 28 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl. Wesley Thibeaux (6-2 294 Jr) PS#308JC, run stopper. Kelvin Bell (6-2 300 So) PS#375.

DE Derreck Robinson So. 6-5 260 PS#69. 4 tkls as rFr. **Howard Hodges** (6-2 235 Jr) 18 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 9 tkls, 1 tfl LY (inj). Steve Burch is PS#201LB. Jory Helms (6-2 265 Jr) PS#231.

OLB GRANT STEEN JR. 6-3 238 PS#324. 7 tkls as rFr. 12 sts LY, 67 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. George Lewis (6-2 230 Jr) PS#214, 10 tkls LY. Matt Neubauer (6-6 250 rFr) PS#93.

MLB FRED BARR SR. 6-2 238 PS#282. 6 sts, 74 tkls as true. 6 sts (inj) in 2000, 72 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 sts LY, #2 w/116 tkls, 7 tfl, HM Big 10. Abdul Hodge (6-2 220 rFr) PS#51WR.

ILB Matt Roth So. 6-4 245 **PS#25**. 350 bench, 4.6 spd. 19 tkls, 1 tfl as **true**. **Kevin Worthy** (6-2 235 Jr) PS#200, 25 tkls as true. 27 tkls LY. Chad Greenway (6-4 215 rFr) PS#48QB.

CB DJ Johnson Sr. 5-10 192 PS#71RB. 5 sts in '98-2000, 40 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu (inj 2000). L/5 sts LY, 28 tkls, 4 pbu. **Jermire Roberts** (6-2 210 Jr) PS#83JC. 11 int's at JC in 2000, inj LY.

CB BENNY SAPP JR. 5-10 181 PS#295. 8 sts, 55 tkls, **14 pbu** as true. 12 sts LY, 49 tkls, 3 int, **15 pbu**. Antwan Allen (5-10 160 rFr). Marqueas McLaurin JC, 21 tkls here in 2Y. WR in spg.

CB BOB SANDERS JR. 5-8 194 PS#173. 4 sts as **true**, 52 tkls, 3 tfl. **1st Tm Big 10** in 2001, #1 w/122 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu, 6 tfl. Chris Smith (5-11 195 Jr) 3 sts, 37 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu 2Y.

FS DEREK PAGEL SR. 6-1 203 PS#40K. 3 tkls as rFr. 17 tkls, 1 sk, 3 pbu in 2000. 6 sts LY, 44 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, 3 tfl. Spec Tm Captain. Sean Considine (6-0 190 So) 17 tkls as a rFr.

P DAVID BRADLEY SO. 6-2 205 PS#147QB. 2100 yds pass w/21 TD's as Sr in HS. 41 punts, 36.7 avg, 32.6 tm net LY. John Gallery (6-2 210 rFr) PS#228LB. Nate Kaeding 6 punts (41.0).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL Chris Felder 6-7 295 PS#15
QB Nathan Chandler 6-7 250 PS#26JC
TE Warren McDuffie 6-7 235 PS#26
DL Eric Zilisch 6-5 230 PS#69
LB Edmond Miles 6-1 200 PS#60
QB Jason Manson 6-1 185 PS#50
WR Calvin Davis 6-1 180 PS#70
PK Kyle Schlicher 5-9 175 PS#7
RB Justise Hairston 6-0 205 PS#93
QB Cy Phillips 6-6 228 PS#65
WR Dave Vickers 6-2 185 PS#91
DB Miguel Merrick 6-0 190 PS#92
LB Ryan Majerus 6-4 210 PS#109
OL Larry Thomas 6-2 270 PS#158

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	Akron	G					
Sep. 7	at Miami (Oh)	G					
Sep. 14	Iowa St	G					
Sep. 21	Utah St	G					
Sep. 28	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 5	Purdue (HC)	G					
Oct. 12	Michigan St	G					
Oct. 19	at Indiana	G					
Oct. 26	at Michigan	G					
Nov. 2	Wisconsin	G					
Nov. 9	Northwestern	G					
Nov. 16	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 23							
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Iowa is 11-2-1 ATS when favored by 21 or more points.
This visitor is 9-2-1 ATS in the Illinois series.
Iowa is 5-9 ATS their last 14 as an underdog of 20 or more points.

This is the Hawkeyes' first meeting with the Zips.
Iowa is 5-8 ATS in their last 13 lined home openers since 1980.

Pending LW: Hawkeyes are 9-1 SU and 7-1 ATS vs current MAC schools.
This is Iowa's 2nd encounter with the Redhawks in school history.

UI is 12-7 ATS & 15-4 SU S/'83 in this series but has dropped 4 in a row SU & ATS.
The SU winner of this rivalry wins the Cy-Hawk Trophy. UI is 17-7 SU S/'77.

Pending earlier results: Iowa is 5-2 ATS as a home favorite the last 3 years.
IA is 7-2 ATS the 1st game before Penn St the last 9.

Hawkeyes are 3-7-1 ATS in their 1st Big 10 game of the season since '91.
Iowa is 9-14 ATS their last 23 as a Big 10 away dog.

Iowa is 8-4 ATS in the last 12 meetings.
Tim Dwight's alma mater is 6-10-1 ATS in their last 17 October contests.

May apply: Iowa is 3-0 ATS last 3 vs Michigan St as a home dog.
The Hawkeyes are 11-6-1 SU and 12-6 ATS last 18 in this series.

Iowa leads the all-time series with a 36-25-4 SU mark.
The favorite is 12-5 ATS in the last 17 series meetings.

Hawkeyes are 10-4-1 ATS their last 15 games vs Michigan.
Wolverines have dominated the all-time series, as UM is 37-8-4 SU vs UI.

Could apply: Hawkeyes are 5-3 ATS vs the Badgers as a HF.
UI is 14-5-1 SU, but only 10-10 ATS vs Wisconsin since 1980.

Iowa is 18-4 SU and 14-8 ATS vs the Cats in the last 22 meetings.
Hawkeyes are 44-18-3 SU vs Northwestern, but only 3-4 ATS the L7Y.

UI has been outscored 304-106 their last 8 on artificial turf.
Iowa is 6-3 SU but 8-1 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.

⇧Bonus: The SU winner of this series wins the "Floyd of Rosedale" Trophy, which is a bronze pig and UM leads the series 37-27-2 SU S/'33.

KIRK FERENTZ (Career 23-45)

4th Year at Iowa

Ferentz's records AT IOWA

11-24	Straight Up	5-2	Home Favorite
18-15-1	Vs The Spread	5-5-1	Home Dog
12-9	Off A S/U Loss	1-2	Away Favorite
13-10-1	Vs Conference	7-6	Away Dog
		5-5	Vs Non-Conf

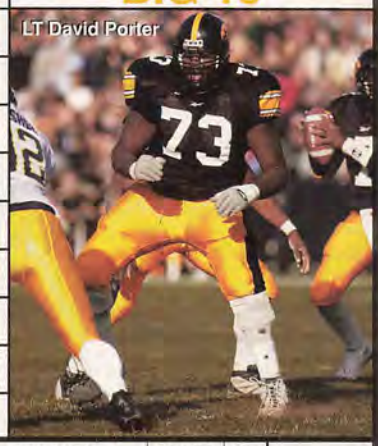
2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (18,22,3)
Lost: 19 (10,9,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,665

BIG 10



STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,397)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	7-4	3-8	1-10	3-9	6-5	35-43
ATS	5-5	7-4	6-3-1	3-8	4-7	8-4	6-4-1	39-35-2
Home Fav	2-2	2-3	4-0-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	4-1	14-9-1
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-2	2-3	3-2	0-0-1	7-8-1
Away Fav	2-0	3-1	1-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	8-5
Away Dog	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-4	1-4	5-1	1-1	10-13
Favorite	4-2	5-4	5-2-1	2-2	1-0	0-1	5-3	22-14-1
Dog	1-3	2-0	1-1	1-6	3-7	8-3	1-1-1	17-21-1
Grass	2-4	4-3	6-2-1	2-7	4-5	6-3	5-3-1	29-27-2
Artificial	3-1	3-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-1	10-8
vs Conf	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	2-6	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-2	2-2	2-1	11-9
Off SU Win	4-2	5-2	3-2-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	2-3-1	17-13-1
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-1	3-1	1-6	4-5	5-3	3-1	19-20

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ladell Betts	222	1113	53	1060	10	4.8
Aaron Greving	**60**	**353**	**20**	**333**	**7**	**5.6**
Jeremy Allen	52	247	5	242	4	4.7
Brad Banks	**41**	**181**	**30**	**151**	**2**	**3.7**
Fred Russell	**21**	**145**	**4**	**141**	**1**	**6.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle McCann	252	167	66.3	2028	16	11
Brad Banks	**68**	**41**	**60.3**	**582**	**4**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kahlil Hill	59	841	14.3	8	75
Dallas Clark	**38**	**539**	**14.2**	**4**	**40**
CJ Jones	**34**	**434**	**12.8**	**1**	**59**
Jeremy Allen	20	264	13.2	4	45
Chris Oliver	18	152	8.4	1	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
David Bradley	**41**	**1503**	**36.7**	**–**	**32.6**	**0**	**12**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nate Kaeding	**2-3**	**6-8**	**4-4**	**0-1**	**12-16**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bob Sanders	**122**	**1**	**5**	**12**	**4**
Fred Barr	**116**	**2**	**5**	**4**	**0**
Aaron Kampman	96	9	8	6	2
Mike Dolezal	84	0	1	1	0
Roger Meyer	83	0	2	1	0
Grant Steen	**67**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Colin Cole	**64**	**6**	**9**	**0**	**0**
Benny Sapp	**49**	**0**	**3**	**15**	**3**
Derrick Pickens	46	6	5	2	1
Derek Pagel	**44**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**1**
Joseph Uselman	34	2	6	0	0
Shane Hall	32	0	0	5	0
Matt Stockdale	30	0	1	12	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kahlil Hill	19	226	11.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kahlil Hill	15	364	24.3	0
CJ Jones	**12**	**237**	**19.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Alamo	+11'	California	3-37	L
95	Sun	+5'	Washington	38-18	W
96	Alamo	-3'	Texas Tech	27-0	W
97	Sun	-6'	Arizona St	7-17	L
01	Alamo	+1	Texas Tech	19-16	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

IOWA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	32.6	20	175	4.3	218	65.0	12.1	0	2001	8	21.5	18	117	3.2	208	55.2	15.1
6*	16.9	17	91	2.7	215	56.9	18.1	-3	2000	6	27.5	22	194	4.5	247	56.7	16.0
6*	14.7	16	94	3.0	207	53.7	20.4	-5	1999	4	31.5	23	245	5.0	218	56.4	14.7
4	15.6	16	81	2.2	186	50.5	17.1	-1	1998	6	26.1	19	187	4.4	212	53.4	15.3
7*	34.3	18	217	5.0	189	52.8	11.8	+8	1997	7	13.3	15	119	3.0	156	44.9	20.8
7*	28.3	18	180	4.1	177	57.3	12.6	+10	1996	7	20.3	17	141	3.6	167	45.5	16.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Kent St	30	49 - 331	6.8	15 - 22	236	1	13	30 - 113	3.8	13 - 32	90	1	+1
Miami (Oh)	21	40 - 141	3.5	22 - 32	270	1	16	38 - 165	4.3	10 - 20	223	5	+2
Penn St	20	44 - 104	2.4	16 - 25	225	3	15	27 - 33	1.2	20 - 37	161	3	0
at Purdue	12	34 - 33	1.0	22 - 34	174	5	11	30 - 70	2.3	17 - 34	147	0	0
at Michigan St	22	35 - 144	4.1	22 - 41	220	0	15	39 - 90	2.3	14 - 22	179	1	-2
Indiana	20	33 - 226	6.8	13 - 17	228	0	28	56 - 308	5.5	14 - 28	160	0	-1
Michigan	13	34 - 65	1.9	20 - 34	235	3	14	36 - 63	1.8	16 - 38	233	1	0
at Wisconsin	18	26 - 173	6.7	16 - 34	213	1	24	56 - 172	3.1	14 - 21	262	3	-3
at Northwestern	25	60 - 283	4.8	17 - 24	305	0	14	31 - 120	3.9	20 - 34	136	2	+2
Minnesota	23	53 - 267	5.0	13 - 14	206	0	24	35 - 107	3.1	21 - 35	368	3	0
at Iowa St	18	36 - 159	4.4	15 - 20	145	3	17	39 - 84	2.2	20 - 27	228	3	-2
†Texas Tech	20	44 - 178	4.0	19 - 26	161	3	20	20 - 80	4.0	29 - 49	309	2	+3
TOTALS	242	488 - 2104	4.3	210 - 323	2618	20	211	437 - 1405	3.2	208 - 377	2496	24	0
AVERAGES	20.2	41 - 175	4.3	18 - 27	218	1.7	17.6	36 - 117	3.2	17 - 31	208	2.0	0.0

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	66-0	–
Tulsa	-26	54-16	W
at Iowa St	-27	63-20	W
Illinois	-28	38-10	T
at Ohio St	+3'	7-23	L
at Michigan	+6'	24-28	W
Indiana	-26	62-0	W
Purdue	-10'	35-17	W
at Wisconsin	-8'	10-13	L
at Northwestern	-11	14-15	L
Minnesota	-21	31-0	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-34	38-0	W
Iowa St	-28	9-27	L
at Arizona	+12	11-35	L
at Illinois	-10	37-14	W
Michigan	+9	9-12	W
Northwestern	-10	26-24	L
at Indiana	+3	7-14	L
Wisconsin	+7	0-31	L
at Purdue	+14	14-36	L
Ohio St	+25	14-45	L
at Minnesota	+7	7-49	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nebraska	+27	7-42	L
at Iowa St	+4	10-17	L
N Illinois	-14'	24-0	W
at Michigan St	+21'	3-49	L
Penn St	+28	7-31	W
at Northwestern	+4'	21-23	W
Indiana	+2'	31-38	L
at Ohio St	+22'	11-41	L
Illinois	+6'	24-40	L
at Wisconsin	+31'	3-41	L
Minnesota	+20	21-25	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Kansas St	+29	7-27	W
W Michigan	-7'	21-27	L
Iowa St	+3	14-24	L
at Nebraska	+41'	13-42	W
at Indiana	+14	33-45	W
Michigan St	+9	21-16	W
at Illinois	+12'	0-31	L
Ohio St	+19	10-38	L
Wisconsin	+16	7-13	W
at Penn St (OT)	+17	26-23	W
Northwestern	+12	27-17	W
at Minnesota	+14	24-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-27	51-0	W
Miami (Oh)	-15	44-19	W
Penn St	-9'	24-18	L
at Purdue	+3'	14-23	L
at Michigan St	+5	28-31	W
Indiana	-9'	42-28	W
Michigan	+6	26-32	T
at Wisconsin	-1'	28-34	L
at Northwestern	-1	59-16	W
Minnesota	-12'	42-24	W
at Iowa St	-4	14-17	L

WISCONSIN BADGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Brooks Bollinger (PS#36) was the Scout Team Offensive POY in '98 and took over the varsity starting job for the last 8 games in '99. He threw for 1,133 yards (59%) with an 8-2 ratio, rushed for 573 yards, was #2 in the Big 10 in pass efficiency, and guided the Badgers to their Rose Bowl victory (Bowl MVP). In 2000 the Badgers had a ton of suspensions and injuries on both the OL and WR corps and Bollinger struggled early, completing just 48% for 708 yards with a 4-4 ratio in the first 8 games. Bollinger was hurt and backup QB Jim Sorgi (6-5 188 Jr, PS#50) led the team to comeback wins vs Mich St and Indiana and hit 21 of 29 for 243 yards vs Purdue. Sorgi, who would have finished 1st in the Big 10 in pass efficiency and 2nd nationally had he played enough games, completed 67% with a 6-2 ratio. Bollinger reclaimed the job, and over the final 5 games of 2000 he hit 59% for 771 yards and a 6-3 ratio, benefitting from a healthier team. Both have 4.8 speed although Bollinger is more of an option runner (UW's career leader in QB rushing yards) while Sorgi is the better pure passer. Last year Bollinger began as the starter but would miss 16Q's due to injury and ended up throwing for 1,257 yards (51.4%) with a 6-4 ratio (487 rush). He started the final 3 and played them in their entirety. He is 22-7 as a starter. Sorgi got in 3 starts and threw for 1,096 yards but was not as effective as in 2000 as he completed just 48.5% with a 9-8 ratio (66 rush). He is 0-4 as a starter. Matt Schabert (6-2 204 So, PS#34) saw the majority of his action vs Mich St, hitting 10 of 18 for 177 yards with 2 TD's and 1 int. All 3 QB's return. Added to the mix this year is VHT Owen Daniels (6-3 220 rFr, PS#18) who may have the best arm on the roster. Devin Hollins (6-0 193 rFr, PS#98) was recruited as either a WR or DB by Pac 10 teams but came here for the chance to play QB. Naturally with everyone back this is an extremely deep unit that should remain healthier than last year and looks improved.

WR Lee Evans

RUNNING BACKS - Wisconsin has actually had 9 straight years of a RB topping 1,000 yards, with 6 different Badgers being involved in that streak. After having to replace Ron Dayne, the NCAA career rushing record holder, super fast Michael Bennett stepped in and rushed for 1,681 yards (5.4) in 2000. Last year the only experienced RB was Broderick Williams (26 yds in 2000) but he was injured and would miss the start of the year. Three rFr battled for the spot. Anthony Davis (PS#85), who runs a 10.6 in the 100m, was the fastest. Tyron Griffin (PS#41) was the biggest but also had 4.4 speed, while Jerone Pettus (PS#92) was the most elusive and also benches 400 lbs. Davis took over the starter's job and set an NCAA record for freshman (formerly owned by Tony Dorsett) with ten 100+ yard rushing games. He set the record, despite the fact that he missed the Indiana game due to injury. For the season he rushed for 1,466 yards (5.0) and was the Big 10 Frosh of the Year. Pettus returns and had 255 yards (4.2) with one start. Tyron Griffin quit the team after 3 games and Broderick Williams now moves to LB. I list the FB's below and Alvarez hauled in a solid class of freshmen this year after not signing a single frosh RB last year. As long as Davis stays healthy, this unit could be even stronger and clearly looks like one of the best RB's in the Big 10.

RECEIVERS - The Badgers had to replace the very talented Chris Chambers last year who was the #2DC of MIA. They also had to replace their top TE. Lee Evans (5-11 192) has 4.3 speed and after averaging a super 19.2 on 33 rec's in 2000 had a phenomenal year last season. He set a Big 10 record for yardage in a year with 1,545 yards on 75 rec's with a super 20.6 ypc. He tore his ACL in the spring game but the coaches are optimistic that if any player can return from this type of injury, it is Evans. This year they must replace 2 starters in TE Mark Anelli (#6DC of SF, 35, 10.2) who was one of the most productive TE's ever for the Badgers, and WR Nick Davis (30, 12.6) who was a game-breaker. There is some outstanding talent returning, including 2 VHT WR's! While Anelli is a big loss, 2 TE's with starting experience return and OC White says he's excited about watching Bob Docherty develop. Not listed below at TE are Jason Pociask (6-3 247 rFr, PS#74) and Rob Tucker (6-4 244 Jr, PS#57). Since Evans turned down the chance to turn pro, this unit has more experience than it did last year, provided he returns healthy.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Alvarez does a great job assembling big and talented OL's and Wisky, as mentioned earlier, has had a 1,000 yard rusher for 9 consecutive years. In 1997 Alvarez started 3 frosh in the opening game, and those 3 ended up combining for 139 starts in their careers with 2 becoming NFL DC's. That young OL of 1997 paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing and they have improved yearly afterward. Overall last year 3 starters departed as well as 3 backups. The 2 starters returning were good ones in C Al Johnson and LT Ben Johnson. The young O-line, which featured 2 frosh starters, paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing which is actually identical to the 2000 season, while the team allowed 27 sacks, down from 43 in 2000. This year the unit is in great shape as all 10 players on the 2 deep return, thanks to both of the Johnsons turning down the NFL. I list that very talented 2 deep below. This unit looks like it will be one of the Big 10's best OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers had one of the top DL's in the country in 2000 as all 4 starters came back but last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace 3 full-time starters. Wisky's defense doesn't normally get a lot of sacks and the talented 2000 version had just 27 sacks, but last year's defense actually had 32 despite their inexperience. The 1 starter returning in 2001 was simply a player who turned out to be the Big 10 DL of the Year in Wendell Bryant, who was 1st Team Big 10 for 3 straight years and recorded 8 sacks and 9 tfl in 2001. Other than Bryant, this unit was injury plagued and last season's team yielded 4.2 ypc rushing which was right around the 4.3 ypc rushing allowed in 2000, both weak for an Alvarez-coached team. Bryant departs (#1DC of ARZ) as do Delante McGrew (7 sts until inj, 28 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl), NG Ben Herbert (12 sts, 50 tkls, 3 tfl) and DE Chuck Smith (16 tkls, 2 sks, 10 sts). Having to replace all 4 starters makes this unit even less experienced than it was last season. Big things were expected from Darius Jones (PS#5LB) but he was injured and missed the year as did Jake Sprague, another projected starter at DE. Both are back this season. Sprague and Jones are both large DE's and in obvious passing situations, they will move inside to DT, moving up Erasmus James and Jonathan Welsh to DE and giving them more speed on the line. They have another VHT in the middle in Anttaj Hawthorne who started 3 of the last 4 games as a true frosh. He and Jones could key a solid DL. In their normal set they've got a pair of 300 lb DT's, so this group clearly has size and potential, but with the loss of a player like Bryant and all 4 starters, I'll call it weaker.

LINEBACKERS - A linebacker has led the Badgers in tackles in 19 of the last 20 seasons. In 2000 the Badgers had to replace their #1 (#6DC) and #3 tacklers and that year Nick Greisen became the 1st Badger in 5 years to lead the Big 10 in tackles with 146 and also had 14 tfl. Last year he returned as did one other starter. Greisen simply led the conference in tackles again last year with 167 and added 17 tfl and was 1st Team Big 10. He will clearly be missed (#5DC of NYG). Also gone are ILB Bryson Thompson (12 sts, 110 tkls, 5 tfl), OLB Jason Schick (5 sts, 17 tkls, 1 pbu) and 3rd string ILB Mark Downing (9 tkls). Only 1 starter is back and while I think Kareem Timbers, in his 2nd year after moving over from the secondary, will be very productive at one OLB spot, this unit is a lot less experienced. They are fairly deep with HT's and get a VHT true frosh added to the mix this year plus Nebraska transfer Mike Makris (6-0 247 Jr) who is PS#161. Also, not listed below are rFr Sam Steiner (6-4 216, PS#274QB) and Jim MacKenzie (6-1 254). The move of Broderick Williams to this unit appeared to pay off in the spring as his 4.5 speed adds a new dimension to the UW LB corps and while this group does have potential, it is clearly weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Badgers have finished near the top (#4 '99, #12 2000) of my pass D rankings lately and that was spearheaded by CB Jamar Fletcher who won the Thorpe Award as the top DB in the country in 2000. Last year they had to replace Fletcher as well as 1 other starter and 1 backup and without their super CB they plummeted down to #44, allowing 50.3% with a 22-13 ratio. One projected starter last year, FS Carlease Clark (PS#107LB), was ruled academically ineligible prior to the year. Four true frosh played in the secondary with Scott Starks taking over the CB job vacated by Fletcher. Prior to the Michigan game, CB Mike Echols asked the coaching staff for a chance to cover the Wolverines' top WR Walker and Echols held him to 14 yards. The team gets its sixth DB coach in 12 years in Ron Cooper (was head coach at Louisville). This year they must replace Echols (#4DC of TEN, 12 sts, 67 tkls, 3 int's, 12 pbu, 1st Tm Big 10) and FS Joey Boese (12 sts, 93 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu). Despite the loss of their top CB, 6 of the top 8 are back and this unit has a bit more experience and should improve their ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year UW not only had to replace super K Pisetsky but also 4 year punter Kevin Stemke who won the Ray Guy Award in 2000 with an amazing 42.9 net punting avg, setting a Big 10 record. They did have super returnman Nick Davis back. This unit finished #1 in my special teams rankings in '99 and in 2000 were #5, but with the loss of their kickers the unit plummeted all the way to #102, costing special teams coach Darnell Wilson his job (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). UW went through two placekickers last year (former walk-on's Mike Allen and Mark Neuser) while true frosh Adam Espinoza (80% of KO's for touchbacks in HS) handled the kickoff chores. Neuser departs but Allen and Espinoza are back plus they add a top-notch JUCO that I project as the starter. They must also replace Davis (12.3 PR's & 22.0 KR's). The Badgers dropped 9 yards in the net punting average to just 33.8, but Alvarez is high on RJ Morse and says he has the leg strength to be something special. Morse took over the punting duties in the second half of the year averaging 41.6. Since Alvarez usually has one of the top special teams units in the country and there is some decent talent here that is now experienced, I look for dramatic improvement.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Wisconsin used to be a perennial Big 10 doormat. From '85 to '90 they averaged just 1 Big 10 victory per season. Barry Alvarez has changed the Badgers' fortunes dramatically guiding the team to 7 bowl games with 6 bowl wins and 3 Rose Bowl titles. Wisky has actually won 9 of their last 12 Big 10 road games and 12 of the last 16. They finished #4 in the country in '99 but had problems with suspensions the next year and fell to "just" 9-4. Last year they had to replace an amazing 27 lettermen with just 33 returning and after leading the Big 10 in total wins the previous 3 years, suffered their first losing season since '95. Out of the 110 squad members in 2001, there were only 26 juniors and seniors among them. The team has been placed on 5 year probation and has to give up some scholarships due to the 2000 Shoe Box scandal. Last year, despite the inexperience, they took on 3 Top 25 teams in Michigan, Illinois and Oregon and led them all in the 4Q. They switched to more of a spread offense attack and set a school record for passing yards in a season with 2,556 and they were the first Big 10 team ever to have two 1,000 yard passers, a 1,000 yard rusher and a 1,000 yard receiver in the same season. OC Brian White enters his 4th season while the Badgers return 8 starters including 2 QB's with starting experience and RB Anthony Davis. The big question this year is will Lee Evans return? If he does, they should have the most potent offense in the league as they have one of the best OL's around. The defense however is a major concern. They did play well at times last year, including allowing Michigan just 163 total yards. For the season they yielded 370.8 ypg which was only the 3rd worst of the Alvarez era. The 28.8 ppg they allowed were the worst ever and the most here since '89. This season the Badgers only lose 14 lettermen, which is the fewest in the Big 10, and have the highest percentage returning (77.4%). I think they will be favored in all 5 non-conf games which should put them 5-0 heading into league play. I do 7 sets of power ratings and 7 sets of projections for the season and they range anywhere from Wisky going 6-2 in league play to 1-7 so how quickly the defense comes around will probably determine where they finish in the Big 10. Adding it all up, it looks like the return of the winning ways for Alvarez and another bowl season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB BROOKS BOLLINGER SR. 6-2 207 PS#36 .12 sts, 1479 yds (53%) 10-7 ratio, 717 rush in 2000. 9 sts, 1257 yds (51%) 6-4 ratio LY. **Jim Sorgi** 1711 yds, 15-10 ratio, in 2 years.

RB ANTHONY DAVIS SO. 5-8 183 4.39. **1st TM B10**, Ten 100 yd gms as rFr (NCAA rec). 1466 yds (5.0). Jerone Pettus (5-9 173 So) PS#92, 400 bench, 255 yds (4.2) LY.

FB Russ Kuhns Sr. 6-0 232 9 tkls in 8 games at LB in 2000. 6 tkls LY, 2nd string FB. Chad's brother. Eric Bickerstaff (6-0 229 Sr). Matt Bernstein (6-2 261 rFr) PS#79.

WR Darrin Charles So. 6-6 205 **PS#26**. Long arms, **6'6"**. 2 sts as true, 14 rec (13.3). **Travann Hayes** (5-11 182 So) **PS#13**, PQ in 2000. DeAndre Kemp (5-10 178 rFr) PS#161.

WR LEE EVANS SR. 5-11 192 PS#73. 10 sts in 2000, 33 rec (19.2). 12 sts LY, 75 rec, **B10 record** 1545 yds (**20.6**), 1 of 3 Biletnikoff finalists. Jonathon Orr (6-3 184 rFr) PS#41.

TE Bob Docherty So. 6-6 265 PS#39. 1 start, 6 games as true. Tony Paciotti (6-4 256 So) PS#23, 2 starts as a redshirt freshman. Mark Bell (6-4 249 So) PS#116.

C AL JOHNSON SR. 6-4 295 **PS#16**. 11 sts in 2000, HM B10. 12 sts LY, HM B10, turned down NFL. **Donovan Raiola** (6-3 296 rFr) PS#104. Jason Palermo (6-3 291 rFr) PS#101DL.

RG JONATHAN CLINKSCALE SO. 6-3 317 PS#125OL. 6 sts as rFr, incl 5 of last 6 gms. **Kalvin Barrett** (6-2 312 So) PS#64, 400 bench, 6 starts in 2001 as rFr. Lost job to Clinkscale.

LG DAN BUENNING SO. 6-4 301 PS#146. 2nd string in '99 & 2000, lettered each yr. 12 sts LY, only missed 13 snaps all yr. Andy Ulrich (6-2 295 So) PS#404. 2nd string LY.

RT JASON JOWERS SR. 6-6 306 PS#92. 2nd string in 2000. 12 sts in 2001, only missed 9 snaps all year, lettered. Mike Lorenz (6-5 307 So) PS#51, 2nd string last year.

LT BEN JOHNSON JR. 6-7 321 **PS#10**. 2nd string as rFr. 9 sts in 2000. 12 sts in 2001, **2nd Tm Big 10**, missed 1 snap all yr. Turned down NFL. Morgan Davis (6-5 317 So).

K SCOTT CAMPBELL JR. 6-0 225 PS#19. 12 of 16 FG's at JUCO in 2001. Long of 56. **Mike Allen** (6-2 184 So) 6 of 9 FG's here, long of 50. Adam Espinoza is PS#14K.

DEFENSE

DE Jake Sprague Sr. 6-4 285 **PS#35.** 2 sts in '99, 23 tkls, 2 sks. 17 tkls, 6 QBH in 2000. Med RS in 2001. **Erasmus James** (6-4 256 Jr) 2 sts, 36 tkls, **6 sks** LY. +21 lbs TY.

DT Anttaj Hawthorne So. 6-3 305 **PS#5.** 3 of L/4 sts LY as **true**, 16 tkls, 2 tfl. Jesse Mayfield (6-6 284 Jr) PS#79. RS in '99, Bkup in 2000. 2 tkls LY. Mike Kleber (6-2 284 rFr) PS#105.

DT Jason Jefferson So. 6-3 306 PS#379. 1 tackle, 2 games in 2001. Lyle Maiava (6-2 302 rFr) PS#104DL. Nick Cochart (6-1 275 Jr) former walk-on 3 tackles, 7 games last year.

DE Darius Jones So. 6-3 284 **PS#5LB**. 1 st last year, 10 tkls, 1 tfl but inj'd & RS. Jonathan Welsh (6-4 224 So) PS#229DL. 2 sts, 21 tkls, 2 sks as rFr. Jeff Lang (6-6 282 rFr) PS#93.

OLB Kareem Timbers So. 6-3 211 **PS#22DB**. Moved to LB LY, 7 gms, 3 tkls, 1 sk, 4.5. Jerron Smith (6-1 233 So) PS#51, 1 tkl LY. Chris Catalano (6-1 212 So) PS#84DB, 6 tkls, 8 gms LY.

ILB JEFF MACK JR. 6-0 247 PS#181. 11 sts in 2000, 55 tkls, 7 sts LY until inj, 34 tkls, 2 pbu at OLB. Howard Boye-Doe (6-2 230 So) PS#256RB. Alex Lewis PS#75JC. Here in fall.

ILB John Gillen rFr. 6-4 233 PS#84. **Broderick Williams** (6-0 224 Jr) PS#195RB, 4.5 spd. 64 rush yds at RB 2Y. Reggie Cribbs is **PS#27**. Kyle McCorison (6-0 242 Jr) N Iowa trans.

CB SCOTT STARKS SO. 5-10 165 PS#131. 10 starts as true, 64 tackles, 3 int, 10 pbu. 1st true frosh to start on defense for Alvarez. Johnny Sylvain (5-10 182 rFr) **PS#51DB.**

CB B.J. Tucker Sr. 5-11 179 **PS#35.** 3 sts in 2000, 23 tkls, 7 pbu, #3 Big 10 in 100m! 2 sts in 2001 15 tkls, 2 pbu. **Brett Bell** (6-0 187 So) **PS#10**. 1 tkl in 8 games as true.

SS MICHAEL BROUSSARD JR. 5-10 192 PS#103RB. 1 st as true, 11 tkls, 2 tfl. 12 sts LY, 51 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Dontez Sanders (6-1 199 rFr) PS#78WR. Stephon Watson (6-3 191 Sr) PS#51.

FS Robert Brooks So. 5-10 174 PS#91. 11 gms as **true**, 21 tkls, 1 pbu. Carlease Clark (5-11 196 Sr). 2 sts in 2000, 29 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Acad Inel LY. Ryan Aiello (6-1 195 Jr) PS#92.

P RJ MORSE SO. 6-1 249 28 punts as true, 41.6 average. Kirk Munden (5-9 180 Jr) 35 punts, 39.7 average, net of 33.8. Adam Espinoza (5-10 170 So) PS#14 did KO's LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Reggie Cribbs 6-1 215 PS#27	
WR	Enrique Cook 6-2 185 PS#40	
RB	Phillip Fuller 5-11 180 PS#61	
QB	John Stocco 6-2 180 PS#37	
LB	Mark Zalewski 6-2 230 PS#52	
RB	LaMarr Watkins 6-1 205 PS#70	
LB	Alex Lewis 6-1 235 PS#75JC	
LB	Elliot Goode 6-2 225 PS#62	
OL	Randy Gyllin 6-3 305 PS#85	
DB	Levonne Rowan 6-1 180 PS#65	
WR	Brandon White 6-3 175 PS#77	
RB	Dwayne Smith 5-11 215 PS#88	
LB	Paul Joran 6-3 225 PS#74	
RB	Booker Stanley 5-10 195 PS#116	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 23	Fresno St (Fri)*	A					
Aug. 31	at UNLV	G					
Sep. 7	W Virginia	A					
Sep. 14	N Illinois	A					
Sep. 21	Arizona	A					
Oct. 5	Penn St	A					
Oct. 12	at Indiana	G					
Oct. 19	Ohio St (HC)	A					
Oct. 26	at Michigan St	G					
Nov. 2	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 9	Illinois	A					
Nov. 16	at Michigan	G					
Nov. 23	Minnesota	A					
	*John Thompson Classic						

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Barry Alvarez is 5-1-1 SU after losses of 31 points or more.
Wisconsin has a positive turnover ratio in 5 of the last 6 seasons.
The Badgers are 8-2 ATS the week prior to a bye week.

Badgers are 1-6 ATS in their last 7 home openers.
LY was the 1st time these 2 schools met. FSU won 32-20 as a 4 pt AD.

Pending LW: Badgers are on a 2-8 ATS skid against non-conference foes.
UW is 3-6 ATS in their 1st game away from Camp Randall, but covered the L2Y.

This is the 1st time the Mountaineers will find Camp Randall in over 20 yrs.
This is Wisky's 1st meeting with the Big East since '97's 34-0 SU loss to Syracuse.

UW is 7-3 ATS in their second straight home game.
Wisky is 10-0 SU but 6-4 ATS vs the MAC since 1989.

Badgers came into 2002 with a 25-17 ATS mark off their last 42 SU wins.
Including bowls, Badgers are 5-1-1 SU but 3-4 ATS vs the Pac 10.

UW is 18-13-1 SU but 14-18 ATS in October since 1994.
Badgers are 8-3 ATS in their last 10 Big 10 openers, but 2-3 ATS last 5.

UW is 5-2 ATS in the game before Ohio St the last 7.
Wisconsin is 8-4 ATS the last 3 years in conference road games.

Could apply: Badgers are 11-6 ATS as a home dog since 1991.
Two out of the L/3 meetings have been decided by at least 14 pts, as have 7 of the L/12.

Could apply here: UW was 10-16 ATS off a SU loss prior to 2002.
The favorite is 7-2 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.

UW is 13-6 SU and 12-7 ATS in November since 1996.
Wisky is 5-10-1 SU but 10-6 ATS their last 16 vs Iowa.

Wisconsin is 2-0-1 SU and 2-1 ATS at Camp Randall L/3 visits from Illinois.
Badgers are 7-3 ATS in their last 10 overall matchups with the Illini.

Badgers are 2-6 ATS in their last 8 road finales.
Wisky is 2-5 SU but 5-2 ATS their last 7 vs the Wolverines.

The home team is 7-4 ATS the last 11 meetings.
Wisconsin is 10-1 ATS in their last 11 Camp Randall finales.

Bonus: Times are not available as of press time, but UW came into 2002 on a 10-0 SU (5-5 ATS) run in night games.

BARRY ALVAREZ (Career 84-55-4)
13th Year at Wisconsin

Alvarez's records AT WISCONSIN

84-55-4	Straight Up	26-24	Home Favorite
68-65	Vs The Spread	12-10	Home Dog
25-26	Off A S/U Loss	14-17	Away Favorite
51-45	Vs Conference	16-14	Away Dog
		17-20	Vs Non-Conf

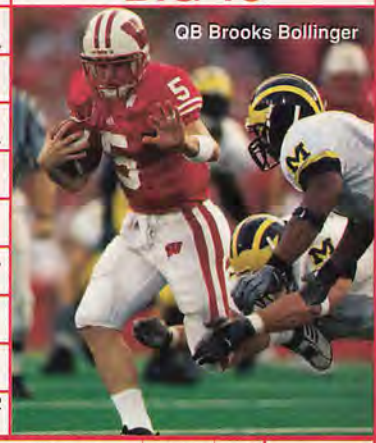
2001 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (20,25,3)
Lost: 14 (6,7,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 78,333

BIG 10



STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (76,634)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-5-2	7-5	8-4	10-1	9-2	8-4	5-7	51-28-2
ATS	3-8	6-6	5-7	8-3	7-4	4-8	5-6	38-42
Home Fav	2-2	2-3	2-2	5-1	4-1	1-4	0-4	16-17
Home Dog	0-2	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	2-0	5-5
Away Fav	0-4	2-1	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	10-13
Away Dog	1-0	1-2	0-3	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-1	7-7
Favorite	2-6	4-4	3-4	8-2	5-3	3-6	1-5	26-30
Dog	1-2	2-2	2-3	0-1	2-1	1-2	4-1	12-12
Grass	1-2	1-1	1-3	3-2	2-1	2-1	2-0	12-10
Artificial	2-6	5-5	4-4	5-1	5-3	2-7	3-6	26-32
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-2	4-4	4-4	28-28
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	0-4	1-2	10-14
Off SU Win	1-3	4-2	5-3	6-3	6-2	2-5	2-2	26-20
Off SU Loss	1-4	2-3	0-3	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-3	10-16

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Davis	291	1532	66	1466	11	5.0
Brooks Bollinger	92	487	99	388	6	4.2
Jerone Pettus	60	272	17	255	2	4.2
Jim Sorgi	30	66	100	-34	2	-1.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brooks Bollinger	177	91	51.4	1257	6	4
Jim Sorgi	132	64	48.5	1096	9	8
Matt Schabert	18	10	55.6	177	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Lee Evans	75	1545	20.6	9	78	
Mark Anelli	35	357	10.2	3	26	
Nick Davis	30	378	12.6	3	42	
Darrin Charles	14	186	13.3	2	27	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kirk Munden	35	1390	39.7	–	–	1	9
RJ Morse	23	937	40.7	–	–	3	7
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mike Allen	3-3	2-3	0-2	1-1	6-9	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Griesen	167	4	13	2	2
Bryson Thompson	110	1	4	1	0
Joey Boese	93	0	1	7	1
Wendell Bryant	69	8	9	0	0
Mike Echols	67	2	2	12	3
Scott Starks	**64**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**3**
Mike Broussard	**51**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**3**
Ben Herbert	50	2	1	1	1
Erasmus James	**36**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Jeff Mack	**34**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Delante McGrew	28	5	3	1	0
Jonathan Welsh	**21**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Robert Brooks	**21**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Jason Schick	17	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nick Davis	20	246	12.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Nick Davis	27	595	22.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Copper	-8	Utah	38-10	W
97	Outback	+8'	Georgia	6-33	L
98	Rose	+9	UCLA	38-31	W
99	Rose	-14	Stanford	17-9	L
00	Sun	-5'	UCLA	21-20	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WISCONSIN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	26.1	20	177	4.1	213	50.5	14.9	+2	2001	5	28.8	19	170	4.2	201	50.2	12.9
8*	25.2	19	196	4.1	163	55.7	14.2	+7	2000	8	20.4	20	151	4.3	241	50.0	19.2
8	34.1	22	274	5.2	142	55.7	12.2	+11	1999	8	12.8	17	110	3.5	188	50.3	23.2
9*	31.8	17	216	4.3	114	52.5	10.4	+23	1998	8	11.9	16	92	2.7	200	54.4	24.6
6*	22.4	19	189	4.0	157	54.9	15.5	-2	1997	5	23.5	17	156	4.3	218	61.2	15.9
8	29.0	20	249	5.5	137	58.4	16.4	+10	1996	8	18.7	20	115	3.3	251	60.0	19.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Virginia	20	51 - 228	4.5	10 - 24	191	0	16	33 - 128	3.9	13 - 32	178	2	+2
at Oregon	16	32 - 157	4.9	16 - 32	231	3	24	35 - 136	3.9	22 - 48	277	1	0
Fresno St	17	34 - 128	3.8	13 - 31	246	3	23	46 - 174	3.8	22 - 38	240	4	-1
at Penn St	26	66 - 320	4.8	10 - 19	114	2	11	25 - 23	0.9	6 - 20	108	8	+1
W Kentucky	18	44 - 193	4.4	10 - 23	141	1	9	53 - 115	2.2	1 - 4	29	3	-1
Indiana	16	39 - 106	2.7	16 - 25	225	5	23	54 - 448	8.3	8 - 13	182	0	-3
at Ohio St	15	35 - 127	3.6	12 - 22	202	1	17	50 - 121	2.4	10 - 21	132	5	0
at Illinois	17	27 - 126	4.7	14 - 29	205	2	32	47 - 169	3.6	24 - 45	401	0	+2
Michigan St	26	46 - 151	3.3	20 - 37	368	3	18	39 - 237	6.1	13 - 20	326	2	-1
Iowa	24	56 - 172	3.1	14 - 21	262	3	18	26 - 173	6.7	16 - 34	213	1	+3
Michigan	16	45 - 159	3.5	14 - 29	133	3	12	38 - 105	2.8	11 - 26	58	4	0
at Minnesota	23	37 - 256	6.9	17 - 37	238	1	21	43 - 208	4.8	18 - 26	269	1	0
TOTALS	234	512 - 2123	4.1	166 - 329	2556	27	224	489 - 2037	4.2	165 - 328	2413	32	+2
AVERAGES	19.5	43 - 177	4.1	14 - 27	213	2.3	18.7	41 - 170	4.2	14 - 27	201	2.7	0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Syracuse	+8	0-34	L
Boise St	-39	28-24	L
at San Jose St	-16'	56-10	W
San Diego St	-9'	36-10	W
Indiana	-14	27-26	L
at Northwestern	-3'	26-25	L
Illinois	-13	31-7	W
at Purdue	+2	20-45	L
at Minnesota	-6	22-21	L
Iowa	+8'	13-10	W
Michigan	+14'	16-26	W
at Penn St	+15	10-35	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	-10	26-14	W
Ohio U	-16'	45-0	W
UNLV	-38	52-7	W
Northwestern	-12	38-7	W
at Indiana	-9'	24-20	L
Purdue	-6	31-24	W
at Illinois	-21'	37-3	W
at Iowa	-7	31-0	W
Minnesota	-21'	26-7	L
at Michigan	+3	10-27	L
Penn St	-1'	24-3	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	-42	49-10	L
Ball St	-36'	50-10	W
at Cincinnati	-27	12-17	L
Michigan	+3'	16-21	L
at Ohio St	+7	42-17	W
at Minnesota (OT)	-2'	20-17	W
Indiana	-14'	59-0	W
Michigan St	-2	40-10	W
at Northwestern	-23	35-19	L
at Purdue	+1	28-21	W
Iowa	-31'	41-3	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-33	19-7	L
Oregon	-6'	27-23	L
Cincinnati (OT)	-14'	28-25	L
Northwestern (2OT)	-16'	44-47	L
at Michigan	+8	10-13	W
Ohio St	+1'	7-23	L
at Michigan St	-3	17-10	W
Purdue (OT)	+5'	24-30	L
at Iowa	-16	13-7	L
Minnesota	-5	41-20	W
at Indiana	-6'	43-22	W
at Hawaii	-19	34-18	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	-10	26-17	L
at Oregon	+11'	28-31	W
Fresno St	-4'	20-32	L
at Penn St	+1'	18-6	W
W Kentucky	NL	24-6	–
Indiana	-14'	32-63	L
at Ohio St	+11	20-17	W
at Illinois	+5'	35-42	L
Michigan St	-4	28-42	L
Iowa	+1'	34-28	W
Michigan	+5	17-20	W
at Minnesota	-3	31-42	L

MINNESOTA GOPHERS

QB Asad Abdul-Khaliq

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Gophers came into the season very inexperienced at this all-important position. Asad Abdul-Khaliq (PS#71) was considered the Gophers' QB of the future and he started the first 4 games but lost his job to JC transfer Travis Cole (PS#17) who finished #16 in the country in pass efficiency and threw for 1,982 yards. In his first year, Abdul-Khaliq, threw for 676 yards (53.7%) with a 7-4 ratio and 252 yards rushing and was used in the redzone to run the option at times. Benji Kamrath (6-3 207 Jr) was PS#86 and was the star of the spring game last year, throwing for 215 yards, but never really challenged the top 2. For the first half of the 2001 season Cole, who split time in the spring between football and baseball, and Abdul-Khaliq shared duties. Abdul-Khaliq had won the job by season's end and finished with 8 starts. He was at his best in the final two games throwing for 584 yards with six TD's. He finished throwing for 1,393 yards (57.2%) with a 12-6 ratio while also being the team's 3rd leading rusher and was 5th in the Big 10 in pass efficiency. He returns with the starting job to himself. Kamrath is back but has just three passes in two years. Jarod Posthumus (6-4 215 rFr) was PS#50. Minny did not complete a lot of deep passes last year in the first half of the season. Mason said the problem was the WR's were open but the QB's weren't getting it there. That improved in the last 2 games and I look for the solid improvement from Abdul-Khaliq to continue.

RUNNING BACKS - PS#7 Thomas Tapeh is perhaps Glen Mason's top signee ever at Minnesota. He benches 430 lbs and has imposing size and speed. Two years ago he suffered a foot injury in the spring and missed a good portion of the season rushing for only 344 yards (4.2). Tellis Redmon (PS#60) took over the main job and rushed for 1,368 yards (4.7). He was just the 6th Gophers RB to top 1,000 yards rushing and was also the team's 2nd leading receiver. Both returned last year but Tapeh, this time bothered by a back injury, did not even carry the football until midseason but got in 2 starts at FB and finished with 138 yards (4.8). Tapeh had a powerful 50 yard run vs Michigan called back on holding. Redmon had another solid season, rushing for 1,091 yards and a super 5.9 ypc. With a very deep backfield, there was talk that Redmon may be moved to receiver so he opted to make himself available for the NFL draft early. Marion Barber III (PS#115) was dynamic as a true frosh with 742 yards and a 6.3 ypc. His dad Marion Barber II topped 1000 yards (1210) here in 1978. If Tapeh can stay 100% healthy, he should be one of the Big 10's best backs and he and Barber form a solid duo. Also in the mix is Terry Jackson (5-11 185 So, PS#375) who had 96 total yards last year. FB Renato Fitzpatrick (6-0 201 Sr, PS#183) had 186 total yards in 2000 but played LB last year. Mason's top signee this year is PS#56 true frosh Greg Pruitt, Jr, whose dad was a star with the Cleveland Browns. Even with the loss of their 1,000 yard rusher, I will call this unit equal to last year's group as long as Tapeh is healthy.

RECEIVERS - It appeared that everyone would be returning to the receiving corps last season when I wrote the magazine but unfortunately during the summer the Gophers lost starting WR Jermaine Mays and backup Elvin Jones who had combined for 38 rec's in 2000 with 14 starts. They still had some super WR's in Ron Johnson who set UM's single season receiving record with 1,125 yds on 61 rec's in 2000, and Antoine Burns (PS#5JC) who averaged 15.7 on his 30 rec's in 2001. This year they must replace Johnson (#4DC of BAL, 56 rec, 16.0 ypc) who leaves as their career reception leader as well as Antoine Henderson (8 sts, 23, 10.2) who was the fastest WR (4.39). TE Ben Utecht is back and has good size and blocking ability but also 4.7 speed and averaged 15.7 per catch. Burns is back and they also get the solid addition of Mays who sat out last year. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and not listed is TE Chad Redmann (6-3 237 So, PS#61) as well as some top-notch true frosh. This looks like a quality group but with the loss of their top guy, should be a little weaker in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year UM had to replace their super C, Ben Hamilton, as well as another starter, both of whom were NFL DC's, and 1 top backup. They then lost starting RG Ryan Roth for the majority of the year but moved starting DT Matt Anderle into the rotation. Two players from the preseason 2 deep were lost prior to the season and taking Roth out of the equation, only 2 players returned with starting experience. They hope to get Roth back for a 6th year as he was a 3 year starter and I list him at RG. They must replace RT Matt Anderle (#6DC of SD, 11 sts), LG Akeem Akinwale (11 sts) and C Derek Burns (3 yr st'r, HM B10, PS#31). If Roth is able to return and all the starters remain healthy, this unit will be more experienced. Overall the 2001 version opened holes for a super 5.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks and it will be tough to duplicate those numbers even though there is a good amount of HT's and VHT's in the group.

DEFENSIVE LINE- The Gophers have made steady progress on defense against the run since Mason's arrival by adding bulk to the DL. In the 2 years prior to Mason's hiring they allowed 5.1 and 4.9 ypc rushing but in his first 3 years trimmed it to 3.3, 2.6 and 3.4. In 2000 they had to replace 2 starters but had their star back in DE Karon Riley yet allowed 4.1 ypc. Last year they had to replace Riley (the team's all-time sack leader) who was a #4DC as well as 2 starters and 2 much-used backups. A projected starting DT then quit the team prior to the year and White, who had moved to LB, moved back to DE. Another projected starter was suspended prior to the year and a 3rd was lost to academics. The DL coach said last year that Dan Kwapinski was day in and day out their best player. The lightly experienced defense yielded 4.6 ypc rushing and managed just 14 sacks. It was the Gophers' worst performance under Mason. This year they are much more experienced as 2 starters return as well as 2 other players with starting experience. Also Mason brought in a solid crop of freshmen last year who redshirted. They must replace DE Greg White (#7DC of HOU, 10 sts, 58 tkls, 5 sks), DE Zach Vevea (3 sts, 7 tkls) and DE Astein Osei (PS#30, 8 sts, 20 tkls, 2 sks). I list the 2 deep below and look for much better production in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - The 2000 LB corps was an experienced group but coming into last year the losses were heavy. They had to replace all 3 starters as well as a backup who had 3 starts and they had just 2 backups returning. They moved DE Greg White to LB at the start of the year but he returned to the D-line after 1 game which forced true frosh Bradley Vance into the starting lineup. DC Moe Ankney kept the defenses limited since a true frosh was calling the signals so it should be more complex this year. The only loss this season is DLB Jimmy Henry (5 sts, 34 tkls) with 5 of the top 6 back. I list the 2 deep below and Justin Fraley, who started the first 4 games last year at CB but moved to LB late in the year, should also be stronger. Phil Archer was #5 in the Big 10 in tackles per game. This unit is more experienced and should be the key to a much stronger rush defense for the Gophers. All 3 starters were demoted to 2nd string in the spring, but should regain their jobs in the fall with that bit of motivation.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gophers finished #23 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and had to replace their star, Tyrone Carter, who won the Jim Thorpe Award. The unit plummeted to #68 in 2000 without him. Last year they had to replace super CB Willie Middlebrooks (#1 DC of DEN) as well as 3 other players who combined for 31 starts. They did have a solid cover CB back in Mike Lehan and moved starting WR Jack Brewer to FS. Later Eli Ward, who was 5th in the Big 10 in tackles, ended up missing the final 3 games due to injury. Overall the inexperienced Gophers secondary dropped even lower to #78, allowing 223 ypg (59.1%) with a 16-8 ratio. This should be the year that Dominique Sims (PS#5) finally comes into his own at FS. The other starters are back, including Lehan. The only loss this year is Brewer (#1 w/155 tkls, 6 pbu, HM B10). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and I look for some significant improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Glen Mason consistently has had his teams in the upper half of the special teams ratings, dating back to his tenure at Kansas. In 1999 the Gophers finished #5 and in 2000 they finished #17 with super performances by K Dan Nystrom and P Preston Gruening, who simply led the NCAA in punting. They brought in walk-on true frosh Ryan Duffy for KO's last year and the number dropped marginally to 21.0 in KR defense. They signed a solid kickoff man in Kenny Harper (PS#20) but he may redshirt. Jermaine Mays led the team with 23.7 yards per KR in 2000 but missed last year and their top KR Tellis Redmon averaged just 19.2. Mays' return is a big plus. 2001 was really a shocking year for UM's special teams. Nystorm, in fact, missed 3 of his first 8 FG's last year but then hit 6 of his last 7. Gruening saw his net punting go from 39.2 in 2000 down to 33.1 as amazingly the Gophers gave up 4 blocked punts and one defensive TD after having just one blocked punt or defensive TD the previous two years. The Gophers burrowed all the way down to #101 in my rankings. Minnesota had 9 blocked punts and 7 offensive TD's the previous 2 years but had just 1 blocked punt last year with 0 TD's. This should be the most improved special teams unit in the country with the return of Mays and as long as Nystrom and Gruening both return to form.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Glen Mason guided the team to an 8-4 SU record in 1999 then in 2000 were 5-2, had just beaten Ohio St in Columbus and vaulted into the Top 25. Since then the Gophers have plummeted to just 5-11 the last 16 games. While Mason signed a 7 year, $7 million deal after his 8-4 season, he openly coveted the Ohio St job last offseason, which created some dissension on the team. He did the same thing at Kansas after Georgia came calling but stayed with the program and the team went from 10-2 to 4-7 in his final year there. Last year they returned just 11 starters and lost 14 lettermen on defense with just 3 starters back on that side of the ball. They also had to replace DC David Gibbs who left for the Denver Broncos. While last year's team was trying to become the first Gopher squad to get to 3 straight bowls, I pegged them for a last place finish in the Big 10 and they finished tied for the basement. Last year's team did have 30 frosh on the 70 man travel roster and had a questionable loss to Purdue. While the Gophers have 18 Big 10 Titles, the 3rd best in the league, they have not won a share of the Big 10 Title since 1967. Last year they did lose 3 Big 10 games by a TD or less. Offensively the Gophers figure to be potent as I like the RB combo of Marion Barber and Thomas Tapeh. They have quality receivers and QB Asad Abdul-Khaliq improved as last season went on. They could top last year's 28.0 ppg. Defensively they figure to be much stronger and in Mason's first 4 years here the team has averaged 38.8 sacks. Last year's inexperienced unit had just 14 and they figure to get a much better pass rush this season. I look for them to fare much better than allowing 4.6 ypc rushing and 454.4 ypg in league play which was the 2nd worst in the league. Here's a surprising stat from last year that should perk up some Gopher fans, as Minny actually outscored their opponents 308-299 despite a 4-7 season. That means they should be a little underrated and the Gophers also open up with 4 winnable non-conf games which could have them undefeated by the time Big 10 play rolls around. It wouldn't surprise me to see Minny start the season at 5-2 or even 6-1, as the second half of the schedule is where the true tests are located but clearly this is a team capable of returning to the plus side of the ledger.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB ASAD ABDUL-KHALIQ JR. 6-0 201 PS#71. 18-3 ratio at Fork Union. 4 sts in 2000, 676 yds (54%), 7-4 ratio, 252 yds rush. 8 sts LY, 1393 yds (57%), 12-6 ratio, 356 rush.

RB Thomas Tapeh Jr. 6-1 228 **PS#7**. 482 yds (4.5) career, 450 bench. **Marion Barber III** (5-11 195 So) PS#115RB. 2 sts as **true**, 742 yds (6.3). Greg Pruitt Jr is PS#56.

WR Tony Patterson Jr. 6-3 201 PS#74QB. 2 sts, 12 rec (10.9) in 2000. 14 rec (12.7) LY. Keith Matthews (6-2 194 So) PS#120, 185 plays as true. **Aaron Hosack** (6-6 210 Jr) PS#188JC.

WR Jermaine Mays Sr. 6-0 190 PS#86. 2 sts as true, 8 rec (14.1). 3 sts in '99. 6 sts in 2000, 21 rec (15.3) 21 KR (23.7) spd. RS LY. Demetrus Johnson (5-9 174 So) PS#161RB, 3 rec LY.

WR ANTOINE BURNS SR. 6-1 193 **PS#5JC**. RS in 2000. 2 sts here LY, 30 rec (15.7), 501 plays. Jakari Wallace (5-8 170 rFr) PS#271. Jared Ellerson (6-2 181 rFr) PS#177.

TE BEN UTECHT JR. 6-6 242 PS#48WR. 4.7. 6 sts as rFr. 8 rec (16.0) 11 sts LY. **2nd Tm B10**, 20 rec (15.7), 715 plays. Scooter Baugus (6-6 248 Sr) PS#54. **7 sts**, 5 rec, L/2Y.

C Mike Nicholson rFr. 6-5 285 PS#135. 2nd string as true and on travel roster but RS. Rob Kraemer (6-4 285 rFr) PS#112. Peter Prudden (6-5 240 Jr) PS#143. 2L as LS.

RG Ryan Roth Sr. 6-3 313 11 sts, 821 plays in '98. 12 sts, 925 plays in '99. 11 sts, 942 plays in 2000. 1 st LY, inj'd. Joseph Quinn (6-4 292 Jr) 1 st, 115 plays in 2001.

LG Mark McElroy So. 6-5 291 PS#95. 2nd string as rFr at LG. Trevor McCullouch (6-4 300 rFr) PS#155. Richard Ellman (6-5 275 rFr) PS#336. Missed spg TY (inj).

RT JEREMIAH CARTER SR. 6-7 291 18 plays as rFr, 47 (inj) in 2000. 10 sts LY, 694 plays. **Matt McIntosh** (6-8 295 Jr) **PS#46**. 2nd string LY. Rian Melander (6-6 240 So) PS#83.

LT JAKE KUPPE SR. 6-7 352 **PS#33**. 1 st, 235 plays as rFr. 12 sts in 2000, 864 plays. 10 sts LY, 800 plays, HM B10. Ricky Wymer (6-8 321 So) PS#81. 2nd string (inj) LY.

K DAN NYSTROM SR. 5-11 200 PS#17. 17 of 21 FG's as true long of 51. 25 of 37 FG's in 2000, long of 52. 2 misses from 50+. 9 of 15 FG's LY, long of 46. 2 time Groza semifinalist.

DEFENSE

DE Tony Dupree Jr. 6-2 248 PS#181LB. 2 games as rFr. 1 start in 2001, 19 tkls, 1.5 sks, 1 pbu. **Mark Losli** (6-7 240 rFr) PS#99DL. Maurice Buchanan is PS#99DL.

DT DAN KWAPINSKI JR. 6-5 278 PS#258. 1 st, 5 tkls, 1 sk in 2000. **Top DL here** LY, 11 sts, 557 plays, 23 tkls, 1 tfl. Brandon Harston (6-2 307 So) PS#153, 333 plays, 17 tkls, 3 tfl LY.

DT DARRELL REID SO. 6-3 265 PS#91LB. 11 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 1 sk, 4 pbu, 433 plays. Ryan Domin (6-5 273 Sr) PS#279, 1 st, 9 tkls LY. Jason Green (6-2 246 So) PS#147WR, 8 tkls, 1.5 sks.

DE Charlton Keith rFr. 6-5 220 PS#152LB. Scout Tm POY LY. Damian Haye (6-2 245 rFr) 1 tkl, 3 gms still RS. Eric Stenzel (6-4 253 So) PS#59LB. Tyson Swaggert is PS#100.

WLB JUSTIN FRALEY SO. 6-0 196 PS#75DB. 4 sts at CB as rFr then moved to LB, 2 more sts, 47 tkls. 470 plays, 2 tfl. Terrance Campbell (6-2 185 rFr) PS#364. Matt Spaeth is PS#48TE.

SLB BRADLEY VANCE SO. 6-1 211 PS#264LB. **10 sts as true**, 76 tkls, 808 plays, 3 sks, 2 int, 4.7 spd. Ben West (6-2 233 Jr) 1 st, 20 tkls LY. Kyle McKenzie (6-2 220 rFr).

DLB PHIL ARCHER JR. 6-2 233 PS#63LB. 10 sts LY, #5 in B10 in tkls per gm. 113, 2 sks, 791 plays. Paul Nixon (6-1 209 Jr) 1 st, 13 tkls. Renato Fitzpatrick (6-0 201 Sr) PS#183RB.

CB MIKE LEHAN SR. 6-0 184 PS#231. Top cover CB here. 4.39 spd. 10 sts, 43 tkls, 8 pbu, 762 plays in 2000. 11 sts, 44 tkls, 2 int, 16 pbu, 704 plays LY. Ken Williams (6-1 175 rFr).

CB UKEE DOZIER SO. 6-1 180 PS#337DB. Last 7 sts at CB, 599 plays, 31 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Danny Upchurch (5-9 170 rFr) PS#110. Trumaine Banks is PS#125.

SS ELI WARD JR. 6-0 199 PS#134. 1 st as rFr, 16 tkls. 7 sts LY and 65 tkls despite missing 4. 459 plays, 4 pbu. Johnathan Richmond (5-10 183 So) 14 tkls in 9 gms LY.

FS Dominique Sims So. 6-1 200 **PS#5DB**. 1 st as rFr, 40 tkls, 286 plays, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Justin Isom (5-8 175 Jr) 6 sts in 2001 (3 at SS, 3 at OLB), 58 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 550 plays.

P PRESTON GRUENING SR. 5-10 201 **PS#2K**. 50 punts in 2000. 44.4 avg and **net of 39.2**. Ray Guy Finalist. 51 punts LY, 41.4, net of 33.1, 18 punts inside the 20 but 4 were blocked.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Greg Pruitt Jr. 5-10 190 PS#56
TE	Anthony Montgomery 6-6 280 PS#33
DL	Maurice Buchanan 6-5 235 PS#99
DL	Tyson Swaggert 6-4 250 PS#100
OL	Joe Ainslie 6-7 310 PS#117
TE	Brian Sykora 6-6 220 PS#46
QB	Bryan Cupito 6-3 170 PS#76
OL	Mark Setterstrom 6-3 270 PS#130
TE	Matt Spaeth 6-8 240 PS#48
DL	Brian Moss 6-7 250 PS#121
WR	Pierre Jackson 5-11 178 PS#116
DB	Mo Davis 6-0 190 PS#122
DB	Trumaine Banks 6-0 175 PS#125
OL	Neel Allen 6-2 270 PS#156

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	SW Texas St	A						SU winner is 10-1 ATS in UM's last 11 games vs current Big 12 teams. Gophers are 5-1 ATS last 6 vs Penn St & 2-0 SU their last 2 meetings. UM is 8-4 ATS their last 12 as double digit home favorites.
Sep. 7	at Louisiana-Lft	G						The SW Texas St Bobcats were 4-7 SU last year overall and 0-6 SU in Southland Conference play where they were outscored by 17 ppg.
Sep. 14	Toledo	A						Gophers are 4-2 ATS in their last 6 lined away openers. UM is 6-0 SU, 5-1 ATS S/'95 vs current SBC members, covering by 12.1 ppg.
Sep. 21	Buffalo	A						Toledo beat Minnesota 38-7 last year in their season opener. Minnesota is 19-6 SU & 15-8 ATS in their last 25 non-conference games.
Sep. 28	at Purdue	G						This is the first time these two will face each other. Should apply: Minny is 5-1 ATS since 1993 when favored by 21 or more pts.
Oct. 5	Illinois	A						Golden Gophers are 11-7 (61%) ATS their last 18 games on grass. The favorite is 8-1-1 ATS in the last 10 series meetings.
Oct. 12	Northwestern (HC)	A						Pending earlier results, UM is 20-9 ATS off a SU loss under Mason. The underdog has covered 6 of the last 9 series meetings.
Oct. 19	at Michigan St	G						Minnesota is 8-4-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. The favorite is 2-8 ATS in the last 10 series meetings.
Oct. 26								UM is 2-6 ATS their last 8 as an away dog. Minnesota is 4-2 ATS their last 6 prior to a bye week.
Nov. 2	at Ohio St	G						Bonus: UM has covered 6 of 10 the week after a bye.
Nov. 9	Michigan	A						Golden Gophers are 4-10 ATS the last 14 vs the Buckeyes. Ohio St leads this series 35-7 straight up (18-2 SU last 20).
Nov. 16	Iowa	A						Minny's only SU win over Michigan since 1977 came in Ann Arbor in 1986. UM is 9-14 ATS vs Michigan since 1977.
Nov. 23	at Wisconsin	A						Minnesota is 3-6 SU & 1-8 ATS their last 9 vs Iowa. Gophers are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS in their last 5 dome finales.
Nov. 30								UM is 2-8 ATS in road finales since 1992. Gophers are 1-6 SU, 4-3 ATS the L7Y & have been a dog each time.
								Bonus: This year will mark the 112th meeting of Minnesota & Wisconsin, which is the oldest rivalry in NCAA history.

GLEN MASON (Career 85-96-1)
6th Year at Minnesota

Mason's records AT MINNESOTA

26-32	Straight Up	10-6	Home Favorite
31-23	Vs The Spread	7-6	Home Dog
20-9	Off A S/U Loss	3-3	Away Favorite
22-18	Vs Conference	11-8	Away Dog
		9-5	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (15,19,4)
Lost: 19 (12,7,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,485

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	3-9	5-6	8-3	6-5	4-7	33-45
ATS	4-6-1	4-7	7-5	9-2	6-4	5-6	4-6	39-36-1
Home Fav	2-1-1	0-2	2-1	2-1	3-1	2-3	1-0	12-9-1
Home Dog	1-1	1-3	1-2	3-0	0-2	1-0	2-2	9-10
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	4-3
Away Dog	1-4	2-2	4-1	4-1	1-0	1-2	1-4	14-14
Favorite	2-1-1	1-2	2-2	2-1	5-2	3-4	1-0	16-12-1
Dog	2-5	3-5	5-3	7-1	1-2	2-2	3-6	23-24
Grass	0-2	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-1	2-2	1-2	13-11
Artificial	4-4-1	2-5	4-4	6-1	4-3	3-4	3-4	26-25-1
vs Conf	2-5-1	2-6	5-3	7-1	4-4	3-5	3-5	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	13-7
Off SU Win	0-2-1	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-3	2-3	0-2	11-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	1-5	6-2	6-0	2-1	2-3	4-3	24-18

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tellis Redmon	185	1145	54	1091	6	5.9
Marion Barber III	**118**	**757**	**15**	**742**	**7**	**6.3**
Asad Abdul-Khaliq	**69**	**356**	**90**	**266**	**3**	**3.9**
Thomas Tapeh	**29**	**141**	**3**	**138**	**3**	**4.8**
Travis Cole	25	74	62	12	0	0.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Asad Abdul-Khaliq	**187**	**107**	**57.2**	**1393**	**12**	**6**
Travis Cole	115	58	50.4	765	5	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Ron Johnson	56	895	16.0	9	51	
Antoine Burns	**30**	**470**	**15.7**	**3**	**65**	
Antoine Henderson	23	235	10.2	1	47	
Ben Utecht	**20**	**314**	**15.7**	**5**	**59**	
Tony Patterson	**14**	**178**	**12.7**	**0**	**49**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Preston Gruening	**51**	**2109**	**41.4**	**–**	**33.1**	**2**	**18**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dan Nystrom	**2-2**	**3-6**	**4-7**	**0-0**	**9-15**	**46**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jack Brewer	153	0	4	6	0
Phil Archer	**113**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Bradley Vance	**76**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**2**
Eli Ward	**65**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**0**
Greg White	58	5	3	2	0
Justin Isom	**58**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Justin Fraley	**47**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Mike Lehan	**44**	**0**	**3**	**16**	**2**
Dominique Sims	**40**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Jimmy Henry	34	0	1.5	1	1
Ukee Dozier	**32**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Darrell Reid	**28**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**0**
Dan Kwapinski	**23**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Astein Osei	20	2	1	3	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Tellis Redmon	19	202	10.6	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Tellis Redmon	16	308	19.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
77	All-American	+7	Maryland	7-17	L
85	Independence	+4	Clemson	20-13	W
86	Liberty	+5'	Tennessee	14-21	L
99	Sun	-3'	Oregon	20-24	L
00	MicronPC	-3'	NC State	30-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MINNESOTA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
	7*	28.0	21	217	5.1	205	54.7	15.1	+2	2001	3	27.2	23	202	4.6	223	59.1	15.6
	5	31.3	21	197	4.4	232	57.4	13.7	+2	2000	8	26.5	20	166	4.1	203	52.3	13.9
	11*	30.7	19	226	4.9	183	52.7	13.4	-2	1999	7	16.3	18	141	3.4	179	46.7	19.6
	7	20.8	17	141	3.6	171	45.9	15.0	-1	1998	7	22.6	19	104	2.6	245	54.3	15.4
	7*	19.8	14	131	3.1	158	53.4	14.5	-1	1997	6	27.8	18	134	3.3	234	56.4	13.2
	4*	21.5	19	104	3.1	234	56.5	15.8	-5	1996	9	30.9	20	247	4.9	163	57.2	13.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Toledo	16	30 - 103	3.4	22 - 35	187	1	25	50 - 363	7.3	17 - 25	149	1	0
Louisiana-Lft	31	61 - 331	5.4	15 - 28	202	1	10	26 - 30	1.2	18 - 35	126	2	-1
Purdue	20	43 - 216	5.0	14 - 28	190	1	24	39 - 151	3.9	23 - 37	337	2	-1
at Illinois	20	38 - 149	3.9	20 - 34	242	4	25	48 - 198	4.1	16 - 28	239	0	0
at Northwestern	24	50 - 257	5.1	10 - 34	143	3	21	46 - 113	2.5	22 - 32	237	2	-2
Michigan St	20	42 - 322	7.7	11 - 24	124	0	29	37 - 121	3.3	27 - 47	351	3	+2
Murray St	25	48 - 300	6.3	16 - 19	265	1	20	43 - 154	3.6	20 - 39	217	1	+3
Ohio St	20	45 - 246	5.5	11 - 23	120	2	25	47 - 265	5.6	12 - 17	203	0	0
at Michigan	12	30 - 150	5.0	12 - 25	140	2	26	56 - 300	5.4	14 - 26	153	2	+1
at Iowa	24	35 - 107	3.1	21 - 35	368	3	23	53 - 267	5.0	13 - 14	206	0	0
Wisconsin	21	43 - 208	4.8	18 - 26	269	1	23	37 - 256	6.9	17 - 37	238	1	0
TOTALS	233	465 - 2389	5.1	170 - 311	2250	19	251	482 - 2218	4.6	199 - 337	2456	14	+2
AVERAGES	21.2	42 - 217	5.1	15 - 28	205	1.7	22.8	44 - 202	4.6	18 - 31	223	1.3	0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-12'	3-17	L
Iowa St	-9	53-29	W
at Memphis	+2	20-17	W
Houston	-8'	43-45	L
at Michigan St	+24	10-31	W
Purdue	+6	43-59	L
at Penn St	+34'	15-16	W
Wisconsin	+6	21-22	W
at Michigan	+27	3-24	W
Ohio St	+23	3-31	L
Indiana	-7'	24-12	W
at Iowa	+21	0-31	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-27'	17-14	L
at Houston	+3	14-7	W
Memphis	-3'	41-14	W
at Purdue	+9'	21-56	L
Penn St	+17	17-27	W
at Ohio St	+38	15-45	W
Michigan St	+7'	19-18	W
Michigan	+12'	10-15	W
at Wisconsin	+21'	7-26	W
at Indiana	+3	19-20	W
Iowa	-7	49-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-22	33-7	W
UL Monroe	-27	35-0	W
Illinois St	NL	55-7	–
at Northwestern	-6'	33-14	W
Wisconsin (OT)	+2'	17-20	L
at Illinois	-1	37-7	W
Ohio St	-3'	17-20	L
Purdue	+3	28-33	L
at Penn St	+14	24-23	W
Indiana	-14	44-20	W
at Iowa	-20	25-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UL Monroe	-27	47-10	W
Ohio U	-20	17-23	L
at Baylor	-8	34-9	W
at Purdue	+13	24-38	L
Illinois	+1	44-10	W
Penn St	-7	25-16	W
at Ohio St	+13	29-17	W
at Indiana	-7	43-51	L
Northwestern	-5	35-41	L
at Wisconsin	+5	20-41	L
Iowa	-14	27-24	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	+5	7-38	L
Louisiana-Lft	-24'	44-14	W
Purdue (OT)	+4	28-35	L
at Illinois	+10	14-25	L
at Northwestern	+12'	17-23	W
Michigan St	+2'	28-19	W
Murray St	NL	66-10	–
Ohio St	+2	28-31	L
at Michigan	+15'	10-31	L
at Iowa	+12'	24-42	L
Wisconsin	+3	42-31	W

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NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Zak Kustok had a tremendous year in 2000 as the team switched to the spread offense. Kustok led the team to its most productive offensive season in school history, throwing for 2,389 yards (57%) with a 19-7 ratio while also rushing for 742 gross yards. Matt Danielson (6-0 222 Jr) was the backup that year and had 164 yards passing on 26 attempts. Kustok returned last season and threw for more yards (2,692), completed a higher percentage (57.2%) and had a 20-10 ratio while rushing for 745 yards. After the season Coach Walker said "I've been a coach of football for 26 years and he is the best QB I've ever coached." The improvement in numbers was surprising considering the way defenses slowed down the Wildcats offense overall. I projected Tony Stauss (PS#12) as the backup QB last year and he became just that, throwing for 136 yards (60.5%) with a 1-1 ratio while rushing for 76 yards. He is my frontrunner for the job this year and will battle PS#24 Brett Basanez and Danielson. Walker signed 3 true frosh this year with Alexander Webb (PS#92) in for the spring. He hit 6 of 7 for 51 yds in the spring game. I think Stauss could have a fine year but it will be very tough to match the poise and experience of Kustok.

RUNNING BACKS - Northwestern was the only Big 10 team to have 3 different RB's top 1,000 yards in a season from 1995-1999. RB Damien Anderson had 1,128 yards (3.7) in 1999 behind a banged up O-line. He worked very hard in the offseason of 2000, increasing his bench to 400 and decreasing his 40 time to 4.41, and had an amazing 2,063 yards with a super 6.6 ypc and 23 TD's in 2000. He set a Big 10 record by AVERAGING 193.6 ypg vs Big 10 opponents. He thought about turning pro but opted to return for a shot at winning the Heisman Trophy. 2001 would not turn out to be a big year for Anderson as defenses keyed on him and he did not even top 100 yards once against a Big 10 foe. Anderson was injured on the first play of the 2H against Indiana and would miss the final 3 games and finished with just 757 yards (4.4). He departs as the #6 all-time rusher in the Big 10 and the all-time leading rusher here. The Wildcats were a banged up team last year. Starting FB Gilles Lezi (6-0 229 Jr) was injured in October and missed the rest of the year. TB Torri Stuckey tore his PCL and was slowed until the end of the season. Noah Herron (5-11 219 So, PS#72) was injured vs Iowa and lost for the year. When Anderson went down it was PS#171 Kevin Lawrence who took over. Lawrence had 361 yards (5.0) in 2000 and 291 yards (5.1) last year. In his start vs Iowa he injured his knee in the 3Q and was lost for the year. That brought on 4th stringer Torri Stuckey who had 104 yards rushing as a true frosh and 235 (4.3) last year. He suffered a tough fumble which led to the winning score vs BG but bounced back with 127 yards vs the Illini. Stuckey was moved to FS in the spring to help the depth in the secondary. Everyone but Anderson is back this year but I expect the feature back to be rFr Jeff Backes. In HS Backes set an Ohio record with 3,354 yards rushing in one year and was the Offensive Scout Team Player of the Week four times in 2001. Not listed below is Louis Ayeni (5-11 198 Jr, PS#159) and Rob Shirley (6-0 230 So, PS#84). I think there is good talent here and despite the loss of a top-notch back like Anderson, the stats were not as strong as they could have been due to injuries last year so I will call this unit improved. Finally, keep in mind that Randy Walker has coached for 26 years and 21 times his team has produced a 1,000 yard rusher.

#73 OG Jeff Roehl & #62 C Austin King

RECEIVERS - Last year basically everyone returned to this position, including a good assortment of VHT's in the 2 deep. Their top WR from 2000 was Sam Simmons who added 15 lbs and dropped his speed to 4.37 and big things were expected. He had 11 rec's in the opener but suffered a finger injury against Duke and was forced to wear a cast. He played the rest of the season with a separated shoulder but still finished the year with 50 rec's (16.1). He departs (#5DC of MIA in 2002) as does TE David Farman (11 sts, 12 rec's, 9.6). Another starting WR, Roger Jordan (PS#50), suffered a fractured leg vs Penn St. Jon Schweighardt missed most of 2 games (ankle) but still finished with 43 rec's (10.9). The leading receiver was Kunle Patrick (PS#21) and he was HM Big 10. Notre Dame transfer Jovan Witherspoon (PS#43LB) was hobbled with injuries and played in just 8 games with all 12 of his grabs coming in the last 4. I list the 2 deep below and you will note VHT's and HT's abound. Despite the loss of a top-notch talent like Simmons and their starting TE, I'll call this unit stronger as they should stay healthier.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 this unit had 3 returning starters and all 5 first stringers started all 12 games. That continuity saw the team average an amazing 5.1 ypc rushing while yielding 34 sacks. Last year everyone returned and 4 players started all 11 games with only C Austin King missing 1 late in the season. However, the veteran unit saw the ypc rushing drop to 4.1 but showed an improvement in pass protection, allowing just 19 sacks despite throwing 54 more passes. This year they suffer some losses. Gone are LG Lance Clelland (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Leon Brockmeier (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Mike Souza (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backup RG Adam Fay. Three out of 4 of those players were VHT's. I list the 2 deep below, and the majority of it is comprised of underclassmen but they do have 5 VHT's. Coach Walker says "Roehl and King are probably the 2 best OL's I've ever been around." They are good building blocks for a line that is clearly less experienced overall than the 2001 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats have not had a very solid rush defense, giving up 4.3 ypc in 1999 and 4.6 in 2000. Last year they had to replace 3 starters, which included a NFL DC, and a backup. The unit was then decimated by injuries as starting DT's Pete Chapman, Matt Anderson, and backup DE Pete Konopka were lost early in the season with injury. Two frosh started at DT vs Purdue and Luis Castillo was expected to redshirt but played in the final 5 games, starting the last 2. The young, injury plagued DL allowed 4.4 ypc rushing and the team recorded just 17 sacks. This year they lose DE Napoleon Harris (#1DC of OAK, 11 sts, 78 tkls, 9 tfl) and DE Salem Simon (11 sts, 40 tkls, 6 tfl, 8 QBH). They are very solid in the middle as the 3 frosh played there last year and overall 4 players are back with starting experience. I list the 2 deep below. While the group is strong at tackle, there are no stars at DE. However, I do expect them to generate a better pass rush this year and be much tougher against run in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - Four times in the last 7 years a Wildcats LB has led the conference in tackles per game (Kevin Bentley was #3 in 2001). Last year all 3 starters returned to the LB position but their star Napoleon Harris was moved to DE and they lost 3 backups to injuries early in the season. This year they must replace 2 outstanding players in MLB Billy Silva (10 sts, 121 tkls, HM B10) and OLB Bentley (#4DC of CLE, 11 sts, 147 tkls, 12 tfl). Four of the top 6 LB's return including Pat Durr who moves from OLB to MLB. VHT John Pickens (PS#44) played as a true last year and should step into one of the other starting jobs. This has the makings of a decent group but is clearly weaker with the loss of two 3 year starters.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The 1999 secondary had just 2 returning starters but set a school record with 60 pbu (previous high was 44) and they ranked #22 in my pass D rankings. In 2000 they again had 2 returning starters but surprisingly plummeted down to #90. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation including an NFL DC and then suffered the tragic loss of SS Rashidi Wheeler over the summer. They basically had 1.5 starters returning and one of them, FS Sean Wieber, lost his starting job to Mark Roush who started 4 of the last 5. Two true frosh were forced to play and Dominique Price started 4 of the last 5 games. Another rFr, Marvin Ward, started the final 7 games. The Wildcats finished at #27 in the my pass D rankings. This year they must replace SS Marvin Brown (7 sts until inj, 36 tkls), FS Wieber (6 sts, 40 tkls) and CB Chasda Martin (4 sts, 11 tkls). Four players are back with starting experience and they add Torri Stuckey. This is not an overwhelming secondary, but it is more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When Gary Barnett was here NU recorded 2 Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings but in his final 2 years they were just #47 and #73. In Randy Walker's first 2 years they were #56 and #53 overall. Last year they had to replace their kicker and top KR and dropped to #72. This year they must replace 4 year punter JJ Standring, who averaged 43.1 (net 36.6) in 2001. Top PR Sam Simmons (10.8) will also be missed. The top kicker, Florida transfer David Wasielewski (PS#7K), is back. As a true frosh at UF he was #5 in the SEC in punting and as the kicker here last year he hit 7 of 13 with a long of 47. He will continue to battle Brian Huffman for the FG job. Huffman (PS#8) handled KO's as a frosh until he injured his foot and redshirted. Another possibility is former soccer goalie Ryan Peterson who joined in spring. At KR Ashton Aikens is back (19.2), but KR Damien Anderson (25.8) departs. While I like the talent they have at kicker and punter, they have struggled in the return game the last few years and need to improve in that area to move up in the rankings.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Believe it or not Northwestern has won or shared 3 Big 10 Titles in the last 7 years. The Cats are a great story as their high academic standards make recruiting tougher than the rest of the Big 10 yet they continue to overachieve. In 2000 the Big 10 media selected Northwestern last in the league. I went out on a limb and called them the 4th most improved team in the country and that they were as they went an amazing 8-3 during the season and landed an Alamo Bowl bid vs Nebraska. Last season the Big 10 media overreacted, pegging them 1st in the conference. I didn't make too many Wildcats fans happy in the preseason when I pegged NU for 9th place in the Big 10. They benefitted from +13 in turnovers in 2000 and won 3 games on the last play plus faced a tougher schedule in 2001. Last year's team was wracked by injuries and plummeted all the way from a co-titlist to last place in the Big 10 at 2-6. I would like to call for major improvement from NU this year as they figure to be underrated but they return just 10 starters, which is the fewest in the Big 10, and must replace 21 lettermen which ties for the most lost in the league. The Cats have been very potent in their spread offense the last 2 years. They averaged 399.9 ypg in Big 10 play last year which was only 5th best in the conference but their 442.9 ypg overall actually ranked 2nd. They must replace QB Kustok, RB Anderson, WR Simmons and 3 OL's and figure to be much less potent this season. I do expect major strides on the defensive side of the ball. Last season they yielded 23.2 ppg in the first 5 but due to injuries gave up 43.7 over the final 6. The team was playing 5 frosh on the 1st team defense at season's end and Gene Colby, who was the DC at Kent St, steps into a dream situation with a much more experienced unit and brings in Nick Saban's 4-3 defense that he used when he was at Mich St. I think NU should be solidly improved on that side of the ball but still can't be considered overpowering. I give the Cats a great shot at opening the season 4-0 which means they just need to pick up 2 Big 10 wins to avoid a losing season. This team is clearly capable of flirting with a winning record in 2002 and should be much more competitive than last year when they were outgained by an average of 70.6 ypg in league play and outscored by an average of 12.9 ppg.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Tony Stauss So. 6-1 202 *PS#12. 4 gms as rFr, 136 yds (61%), 1-1 ratio, 76 yds rush.* ***Brett Basanez*** *PS#24.* ***Matt Danielson*** *(6-0 222 Jr) PS#171. 185 ttl yds in 2000.*

RB Jeff Backes rFr. 5-10 185 *PS#35DB. 4.37 speed. Kevin Lawrence (5-11 206 Sr) PS#171, 652 rush yards (5.1) in 2 years. Jason Wright (5-10 198 Jr) was PS#168.*

WR Jovan Witherspoon Jr. 6-3 203 *PS#43LB in '99 & orig at Notre Dame. Inj'd LY but 12 rec (7.8) L/4 gms.* ***Roger Jordan*** *(6-3 215 Jr) PS#50, 2 sts, 26 rec (8.7) in 2000. 2 sts LY, inj.*

WR KUNLE PATRICK JR. 6-0 204 *PS#21. 34 rec (10.9) as rFr. 10 sts last year. #1 w/56 rec (12.0). HM Big 10. Ronnie Foster (6-1 198 Jr) PS#267. 1 start, 14 rec (8.0).*

WR JON SCHWEIGHARDT SR. 5-11 192 *PS#33. 6 sts, 46 rec (10.5) in '99 and 2000. 10 sts LY, 43 rec (10.9). Ashton Aikens (6-2 195 So) PS#52RB. 12 rec (8.8) as true, Off Newcomer of Yr LY.*

TE Eric Worley Jr. 6-4 252 *PS#35. 3 rec (7.7) in 2000. 2 rec (6.5) in 2001.* ***Trai Essex*** *(6-4 258 So)* ***PS#2****, 3 rec as true. Joe Wohlscheid (6-7 276 rFr) PS#50.*

C AUSTIN KING SR. 6-4 284 *PS#214. Last 8 sts as true. 12 starts in 2000, HM Big 10. 10 sts last year, HM Big 10, #1 on team in knockdowns. Steve Natali (6-3 282 So).*

RG JEFF ROEHL SR. 6-4 299 ***PS#30*** *& originally at Notre Dame. 12 sts here in 2000, HM Big 10. Improved bench to 400. 11 sts LY, HM Big 10. Don Baskin (6-2 296 So).*

LG Matt Ulrich So. 6-2 292 *PS#66OL. 2nd string as rFr. 9 games and lettered. Vince Clarke (6-5 288 rFr) PS#461. Scott Crohn (6-0 250 So) 1 game last year.*

RT Ike Ndukwe So. 6-5 330 *PS#76OL. 2nd string as a rFr, did not letter. Bill Newton (6-7 298 So) PS#247OL. Zach Strief (6-7 335 rFr) PS#99OL. RS in 2001.*

LT Carl Matejka Jr. 6-4 301 *PS#402OL. 2nd string in 2000. 9 games, lettered. 2nd string LY, 1 start at C. Derek Martinez (6-5 304 Jr) PS#199, 2nd string 2Y, 2L.*

K DAVID WASIELEWSKI SR. 5-10 229 *PS#7K. 7 of 13 here LY, L/47. 2 of 7 inside 40* ***but*** *5 of 5 from 40-49! 0-1 from 50+. Brian Huffman (6-1 202 So) PS#8, 56 yd FG in HS, KO's in 2000.*

DE David Thompson rFr. 6-3 245 *PS#111DL. Ray Bogenrief (6-3 260 Jr) PS#92TE. 14 tkls, 1 sk, 1 QBH LY. Barry Cofield is PS#88DL. Ryan Keenan is PS#113DL.*

DT THOMAS DERRICKS SO. 6-1 280 ***PS#20****. 3 sts as* ***true****, 29 tkls, 1 sack.* ***Luis Castillo*** *(6-4 288 So) PS#69. 2 sts as* ***true****, 22 tkls, 4 tfl. Ben Kennedy (6-6 271 Jr) PS#122LB.*

DT COLBY CLARK SO. 6-2 277 *PS#88. 11 sts, 55 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl, 10 QBH.* ***Matt Anderson*** *(6-3 286 Jr) PS#175OL. 5 sts LY, 17 tkls, 3 QBH. George Woods (6-1 282 Jr) PS#82OL.*

DE Onaje Grimes Sr. 6-3 253 *PS#163, 39 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 3 QBH in 2001. Greg Lutzen (6-5 245 rFr) PS#134DL. DeMaris Wilson (6-4 245 rFr). Jim Devine is PS#110.*

OLB Dan Pohlman So. 6-1 234 *PS#53RB. 37 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 start as rFr. Ryan Peterson (6-2 228 So) PS#371, 4 tkls as true, RS in 2001. Eric VanderHorst (6-2 235 rFr).*

MLB PAT DURR SR. 6-1 233 *PS#103RB. 1 st in 2000, 62 tkls, 6 tfl. 11 sts at OLB LY, 103 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl. Vince Cartaya (6-3 233 Sr) PS#81RB. 8 sts at FB in 2000.*

OLB John Pickens So. 6-2 226 *PS#44. 22 tkls, 1 pbu as* ***true****. Braden Jones (6-2 220 rFr)* ***PS#60****. Taylor Jones (6-3 251 rFr) PS#144TE. Doug Szymul (6-0 214 Jr) 7 tkls, 2Y.*

CB MARVIN WARD SO. 5-11 200 *PS#275. L/7 sts as rFr, 55 tkls,* ***10 pbu****. 1st yr of FB was '99! Herschel Henderson (6-3 195 So) 22 tkls as* ***true****. Sundi Brewer-Griffin (6-0 180 rFr) PS#90RB.*

CB RAHEEM COVINGTON SR. 5-9 182 *12 sts in 2000, #5 w/81 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts LY, top cover CB, 55 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. Brandon Evans (5-11 182 Jr) PS#118RB, 8 tkls in 2Y.*

SS Dominique Price So. 6-0 205 *PS#333. 4 of last 5 sts as* ***true****, 45 tkls, 2 int, Def Newcomer of the Year. Jarvis Adams (5-10 205 So) 39 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu as rFr, All B10 Fr Tm.*

FS MARK ROUSH JR. 6-0 191 *PS#199RB. 4 tkls as rFr. 4 of L/5 sts LY, 55 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Torrie Stuckey (5-11 197 Jr) PS#89, 2 sts, 423 yds in 2Y at RB. Frederic Tarver (6-2 195 rFr) PS#194WR.*

P David Wasielewski Sr. 5-10 229 *PS#7K. 59 punts at* ***Florida*** *in '98 as true, 40.0 avg.* ***37.2 net****, 14 inside 20, 4 punts in '99. Brian Huffman PS#8, 38.1 average in high school.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL	Loren Howard 6-4 280 PS#33	
QB	Derell Jenkins 6-1 180 PS#34	
QB	Joseph Ferguson 6-1 180 PS#60	
OL	Rick McDole 6-6 310 PS#94	
WR	Brandon Horn 6-1 210 PS#81	
DL	Barry Cofield 6-5 265 PS#88	
OL	Joe Tripodi 6-3 270 PS#104	
DL	Jim Devine 6-2 275 PS#110	
DL	Ryan Keenan 6-5 245 PS#113	
RB	Clifton Dawson 5-10 185 PS#113	
WR	Shaun Herbert 6-1 180 PS#115	
QB	Alexander Webb 6-0 190 PS#92	
RB	Demetrius Eaton 6-2 215 PS#150	
DL	Erryn Cobb 6-1 225 PS#152	

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Sep. 14	Duke	G					
Sep. 21	at Navy	G					
Sep. 28	at Michigan St	G					
Oct. 5	Ohio St	G					
Oct. 12	at Minnesota	A					
Oct. 19	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 26	Purdue (HC)	G					
Nov. 2	Indiana	G					
Nov. 9	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 16							
Nov. 23	Illinois	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Northwestern is 17-8 ATS overall on artificial turf since 1995.
The home team is 10-3 ATS in the Wisconsin series.
Wildcats are 6-1 ATS vs Michigan since 1992.

Northwestern is 6-3 ATS in season openers the last 9 years.
Wildcats are 28-17-1 ATS in their last 46 away games.

Cats are 9-4 ATS vs non-conference foes since 1998, pending last week.
NU is 5-10-1 ATS in their first lined home game of the season.

Northwestern is 2-4 SU & ATS at home vs Duke.
NU is 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS last 6 in this series & the SU winner is 5-1 ATS.

This is the first meeting between these two schools.
Could apply: Cats are 5-13 ATS their last 18 times as double digit favs.

Wildcats are 9-11 ATS and 6-14 SU vs the Spartans since 1980.
Purple and Black are 8-2 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.

Northwestern is 0-19 SU & 7-11-1 ATS vs Ohio St since 1976.
OSU has outscored NU 815-210 & only 3 gms were decided by less than 20.

This is only NU's 4th game in a dome in 11 yrs (2-1 SU & ATS, 2-0 SU & ATS vs Gophers).
The underdog is 8-2 ATS the last 10 games in this series.

May apply: Cats came into 2002 17-10-1 ATS their L/28 when the line is +7/-7.
The home team has covered 4 out of the last 5 in this series.

The visitor is 8-1-1 ATS the last 10 series meetings.
The last 4 years these teams have combined for 259 pts for 64.8 per game.

Cats are just 4-9 ATS in November the last 4 years.
The fav has been nearly "Otto"matic with a 14-2 ATS mark the L/16 meetings.

Who let the dogs out? The underdog has covered 5 out of the L/6 in this series.
NU is 4-2 ATS prior to a bye but have dropped their last 2.

Bonus: Purple & Black are 11-5 ATS in their last 16 road finales.

Northwestern is 5-1 ATS the week after a bye.
The dog is 8-4 ATS in this series but 2-3 ATS the last 5 years.

Bonus: Wildcats are 15-3 ATS on the road on artificial turf in the regular season.

RANDY WALKER (Career 74-54-5)
4th Year at Northwestern

Walker's records AT NORTHWESTERN

15-19	Straight Up	4-5	Home Favorite
15-17-1	Vs The Spread	3-5	Home Dog
5-11-1	Off A S/U Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
9-14-1	Vs Conference	6-5-1	Away Dog
		6-3	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,21,2)
Lost: 21 (9,10,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,743

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	9-2	5-7	3-9	3-8	8-3	4-7	42-37
ATS	10-1	5-6	7-5	6-6	4-7	8-3	3-7-1	43-35-1
Home Fav	2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	0-1	4-0	0-4	8-14
Home Dog	3-0	1-0	4-0	2-1	2-3	1-1	0-1	13-6
Away Fav	1-0	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	7-4
Away Dog	4-0	2-1	1-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	1-1-1	15-11-1
Favorite	3-1	2-5	2-3	2-2	0-1	4-1	2-5	15-18
Dog	7-0	3-1	5-2	4-4	4-6	4-2	1-2-1	28-17-1
Grass	3-0	2-2	6-5	4-4	4-6	5-3	2-7-1	26-27-1
Artificial	7-1	3-4	1-0	2-2	0-1	3-0	1-0	17-8
vs Conf	8-0	4-4	6-2	3-5	2-6	6-2	1-6-1	30-25-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-3	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	13-10
Off SU Win	8-1	3-5	1-3	0-2	3-0	4-3	1-3	20-17
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-0	5-2	5-4	1-6	3-1	1-4-1	18-17-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Damien Anderson	172	811	54	757	8	4.4
Zak Kustok	175	745	165	580	11	3.3
Kevin Lawrence	**57**	**299**	**8**	**291**	**0**	**5.1**
Torri Stuckey	**55**	**242**	**7**	**235**	**1**	**4.3**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zak Kustok	404	231	57.2	2692	20	10
Tony Stauss	**38**	**23**	**60.5**	**136**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kunle Patrick	**56**	**672**	**12.0**	**5**	**80**
Sam Simmons	50	807	16.1	7	60
Jon Schweighardt	43	469	10.9	4	54
Ronnie Foster	**14**	**112**	**8.0**	**0**	**30**
Damien Anderson	13	107	8.2	0	34
David Farman	12	115	9.6	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
J.J. Standring	69	2971	43.1	–	36.6	0	7

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Wasielewski	**1-2**	**1-5**	**5-5**	**0-1**	**7-13**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Bentley	147	1	11	2	0
Billy Silva	121	0	1	4	2
Pat Durr	**103**	**2**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Napoleon Harris	78	3	6	5	1
Colby Clark	**55**	**4**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Marvin Ward	**55**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**0**
Mark Roush	**55**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Raheem Covington	**55**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**2**
Dominique Price	**45**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**
Salem Simon	40	3	3	1	0
Sean Wieber	40	0	0	1	1
Onaje Grimes	**39**	**4**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Jarvis Adams	**39**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sam Simmons	15	162	10.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ashton Aikens	**12**	**230**	**19.2**	**0**
Damien Anderson	11	284	25.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Rose	NL	California	20-14	–
95	Rose	+3	USC	32-41	L
96	Citrus	+8'	Tennessee	28-48	L
00	Alamo	+14'	Nebraska	17-66	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	29.1	25	186	4.1	257	57.3	15.2	-1	2001	6	34.4	25	205	4.4	263	55.4	13.6
7*	36.8	23	255	5.1	213	56.3	12.7	+13	2000	9	33.3	22	205	4.6	222	52.5	12.8
6	12.8	16	141	3.1	143	41.8	22.2	-6	1999	6	27.4	19	188	4.3	200	48.3	14.2
3	17.8	15	93	2.5	202	53.1	16.6	-3	1998	5	28.1	18	163	3.8	207	53.3	13.1
3	20.3	17	132	3.5	188	54.7	15.8	+9	1997	6	24.0	21	189	4.2	203	59.8	16.3
9*	28.0	22	158	3.9	224	60.2	13.7	+5	1996	4	23.2	19	139	3.6	208	57.4	15.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at UNLV	27	49 - 187	3.8	24 - 49	224	1	24	41 - 149	3.6	18 - 39	304	0	+1
at Duke	28	49 - 303	6.2	23 - 37	335	1	16	32 - 137	4.3	17 - 36	171	5	+3
Michigan St	20	44 - 191	4.3	23 - 40	231	2	26	42 - 111	2.6	22 - 37	274	6	+2
at Ohio St	22	48 - 170	3.5	18 - 31	136	5	17	53 - 287	5.4	4 - 10	109	1	-1
Minnesota	21	46 - 113	2.5	22 - 32	237	2	24	50 - 257	5.1	10 - 34	143	4	+2
Penn St	29	45 - 229	5.1	23 - 40	298	0	26	44 - 213	4.8	25 - 47	288	0	-1
at Purdue	23	44 - 123	2.8	22 - 43	235	4	21	48 - 172	3.6	14 - 31	190	1	0
at Indiana	32	43 - 204	4.7	34 - 57	309	0	29	59 - 316	5.4	13 - 23	246	0	-3
Iowa	14	31 - 120	3.9	20 - 34	136	2	25	60 - 283	4.7	17 - 24	305	0	-2
Bowling Green	32	58 - 203	3.5	26 - 39	421	1	32	33 - 146	4.4	36 - 53	472	1	-3
at Illinois	25	42 - 201	4.8	19 - 41	266	1	32	47 - 183	3.9	33 - 43	387	1	+1
TOTALS	273	499 - 2044	4.1	254 - 443	2828	19	272	509 - 2254	4.4	209 - 377	2889	17	-1
AVERAGES	24.8	45 - 186	4.1	23 - 40	257	1.7	24.7	46 - 205	4.4	19 - 34	263	1.5	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma	-4'	24-0	W
at Wake Forest	-13'	20-27	L
Duke	-17	24-20	L
Rice	-7	34-40	L
at Purdue	+3'	9-21	L
Wisconsin	+3'	25-26	W
at Michigan	+24	6-23	W
Michigan St	+13	19-17	W
at Ohio St	+21'	6-49	L
Penn St	+16	27-30	W
at Illinois	-12'	34-21	W
Iowa	+11	15-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-17'	41-7	W
Duke	-12'	10-44	L
at Rice	+5'	23-14	W
at Wisconsin	+12	7-38	L
Illinois	-14	10-13	L
at Iowa	+10	24-26	W
Michigan	+14	6-12	W
Ohio St	+29	10-36	W
at Michigan St	+10	5-29	L
Purdue	+13'	21-56	L
at Penn St	+24	10-41	L
at Hawaii	-16'	47-21	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Oh)	+4	3-28	L
TCU	+8	17-7	W
at Duke (OT)	+8	15-12	W
at Purdue	+28	23-31	W
Minnesota	+6'	14-33	L
at Indiana	+8	17-34	L
Iowa	-4'	23-21	L
Wisconsin	+23	19-35	W
at Michigan	+23	3-37	L
Michigan St	+19	0-34	L
at Illinois	+13'	7-29	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-8	35-17	W
Duke	-13'	38-5	W
at TCU	+11	14-41	L
at Wisconsin (2OT)	+16'	47-44	W
at Michigan St	+11'	37-17	W
Indiana	-4	52-33	W
Purdue	+3'	28-41	L
at Minnesota	+5	41-35	W
Michigan	+7'	54-51	W
at Iowa	-12	17-27	L
Illinois	-7'	61-23	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UNLV	-3'	37-28	W
at Duke	-16	44-7	W
Michigan St	-7'	27-26	L
at Ohio St	+3	20-38	L
Minnesota	-12'	23-17	L
Penn St	-10	35-38	L
at Purdue	+5	27-32	T
at Indiana	-3	21-56	L
Iowa	+1	16-59	L
Bowling Green	-6	42-43	L
at Illinois	+18'	28-34	W

INDIANA HOOSIERS

Randle El is gone and replacing him will be IU's biggest challenge in 2002.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The amazing Antwaan Randle El (#2DC of PIT) departs after a storied 4 year career and his number will be retired. Randle El leaves as the NCAA career rush leader for QB's and finished 5th in career total offense. He was the first player to have 2,500 yards of total offense in each of his four years. He had at least 150 yards of total offense in each of his 43 QB starts and became the first and only player to throw for 7,000 and rush for 3,500 in his career. He also became the first ever to have 40 TD's passing as well as rushing and leaves as the school's #2 leading rusher (next to RB Anthony Thompson). He did not even practice at QB last spring or early in the fall, as Tommy Jones started the opener at QB with Randle El at WR. Cameron spent the 2001 offseason installing the West Coast offense to get the team's top 11 players on the field at the same time. Jones (PS#48), who dropped 25 lbs to slim down to 230, hit 18 of 31 for 163 yards vs NC State but did not play after that due to an injured shoulder. After the team's embarrassing performance in the opener, the West Coast offense was scrapped and Randle El's option skills became the offense's focus once again. Jones is the leading candidate for the starter's job this year even though he was not 100% in the spring after shoulder surgery. Gibran Hamdan (6-6 240 Sr) has a rifle for an arm and is very adept at reading defenses. After not playing his first two years he got in 9 games as the #2 QB and holder last year with just 1 pass attempt. He also hit .300 for the baseball team. Patrick Thompson (4.5 speed) moved to WR in the spring. New coaches like their own recruits and DiNardo brings in 3 here (see Top Newcomers). Randle El completed 51.1% (1,664 yards) with a 9-5 ratio which ranked just 9th in the Big 10 in pass efficiency. He was however the Big 10's sixth leading rusher with 964 yards. Naturally his leadership, skills and presence will be missed.

RUNNING BACKS - The Hoosiers have had some great RB's over the years, including Anthony Thompson who was #2 all-time in the Big 10 in career rushing TD's. When Indy signed Levron Williams (PS#7) I immediately expected him to be the starting TB and said he could become the next great Indy RB. In 1998 he moved to WR. He moved back to RB in 1999 and in 3 years became just the sixth player in Indy history to top 3,000 career yards rushing. Surprisingly, Williams did not start in the 2001 opener in their new offense but did rush for 1,401 yards (6.6) in guiding Indy to their best rushing performance in school history, 2,964 yards (beat 1998's 2,963 yards by 1). It was also the first time Indy led the Big 10 in rushing in their history. His loss is a big one but everyone else returns. Cameron had Jeremi Johnson (PS#73) penciled in as this year's feature back as the ex-FB has NFL potential. He rushed for 546 yards (5.7) while also having 16 receptions (13.3) last year. New Coach DiNardo, however, briefly moved him to the DL after he ballooned up to 280 lbs in the offseason, remarking "there's no way he could pass my conditioning test for backs." He returned to FB in the spring but missed most of spring practice due to a hamstring injury. Brian Lewis (5-10 208 Jr, PS#58) was the best conditioned athlete on the team in the offseason and rushed for 373 yds in 5 starts in 2000. Yamar Washington (5-10 199 rFr, PS#178) and Lewis were the #1 and #2 TB's in the spring. I list the FB's below. Also in the mix are Courtney Clency (5-11 181 rFr, PS#132) and true frosh Sean Miller (PS#95). This unit does have some potential but with the loss of the Big 10's leading rusher, I'll call it weaker in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year Indy had to replace their top 2 WR's who averaged 19.1 and 19.0 per catch as well as their starting TE. They began the year with Antwaan Randle El playing WR but that plan was quickly scrapped. Cameron was very high on TE Aaron Halterman (PS#38). He had 10 rec's as rFr as a backup. Kris Dielman started at that position most of the year and had 14 rec's. Dielman moved to the DL this spring. RB Williams led the team in rec's with 26. This year the only loss is WR Henry Frasier who was #3 with 16 (16.9). I list the 2 deep below but there are no real game breakers at WR. Granted the team did not attempt a lot of passes last season but with the change in offense they'll get more chances. This group is a lot more experienced, but it is an underwhelming group of WR's by Big 10 standards.

OFFENSIVE LINE - I think Hal Hunter is perhaps the best OL coach in the NCAA. In 2000 Hunter molded a group using 4 starters who had never played college OL before and the other returning starter had moved from G to T. They also lost 2 OL's prior to the season. Somehow that piecemeal unit only allowed 9 sacks in 11 games and paved the way for the #2 rushing offense in the NCAA. Last year four of 5 starters returned and they moved the starting TE over to tackle. The unit paved the way for the Big 10's top rushing offense and they averaged a super 5.5 ypc while allowing just 9 sacks all year. This year the only loss is C Craig Osika (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, 2Y HM B10) and four 2 year starters return. Normally with that kind of experience back from a top-notch OL, I would call for them to be the Big 10's best this year, but 2 things concern me. The first was IU's failure to retain Hunter (now at N Car). The second is the fact that they are switching the offense and the team will no longer rely on the option blocking that they used with Antwaan Randle El, instead going to the new pass blocking schemes of the West Coast offense. I look for Indiana to allow more sacks than they allowed in both 2000 and 2001 combined and also see the rushing totals dropping dramatically. This is still a solid unit but I think it will be weaker in 2002 due to the changes.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 and 2000 Indiana gave up 4.7 ypc rushing in each year and had just 18 sacks in 2000. Last year they only had to replace one starter and a backup while adding big time JUCO Courtney Young, who originally signed at Miami, Fla. The unit made solid strides as they yielded just 3.9 ypc rushing and the defense as a whole recorded 21 sacks. This year they have to replace DT Dominque Smith (10 sts, 36 tkls, 8 tfl, HM B10), DE Kemp Rasmussen (11 sts, 50 tkls, 6.5 sks, HM B10) and DE Steve Williams (PS#12, 17 tkls, 3 tfl). Four players do return with starting experience. There are actually 3 VHT's listed in the 2 deep below and even with the loss of probably their top 2 DL's, this unit has the potential to be as good as last year's version.

LINEBACKERS - Indiana had a very speedy LB corps in 2000 and last year only had to replace 1 player who started 6 games then moved some DB's in to add yet more speed to the unit. Projected starter Robert Brown missed all but 4 games with injury. Redshirt ex-safety Herana-Daze Jones moved into the starting OLB spot for the final 5 games. Brandonn Baker, who started the first 3 games, was found to have a career ending spinal condition. Due to injuries, by November all 3 backups were freshmen. This year they must replace Justin Smith (11 sts, 99 tkls, 11 tfl), Devin Schaffer (6 sts, 29 tkls, 4 tfl) and Baker (3 sts, 20 tkls). Last year they also played a 4-2-5 down the stretch with S Ron Bethel starting the final 5, due to the injuries. Smith led the team in tackles with 99 with the next closest tackler among LB's being Schaffer with 29. Bethel, the team's top DB, does move into the unit full time this year. Also keep an eye on John Kerr (PS#81) who was Ohio's Def POY in HS and comes from Cleveland powerhouse St Ignatius. While they do lose their top guy, I expect more production from the group as a whole.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hoosiers ranked #117 in my pass D rankings in 2000 but coming into last year, Cameron said "it's the most talent in the secondary since I've been here." Their best finish in my rankings under Cameron was #61 in 1998. Last year, despite the excellent size and speed of the group, they had just 2 pbu after 3 games and allowed Steve Bellisari, who was completing 45% at the time, to hit 15 of 21 and later in the year, Penn St's Matt Senneca (37% at the time), to hit 17 of 23. Overall Indy finished #95 in my pass D rankings, allowing 249.6 ypg, 62.7% with a 21-9 ratio. This year they must replace CB Sharrod Wallace (11 sts, 49 tkls, 2 tfl), CB Marcus Floyd (5 sts, 46 tkls, 5 pbu), CB Michael Hanley (6 sts, 35 tkls, 2 int) and CB Willie Northern (2 sts, 13 tkls, PS#42). Basically 2 starters depart. Overall 4 players return with starting experience plus they get in some solid rFr, however Ron Bethel (top DB) was moved to LB. There is some potential here but I have to call this unit basically even to last year's contingent.

SPECIAL TEAMS - There has hardly been anything special about the Hoosiers in this area the last couple of years. In 2000 they came up with a -6 in the TD/Blk category and finished just #113 in my special teams rankings. The special teams were abysmal once again last season and it's a good thing that FG kicking accuracy is not included in my rankings or they most likely would have finished dead last. Instead they finished #99 thanks to a decent return game. They finished only -2 in the TD/Blk category but the team hit just 2 of 9 FG's and missed 8 xp's, leading Cameron to not even attempt FG's late in the season. Bryan Robertson (PS#6) did hit a 60 yard FG in HS but did not adapt well to kicking without a tee. He has a strong leg and should show outstanding improvement this year. Adam Braucher hit just 1 of 6 FG's with a long of 31 but also displayed 60 yard FG range in the spring and handled the KO's. Indy actually allowed a respectable 18.4 on KR's. Ryan Hamre began the year as a punter but had 2 blocked punts vs NC State and lost his job. He did regain it at times but the team had a poor 30.7 punting average and a 27.0 net. They do lose P J.R. Drummond (34.7 avg). Robertson also averaged 32.7 on 5 punts before being lost for the season with a back injury. That part of the team can only improve. PR Randle El is gone (9.3) and top KR Levron Williams must also be replaced (24.3). DiNardo's LSU group did finish #18 overall in my special teams rankings in 1997 so he does put an emphasis on this unit. This is far from a stellar special teams group but should be able to improve on last year's numbers.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1986 to 1993, under the tutelage of Coach Bill Mallory, the Hoosiers participated in 6 bowl games but since going 6-5 in 1994 they have now had 7 straight losing seasons. In 2000 they finished 3-8 but were close to finishing 7-4 (lots of tough losses). Last year they had the most returning starters in the conference and lost the least amount of lettermen (15). After going -16 in turnovers in 2000 they improved to +7 last year. Their average home attendance last year of 31,110 was the lowest since 1964 and the worst in the Big 10. Indy just missed out on a winning season again as against Utah they missed 2 FG's, an extra point plus a 2 pt conversion and lost by 2. The team was 4-4 in Big 10 play last year but **outgained Big 10 foes by 66.6 ypg which was 2nd best in the league!!** Last year Indy averaged 464.6 ypg in Big 10 play, 32 more than any other team in the conference! Despite their losing record Indiana actually outscored its foes on the season overall. I really like the new coaching staff. Gerry DiNardo took over a downtrodden LSU program and in the first 3 years had them tied for the 1st place in the SEC West twice and recorded a 26-9-1 record before a couple of injury plagued seasons along with raised expectations saw him getting booted out the door. OC Al Borges was considered a genius when at UCLA but I think he may struggle in his first year here. First of all, they must replace Antwaan Randle El who guided the team to an average of 28.3 ppg the last 3 years. Most times when a team switches from an option offense to a pass attack the team generally struggles as the OL must learn new schemes. Despite having 8 starters back on that side of the ball and a talented QB in Tommy Jones, I look for less production in a learning year. Defensively, last year Indiana actually held 4 straight Big 10 opponents to under 30 points for the first time since 1994. The Hoosiers had the 7th best defense in Big 10 play last year allowing just 398 ypg. This year they have 5 starters back on that side of the ball but some players are not buying in to the DiNardo program and they may lose more prior to the season than the 8 listed lettermen lost. In the spring, DiNardo said this was a very poorly conditioned team and generally it takes more than a year to correct that deficiency. As I pointed out, statistically Indy was the 2nd best team in the Big 10 last year so theoretically that should have made them a contender but with the coaching change, loss of players and switching schemes, the Hoosiers should be headed back toward the lower half of the division this season. However I think DiNardo will have them turned around very soon.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Tommy Jones Sr. 6-5 241 PS#48. 9 games in 99 & 2000, 10 of 25, 134 yds, 0-2 ratio, 163 yds LY, 1 st, 58%, 1-0 ratio. Gibran Hamdan (6-6 240 Sr) 6 career passes, 57 yds.

RB JEREMI JOHNSON SR. 6-1 279 PS#73. 5 sts in '99 & 2000. 385 yds (4.3), 21 rec. 10 sts at FB LY, 546 yds (5.7), 16 rec (13.3). Brian Lewis (5-10 208 Jr) PS#58, 6 sts, 2Y, 465 yds (5.3).

FB Jason Sullivan rFr. 6-1 250 PS#117. Rashon Myles (6-2 212 Jr) PS#95. 91 yds (5.4) as true, 1 start last year, 8 yards. Acad ? TY. Marlin Lynch (6-0 240 Fr) is PS#321.

WR GLENN JOHNSON JR. 6-0 196 0 rec, 8 gms as true. RS in 2000. 7 sts LY, 21 rec (10.9). Travis Haney (6-5 196 So) PS#297. 5 sts as rFr, 11 rec (15.8), ex-QB. Patrick Thompson.

WR DAVID LEWIS SO. 6-1 185 PS#59. 4.5 spd. Courtney Roby (6-1 177 So) PS#120. 3 sts, 11 rec (15.5) as true. Michael Robinson (6-6 206 rFr) PS#103 in 2000, Fork Union.

TE AARON HALTERMAN SO. 6-6 257 PS#38. 3 sts as rFr, 10 rec (12.7). Stephen Anthony (6-4 280 Sr) PS#32. 12 tkls '99-'00. 11 gms @TE & sp tms LY. Matt Buchholz (6-4 265 Jr)

C Chris Jahnke So. 6-6 305 PS#117OL. 2nd string as true but RS. 2nd string C in 2001, 2 games. Brandon Hatcher (6-3 280 rFr) PS#74LB, moved to OL in spg.

RG ANTHONY OAKLEY JR. 6-4 305 500 bench! 11 sts @LG in 2000. 11 sts @LG LY, team's strongest, 2L. Clay Stuart (6-6 314 So) PS#435, 2nd string LY. Beau Schwegman (6-3 295 So).

LG JAMARKUS GORMAN SR. 6-5 305 PS#78. **6 sts in '99**, 2L. Hampered w/inj's & personal problems. Isaac Sowells (6-3 321 rFr) PS#405DL. Adam Tingle (6-2 300 Fr) PS#478.

RT AC MYLER SR. 6-5 350 PS#181DL. 2 gms as true, RS. 10 tkls in 99. 22 sts L/2Y, **HM B10** LY. Bobby Brandt (6-8 322 Sr) PS#68TE. 11 sts in '00, 5 rec (15.6). 11 sts LY, **HM B10**.

LT ENOCH DeMAR SR. 6-5 315 PS#178. 11 sts at LG as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, HM B10. 11 sts at RG LY, **2nd Tm B10**. Jason Fryar (6-10 340 So) PS#302. Jacob Wagner (6-9 314 So).

K BRYAN ROBERTSON SO. 5-11 158 PS#6K. 61 yd FG in HS. 1 of 3 FG's LY (back injury) 8-12 xp's. Adam Braucher (5-8 179 Jr) long of 31 last year. Troy Grosfield is PS#45K.

DE John Lumpkin So. 6-3 261 **PS#35.** 5 tkls, 1.5 tfl as rFr. Jodie Clemons (6-4 266 So) PS#385, 5 tkls, 1 sk LY. Eli Radke (6-3 225 So) PS#218LB, missed LY w/knee inj.

DT COLIN CHRISTOPHER JR. 6-3 305 PS#120LB. Torn ACL as rFr. L/6 sts LY, 17 tkls, 1.5 sks, 1 tfl. Jamil Frink (6-5 275) PS#133. 1 st in 2000, 14 tkls, 1 sk. 4 sts LY, 13 tkls, 1 sk.

DT Kris Dielman Sr. 6-5 284 PS#119LB. 1 st, 12 rec in '99-'00. 11 sts, 14 rec (14.7), HM B10 LY @TE. **Courtney Young (6-5 282 Sr) PS#48** & orig at Miami, Fla. PS#40JC.

DE DEREK BARNETT SR. 6-4 257 **PS#28.** 1 st, 11 tkls as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, 32 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. 11 sts in 2001, 24 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 sks. Victor Adeyanju (6-5 215 rFr) 4.5 speed.

WLB HERANA-DAZE JONES SO. 6-0 196 PS#158. S in 2000. L/5 sts at OLB LY. 28 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 2 int. Randy Cate (6-0 224 So) PS#230QB. Mark Naaman (6-1 226 rFr) PS#158.

MLB Robert Brown Jr. 6-1 240 PS#56, 8 tkls as rFr. 2 sts LY until inj, 11 tkls. Shane Moat (6-1 225 Sr) PS#125DL, 4.6 spd, 450 bench, 4 tkls in '99 & 2000 due to inj's. DNP LY.

SLB RON BETHEL SR. 6-4 203 PS#61. 11 sts, 44 tkls in 2000. 10 sts, 44 tkls, 2 sks LY, **4.4 spd.** Kevin Smith (6-3 266 So) PS#155, inj'd as rFr. Martin Lapostolle (6-3 215 So) 4 tkls as **true.**

CB Duane Stone Jr. 5-10 176 PS#92RB. 7 sts, 44 tkls in 2000, **4.18 spd, track.** Dru Robinson (5-11 196 Sr) JC trans LY. Leonard Bryant (5-10 180 rFr) PS#328. 4.38 spd.

CB Antonio Watson Sr. 6-1 200 PS#139JC. 1 start, 21 tkls last year. Damien Jones (5-10 167 rFr) PS#216. Rico Lloyd (5-11 157 So) PS#42. Matt Calvert (6-0 186 So).

SS JOE GONZALEZ SR. 6-1 204 PS#84. 1 st in '99 & 2000. 43 tkls, 4 pbu. 10 sts LY, **HM Big 10**, 65 tkls, 5 tfl, 5 pbu. Will Lumpkin (6-0 186 rFr) PS#93. Matt Foss (5-11 185 So).

FS AC Carter Sr. 5-9 195 PS#218RB. 29 yds as true. **4.38 spd, track.** L/5 sts at FS LY. 47 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Buster Larkins (6-0 171 rFr) PS#147. Ty Henderson (6-0 185 rFr).

P Ryan Hamre Jr. 6-3 214 45.7 avg in HS. 16 punts in 2000, 37.4 avg, 12 punts LY, 31.3 avg, 2 blk'd. Bryan Robertson is PS#6. Tyson Beattie (6-0 170 Fr) signee from Australia.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Sean Miller 5-10 200 PS#95
LB	John Kerr 6-0 240 PS#81
WR	Jahkeen Gilmore 6-1 185 PS#90
QB	Allen Webb 6-3 210 PS#75
OL	Adam Hines 6-4 270 PS#147
QB	Jerohn Fields 6-1 185 PS#95
DL	Ken Kendal 6-4 220 PS#145
QB	Graeme McFarland 6-2 195 PS#112
DL	Bo Greer 6-3 295 PS#177
DL	Justin Frye 6-6 250 PS#202
WR	Steve Gunter 5-11 165 PS#188
DL	Russ Richardson 6-0 265 PS#291
WR	Tyke Spencer 5-11 180 PS#266
K	Troy Grosfield 5-11 175 PS#45

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INDIANA HOOSIERS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN LINE	Final Score IU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
							The Hoosiers made a big stride this past year, going from a -16 turnover ratio in 2000 to a +7 ratio in the year 2001. The visitor is 7-2 ATS in the IU/Michigan series.
Aug. 31	William & Mary	G					The Tribe finished 8-4 last year and play in the Atlantic Ten. Indiana's last non-lined game was a 32-12 beating of Toledo in 1989.
Sep. 7	at Utah	A					Hoosiers are 12-5 ATS in season openers, but only 3-4 the last 7 years. LY's 28-26 loss to Utah was IU's 1st meeting with a current MWC foe S/'79.
Sep. 14	at Kentucky	G					Indiana is 11-21-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1995. The home team is 5-8 ATS the L/13 in this series. UK is 6-1 SU L/7 games.
Sep. 21	C Michigan	G					IU was 4-0 ATS under Cameron after playing Kentucky. Hoosiers are 6-11-1 ATS in sandwiched home games.
Sep. 28	at Ohio St	G					Hoosiers are 9-16-1 ATS off a SU win since 1994. Indiana is 0-9 SU and 3-5-1 ATS vs Ohio St since 1991.
Oct. 5							Bonus: IU is 18-29-1 ATS at home over the last 8 seasons. Bonus: Indiana is 1-5 ATS the week after a bye since 1994.
Oct. 12	Wisconsin	G					Hoosiers are 8-21 ATS their last 29 as a home dog. Indiana is 3-7 ATS in their first Big 10 home game.
Oct. 19	Iowa (HC)	G					The favorite is 12-5 ATS the last 17 meetings. This has been a high scoring series of late, w/an avg of 72.3 ppg L3Y.
Oct. 26	at Illinois	A					Pending earlier results: IU is 4-10 ATS their L/14 tries as a dog away from Bloomington. Indiana is 2-4 SU but 4-2 ATS their last 6 series meetings with Illinois.
Nov. 2	at Northwestern	G					IU is 6-9 ATS in their last 15 November games, 3-1 last year. The SU winner is an amazing 18-0 ATS in this series.
Nov. 9	Michigan St	G					DiNardo was 2-3 ATS his last 5 at LSU as a home dog. Indiana is 5-8 ATS their last 13 vs the Spartans.
Nov. 16	Penn St	G					The Hoosiers are 2-10 ATS in home finales that are NOT vs Purdue. IU is 2-17-3 ATS prior to playing Purdue.
Nov. 23	at Purdue	G					The HT is 4-9-1 ATS L/14 but 4-0 ATS the L4Y in the Old Oaken Bucket Battle. Purdue has outscored IU 186-64 the last 5 years.
Nov. 30							Does not apply this year, but Indiana is 1-7-3 ATS their last 11 road finales NOT vs Purdue.

GERRY DINARDO (Career 51-49-1)
1st Year at Indiana

DiNardo's records AT INDIANA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
	0-0 Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (25,24,2)
Lost: 21 (12,8,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,605

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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	2-9	4-7	4-7	3-8	5-6	23-54
ATS	1-10	5-5-1	5-6	7-4	6-5	3-8	5-6	32-44-1
Home Fav	0-3	0-0-1	2-1	2-1	2-3	1-2	2-1	9-11-1
Home Dog	0-4	1-3	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-2	1-2	6-15
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-2
Away Dog	1-3	3-1	3-2	3-1	1-2	1-4	2-3	14-16
Favorite	0-3	1-1-1	2-1	3-2	3-3	1-2	2-1	12-13-1
Dog	1-7	4-4	3-5	4-2	3-2	2-6	3-5	20-31
Grass	1-2	2-1	2-1	5-3	6-3	2-7	3-6	21-23
Artificial	0-8	3-4-1	3-5	2-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	11-21-1
vs Conf	1-7	4-4	3-5	4-4	6-2	2-6	4-4	24-32
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-1-1	2-1	3-0	0-3	1-2	1-2	8-12-1
Off SU Win	0-2	0-1-1	0-2	3-1	2-2	0-3	2-2	7-13-1
Off SU Loss	1-7	4-4	4-4	3-3	4-2	3-4	3-3	22-27

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Levron Williams	212	1455	54	1401	17	6.6
Antwaan Randle El	188	1081	117	964	8	5.1
Jeremi Johnson	**95**	**552**	**6**	**546**	**7**	**5.7**
Brian Lewis	**21**	**95**	**3**	**92**	**1**	**4.4**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Antwaan Randle El	231	118	51.1	1664	9	5
Tommy Jones	**31**	**18**	**58.1**	**163**	**1**	**0**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Levron Williams	26	289	11.1	2	44	
Glenn Johnson	**21**	**229**	**10.9**	**1**	**26**	
Henry Frazier	16	271	16.9	2	47	
Jeremi Johnson	**16**	**213**	**13.3**	**1**	**38**	
Kris Dielman	**14**	**206**	**14.7**	**2**	**30**	
Travis Haney	**11**	**174**	**15.8**	**0**	**47**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
J.R. Drummond	17	590	34.7	–	27.0	0	4
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Adam Braucher	**0-1**	**1-3**	**0-2**	**0-0**	**1-6**	**31**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Justin Smith	99	1	10	5	1
Joe Gonzalez	**65**	**0**	**5**	**5**	**0**
Kemp Rasmussen	50	6.5	3	3	0
Sharrod Wallace	49	0	2	2	0
A.C. Carter	**47**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**
Marcus Floyd	46	0	1	5	3
Ron Bethel	**44**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Dominique Smith	36	2	6	2	0
Michael Hanley	35	0	3	0	2
Devin Schaffer	29	0	4	1	0
H-D Jones	**28**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Derek Barnett	**24**	**2**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Antonio Watson	**21**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Brandonn Baker	20	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Antwaan Randle El	16	149	9.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Levron Williams	21	511	24.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Peach	+6'	Tennessee	22-27	W
88	Liberty	-3	S Carolina	34-10	W
90	Peach	+9'	Auburn	23-27	W
91	Copper	+3'	Baylor	24-0	W
93	Independence	+3	Virginia Tech	20-45	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

INDIANA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.7	23	269	5.5	166	51.9	15.7	+7	2001	8	27.1	22	144	3.9	250	62.7	14.5
8*	30.6	23	266	5.8	173	47.3	14.3	-16	2000	6	38.8	25	186	4.7	271	64.7	11.8
9*	26.5	21	191	4.4	215	53.6	15.3	+1	1999	8	35.1	23	211	4.7	219	60.0	12.3
7*	21.7	19	196	4.3	169	47.0	16.3	+3	1998	6	27.7	21	154	3.9	243	63.3	14.3
5	10.9	15	91	2.6	214	56.9	27.9	-9	1997	6	32.6	21	181	4.5	232	50.0	12.7
10*	22.0	15	142	3.3	149	51.1	13.2	+1	1996	7	26.5	19	158	3.6	197	51.8	13.4

	OFFENSE					2001 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at NC State	18	34 - 106	3.1	19 - 33	170	3	19	35 - 118	3.4	22 - 34	243	1	-2
Utah	22	44 - 229	5.2	13 - 23	157	0	26	43 - 169	3.9	21 - 29	278	0	0
Ohio St	16	36 - 156	4.3	14 - 21	181	0	24	53 - 197	3.7	15 - 21	194	2	-2
at Wisconsin	23	54 - 449	8.3	8 - 13	182	0	16	39 - 106	2.7	16 - 25	225	5	+3
Illinois	23	40 - 194	4.9	18 - 36	165	0	21	57 - 276	4.8	12 - 17	116	3	+1
at Iowa	28	56 - 308	5.5	14 - 28	160	0	20	33 - 226	6.8	13 - 17	228	0	+1
Northwestern	29	59 - 316	5.4	13 - 23	246	0	32	43 - 204	4.7	34 - 57	309	0	+3
at Michigan St	27	63 - 489	7.8	4 - 13	48	1	22	30 - 110	3.7	20 - 30	288	2	+2
at Penn St	25	49 - 298	6.1	12 - 24	225	4	22	38 - 172	4.5	17 - 23	278	1	+1
Purdue	16	51 - 204	4.0	7 - 19	96	0	21	18 - (-8)	-0.4	31 - 62	263	2	-1
Kentucky	26	55 - 215	3.9	15 - 31	194	1	18	19 - 16	0.8	26 - 47	324	5	+1
TOTALS	253	541 - 2964	5.5	137 - 264	1824	9	241	408 - 1586	3.9	227 - 362	2746	21	+7
AVERAGES	23.0	49 - 269	5.5	12 - 24	166	0.8	21.9	37 - 144	3.9	21 - 33	250	1.9	0.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+30	6-23	W
Ball St	-13'	33-6	W
Kentucky	-2'	7-49	L
at Wisconsin	+14	26-27	W
Michigan	+20	0-37	L
Michigan St	+19	6-38	L
at Ohio St	+34	0-31	W
at Iowa	+26	0-62	L
Illinois	-4'	23-6	W
at Minnesota	+7'	12-24	L
Purdue	+14	7-56	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-4'	45-30	W
at Kentucky	+21	27-31	W
at Cincinnati	-3	48-14	W
Wisconsin	+9'	20-24	W
at Michigan St (2OT)	+9'	31-38	W
Iowa	-3	14-7	W
at Michigan	+13'	10-21	W
Ohio St	+24	7-38	L
at Illinois	-13'	16-31	L
Minnesota	-3	20-19	L
at Purdue	+16'	7-52	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-24	21-9	L
N Carolina	-1'	30-42	L
Kentucky	-8	35-44	L
at Penn St	+27	24-45	W
Illinois (OT)	-2	34-31	W
Northwestern	-8	34-17	W
at Wisconsin	+14'	0-59	L
at Iowa	-2	38-31	W
Michigan	+16'	31-34	W
at Minnesota	+14	20-44	L
Purdue	+13	24-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NC State	-7	38-41	L
at Kentucky	+4	34-41	L
Cincinnati	-5	42-6	W
Iowa	-14	45-33	L
at Northwestern	+4	33-52	L
at Michigan	+15'	0-58	L
Minnesota	+7	51-43	W
Penn St	+1'	24-27	L
at Illinois	+8	35-42	W
Wisconsin	+6'	22-43	L
at Purdue	+16'	13-41	L

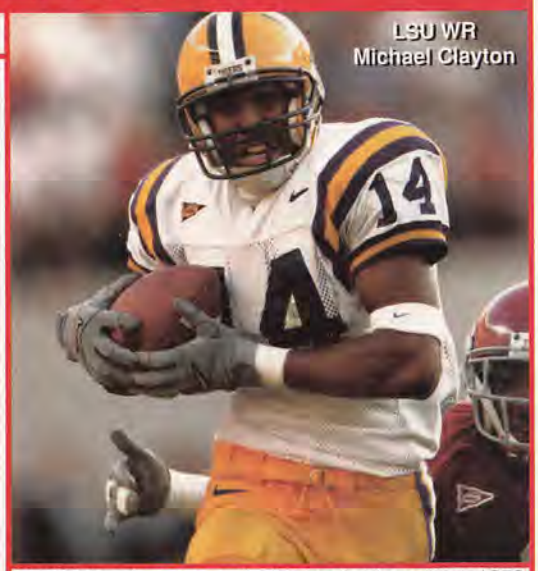
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+7	14-35	L
Utah	-3	26-28	L
Ohio St	+9'	14-27	L
at Wisconsin	+14'	63-32	W
Illinois	+3'	14-35	L
at Iowa	+9'	28-42	L
Northwestern	+3	56-21	W
at Michigan St	+7	37-28	W
at Penn St	+2'	14-28	L
Purdue	-2'	13-7	W
Kentucky	-6	26-15	W

SEC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 SEC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Casey Clausen, Tenn	Rex Grossman, Florida	Eli Manning, Miss	Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky
RB	Earnest Graham, Florida	LaBrandon Toefield, LSU	Andrew Pinnock, S Car	Cedric Houston, Tenn
RB	Carnell Williams, Auburn	Dontae Walker, Miss St	Santonio Beard, Alabama	Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas
WR	Kelley Washington, Tenn	Fred Gibson, Georgia	Dan Stricker, Vandy	Chris Collins, Miss
WR	Michael Clayton, LSU	Taylor Jacobs, Florida	Terrence Edwards, Georgia	James Adkisson, S Car
TE	Jason Witten, Tenn	Robert Johnson, Auburn	Donald Lee, Miss St	Benjamin Watson, Georgia
C	Alonzo Ephraim, Alabama	Ben Wilkerson, LSU	Ben Claxton, Miss	Ben Nowland, Auburn
G	Shannon Snell, Florida	Marico Portis, Alabama	Shane Hall, S Car	Jason Respert, Tenn
G	Kevin Breedlove, Georgia	Cedric Williams, S Car	Alex Jackson, Georgia	Jonathan Colon, Florida
T	Max Starks, Florida	Antonio Hall, Kentucky	Jon Stinchcomb, Georgia	Chris Spencer, Miss
T	Shawn Andrews, Arkansas	Will Ofenheusle, Tenn	Wesley Britt, Alabama	Travelle Wharton, S Car
DL	Kindal Moorehead, Alabama	Dewayne Robertson, Kentucky	Kenderick Allen, LSU	Shaun Smith, S Car
DL	Jarret Johnson, Alabama	Langston Moore, S Car	DeMarco McNeil, Auburn	Tommy Kelly, Miss St
DL	Johnathan Sullivan, Georgia	Kenny King, Alabama	Darrell Lee, Florida	Chad Lavalais, LSU
DL	Ian Scott, Florida	Jermaine Brooks, Arkansas	Mondre Dickerson, Tenn	Jeremy Caudill, Kentucky
LB	Mario Haggan, Miss St	Boss Bailey, Georgia	Mike Nattiel, Florida	Keyon Whiteside, Tenn
LB	Bradie James, LSU	Dontarrious Thomas, Auburn	Kevin Burnett, Tenn	Byron Hardmon, Florida
LB	Eddie Strong, Miss	Brooks Daniels, Alabama	George Gause, S Car	Jeb Huckeba, Arkansas
CB	Ahmad Carroll, Arkansas	Jabari Greer, Tenn	Carlos Rogers, Auburn	Demetrius Hookfin, LSU
CB	Lawrence Richardson, Ark	Korey Banks, Miss St	Willie Miles, Tenn	Rushen Jones, Vandy
SS	Julian Battle, Tenn	Damien James, LSU	Rashad Faison, S Car	Sean Jones, Georgia
FS	Ken Hamlin, Arkansas	Todd Johnson, Florida	Norman LeJeune, LSU	Josh Morgan, Miss St
K	Damon Duval, Auburn	Alex Walls, Tenn	Billy Bennett, Georgia	John Corbello, LSU
P	Jonathan Kilgo, Georgia	Glenn Pakulak, Kentucky	Damon Duval, Auburn	Donnie Jones, LSU
KR	Jason Armstead, Miss	Fred Gibson, Georgia	Lawrence Richardson, Arkansas	Derek Abney, Kentucky
PR	Domanick Davis, LSU	Damien Gary, Georgia	Joe Walkins, Auburn	Ray Ray Bivines, Miss St


LSU WR Michael Clayton

SEC Notes: Last year was the first time that the undisputed SEC and Big 10 Champions met in a bowl game and LSU defeated Illinois in the Sugar Bowl. The only other time they came close to that was in 1978 when Big 10 co-Champion Ohio St faced Alabama in the Sugar Bowl and Bama won that 35-6. The SEC West Champ has not repeated since 1992-'94 (Alabama). The SEC is 27-17 over the last 6 years in bowl games (61.3%) which is the best record of any conference in bowls. The SEC was 5-4 in bowls last year. Despite that gaudy 6 year bowl record, they are just 17-17 the last 4 years in the postseason but did go 4-1 in Jan Bowl games last year with the 4 wins by an avg of 19.25 ppg. The SEC actually had 7 of the top 15 schools in average attendance while the next closest conference, the Big 10, had just 3. The SEC had 47 players taken in this year's draft, the highest number of any conference. Last year Tennessee and Florida were both worthy of playing in the National Title game but each was upset in their last game costing them a shot.

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 SEC FORECAST

SEC EAST 1. TENNESSEE - Phil Fulmer is now the "Dean" of the SEC coaches and has put together 10 straight winning seasons. The Vols have a schedule tailor-made for an SEC Title with 8 home games and just 4 road trips during the year. They will get their toughest rival, Florida, in Neyland Stadium the week after a bye. Tennessee has just 10 starters returning and loses 27 lettermen, which is the most in the league but have capable replacements and a veteran QB in Casey Clausen. I will clearly rate the Vols as a National Title contender this year. They have a great shot at an unbeaten regular season and may find themselves back in the SEC Championship game for the 2nd straight year with a chance of getting to the National Title game.

2. FLORIDA - With Steve Spurrier's stunning move to the NFL and the Gators facing Tennessee on the road, I'm calling for a 2nd place finish this year. Led by Rex Grossman, Earnest Graham and Taylor Jacobs, they could have the most potent offense in the SEC provided they catch on quickly to Ed Zaunbrecher's new schemes. Defensively they have just 5 starters back but only lose 8 lettermen and will have one of the top D's in the SEC under new DC John Thompson. Last year they had arguably the most talented team in the country and they outscored foes by an average of 44.8 to 14.8 on the season!! This is a very dangerous team and only needs to win at Neyland Stadium to find itself back in its 8th SEC Title game in 11 years.

3. S CAROLINA - S Carolina has the most rebuilding to do in SEC play with just 9 starters returning and 19 lettermen lost. They also came close to making my Turnovers=Turnaround article by finishing +8 in turnovers last year. Despite their 5-3 record, USC outscored SEC foes only by an average of 3.6 ppg and on the season had 5 wins by 5 points or less. Those type of factors usually have me calling for a team to finish lower in the standings but USC gets a very favorable schedule this year with winnable road games against Vanderbilt and Kentucky. If they can take care of business at home (including a tough game vs Tenn) they should be able to win 5 or 6 games once again in SEC play. They host Georgia and I give SC a shot at increasing its win total once again this year.

4. GEORGIA - The Bulldogs look like a Wild Card team in the SEC this year. Last year they proved they are capable of winning on the road when they went into Neyland Stadium and beat one of the best teams in the NCAA on the road. This year I rate all 4 of their SEC road games as winnable as Alabama may suffer some defections prior to the season and they have slightly better talent than S Carolina and Auburn. They do have just 3 SEC home games in Sanford Stadium and must face S Carolina in a key SEC East road game. Of all the SEC teams, Georgia has the biggest discrepancy in my power ratings with one set calling for them to win just 2 SEC games and another calling for a 7-1 record. It will be very interesting to see how things actually shake out for the Bulldogs but since they face S Carolina on the road, I'll call for them to finish here.

5. KENTUCKY - The Cats were even better than their record indicated last season as they allowed LSU a TD with :13 left, led Georgia 22-7, led Tennessee 21-0 and finished that game with a 24-15 FD edge, they also led Miss St 14-7 in the 2H and missed a tying FG from 29 yards out vs Mississippi. Had those 5 games gone in their favor, they would have been back to a bowl . This is a much stronger team in Guy Morriss' 2nd season and they will be potent offensively led by QB Jared Lorenzen. Keep in mind the last 2 years the Cats have been -12 and -8 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 295). Defense is the major question mark here but they host Georgia and S Carolina and a win or two in those games would easily have them moving up in the SEC East.

6. VANDERBILT - Last year Vandy was outscored by an average of 23.4 ppg in SEC play and outgained by an average of 143.3. They lose 27 lettermen, which ties for the most in the league and go through a head coaching change with some dramatic shifts on both sides of the ball. This is a rebuilding team in a very tough conference and I think it will be difficult for Vandy to win even one SEC game this year. One of my computer projections shows Vandy losing their 8 SEC games by an average of 26.8 ppg, making for a very long season.

SEC WEST 1. ARKANSAS - If you read my Phil's Forecast on many of the SEC West pages, you know that I feel any of the 6 SEC West teams could win the title. This is the most competitive division or conference in the NCAA from top to bottom. I love Arkansas' home field edge and the fact that they have the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the SEC at 14. They should have a stronger RB corps this year, more consistent QB play and the rest of the team is strong. They also have the best set of cover corners in the SEC which will allow their defense to blitz more. They have to figure out a way to win some SEC road games (2-12 on the SEC road). Should they bag one or two wins on the road, they will likely go 4-0 at home in SEC play and a 6-2 record would be good enough to give them the SEC West crown.

2. LSU - Last year I called for the Tigers to win the SEC West Title and things did not look good as they opened up 2-3 in SEC play and trailed Auburn by 3 full games. Somehow the Tigers won all of the remaining games while Auburn dropped 3 of their last 5 and when they tied at 5-3, LSU made it to the SEC Title game. Shockingly, LSU (a 6' pt dog) upset Tennessee despite losing QB Davey and RB Toefield for the 2H and they ended the Vols' national title hopes. This year LSU has 12 starters back but must replace QB Rohan Davey and Biletnikoff winner Josh Reed. The title chase may come down to Nov 29th when LSU travels to Arkansas the Friday after Thanksgiving. It would not surprise me to see a 2, 3 or 4 way tie for 1st place and LSU is very capable of defending its SEC West crown.

3. ALABAMA - Had Bama not been hit with the 2 year bowl probation, I would probably have pegged them for first this year as they have arguably the most talented team in the SEC West. At the time of this writing, the final appeal by Alabama has not yet been decided. Once it is, there is a possibility of some transfers as the Tide will be banned from a bowl for 2 years and any player can transfer to any team without having to sit out a year. Therefore as I write this magazine it's tough to tell exactly what type of talent Bama will have in the fall. If they keep everyone, along with a healthy attitude (remember Auburn went 11-0 in 1993 under similar circumstances), they have a great shot at contending in the SEC West even with 3 tough SEC road games (Arkansas, Tennessee, LSU). I expect Bama to play with pride this year and have a successful season.

4. AUBURN - I seem to underestimate Tommy Tuberville every year. I did so with regularity when he was at Mississippi. Auburn won the SEC West Title in 2000, but last year I projected them 5th. They almost won their 2nd straight SEC West Title tying for the West lead with a 5-3 record. They narrowly missed out on the SEC Title game as they lost 3 of their last 4 SEC games. They made major changes on both sides of the ball with new coordinators and new schemes but have a fairly veteran team returning with 14 starters back. Auburn showed they are capable of beating anyone when they upset Florida at home last year and this season draw Florida and Georgia from the SEC West. They do get 2 of the 3 main contenders for the SEC West at home in Arkansas and LSU.

5. MISSISSIPPI ST - Twice in Jackie Sherrill's regime they have benefitted from double digit turnovers and each time the following season, the Bulldogs went 3-8 which was the case last year. They were outgained by an average of 66.9 ypg in league play and were outscored 27.0 to 14.9 ppg. The last 2 years DC Joe Lee Dunn has not had very many returning starters to work with. This year he has 7 starters back on that side of the ball, losing just 9 lettermen and they should be very solid. Offensively I think QB Kevin Fant and RB Dontae Walker will guide a much improved offense and the 55 lettermen returning is the most in the league. They draw a tough schedule including Tennessee and S Carolina from the SEC East but should at least double last year's overall win total of 3.

6. MISSISSIPPI - As I have stated, the SEC West is the most competitive conference from top to bottom. I can make a case for any of the 6 teams finishing in 1st or 6th place this year. I have actually pegged the Rebels to finish in the basement in each of the last few years and they have outdone my expectations by finishing 4-4 in SEC play for 3 straight seasons. They have avoided both Tennessee and Florida the last 5 years but this season face Florida at home. They also have 4 tough SEC road games and the Egg Bowl is a game where they do not have as big of a home field advantage as usual. They will be very explosive offensively, led by Eli Manning, but it is the defense that once again has me calling for them in the basement. I do see improvement on that side of the ball, especially with LB Eddie Strong on hand for his senior season. As mentioned, I would not be surprised if the Rebels finished 1st as all 6 SEC West teams are capable of winning the crown.

2001 SEC VS SEC TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
1	Florida	42.6	1	526.1	1	118.0	11	4.0	5	408.1	63.8	2	12.3	20	10
8	LSU	28.9	3	459.0	2	131.8	7	3.7	7	327.3	57.7	6	15.9	18	19
13	Tennessee	28.1	4	411.0	4	163.3	4	4.1	4	247.8	66.7	1	14.6	10	13
25	Georgia	25.5	7	406.5	5	141.3	6	3.8	6	265.3	58.8	5	15.9	15	11
26	Alabama	25.4	8	393.3	7	218.8	1	5.3	1	174.5	55.8	8	15.5	9	14
42	Kentucky	25.8	6	412.1	3	120.0	9	4.5	2	292.1	57.6	7	16.0	15	14
44	Mississippi	32.8	2	396.6	6	128.0	8	3.5	10	268.6	59.8	3	12.1	16	10
48	S Carolina	23.6	9	344.0	9	177.4	2	4.5	3	166.6	53.0	9	14.6	9	13
67	Vanderbilt	16.0	11	347.5	8	105.5	12	3.1	12	242.0	52.0	11	21.7	20	21
68	Auburn	19.0	10	331.8	10	146.0	5	3.7	8	185.8	59.3	4	17.5	15	25
74	Arkansas	26.0	5	328.9	12	170.6	3	3.6	9	158.3	51.5	12	12.6	13	15
80	Miss St	14.9	12	331.0	11	118.5	10	3.4	11	212.5	52.4	10	22.3	15	17

2001 SEC VS SEC TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
4	Florida	15.3	1	309.9	1	121.0	4	3.5	4	188.9	53.1	2	20.3	19	23
6	Tennessee	18.5	2	324.5	2	83.8	1	2.9	1	240.8	57.4	7	17.5	11	22
14	S Carolina	20.0	3	337.8	3	142.8	7	3.7	6	195.0	58.2	8	16.9	15	14
24	Auburn	24.1	6	363.8	4	128.5	5	3.8	8	235.3	55.7	5	15.1	17	11
26	Georgia	20.9	4	396.8	8	118.1	3	3.2	3	278.6	61.9	11	19.0	15	16
33	Arkansas	27.5	9	377.9	5	147.5	8	3.8	7	230.4	55.8	6	13.7	18	12
34	LSU	25.4	7	410.1	10	129.1	6	3.7	5	281.0	55.1	4	16.2	16	18
37	Alabama	22.1	5	395.4	7	106.3	2	3.1	2	289.1	60.4	9	17.9	13	21
45	Miss St	27.0	8	397.9	9	177.4	10	4.4	9	220.5	53.8	3	14.7	11	13
62	Mississippi	32.8	10	394.8	6	223.8	12	4.9	11	171.0	49.8	1	12.1	14	10
79	Kentucky	35.6	11	488.4	11	171.0	9	4.5	10	317.4	61.8	10	13.7	12	16
97	Vanderbilt	39.4	12	490.8	12	189.9	11	4.9	12	300.9	65.3	12	12.5	15	8

Auburn RB
Carnell Williams

2001 SEC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	7	1	225	148	10	2	355	234
Florida	6	2	341	122	9	2	482	155
S Carolina	5	3	189	160	8	3	279	202
Georgia	5	3	204	167	8	3	315	208
Kentucky	1	7	206	285	2	9	259	367
Vanderbilt	0	8	128	315	2	9	226	402
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
LSU	5	3	231	203	9	3	371	268
Auburn	5	3	152	193	7	4	244	265
Alabama	4	4	203	177	6	5	304	219
Arkansas	4	4	208	220	7	4	291	269
Mississippi	4	4	262	262	7	4	391	310
Mississippi St	2	6	119	216	3	8	196	288

2000 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Florida	7	1	318	181	9	2	420	230
Tennessee	5	3	251	176	8	3	359	212
Georgia	5	3	213	164	7	4	294	198
S Carolina	5	3	173	152	7	4	259	174
Vanderbilt	1	7	120	223	3	8	193	273
Kentucky	0	8	152	300	2	9	254	383
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Auburn	6	2	178	144	9	2	282	207
LSU	5	3	196	195	7	4	292	221
Mississippi	4	4	187	210	7	4	314	280
Mississippi St	4	4	225	199	7	4	347	265
Arkansas	3	5	136	221	6	5	264	258
Alabama	3	5	166	150	3	8	228	246

1999 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Florida	7	1	226	118	9	2	362	201
Tennessee	6	2	251	116	9	2	348	163
Georgia	5	3	198	204	7	4	308	285
Kentucky	4	4	198	218	6	5	315	323
Vanderbilt	2	6	129	211	5	6	252	256
S Carolina	0	8	63	216	0	11	87	278
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Alabama	7	1	210	170	9	2	310	223
Miss St	6	2	156	121	9	2	238	149
Arkansas	4	4	198	196	7	4	326	208
Mississippi	4	4	235	176	7	4	296	203
Auburn	2	6	153	188	5	6	233	236
LSU	1	7	135	218	3	8	223	259

Florida DL
Ian Scott

2001 SEC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Rex Grossman, Fla	395	259	65.6	12	3896	9.9	34	170.8
Casey Clausen, Tenn	354	227	64.1	9	2969	8.4	22	150.0
Rohan Davey, LSU	367	217	59.1	10	3347	9.1	18	146.5
Eli Manning, Miss	408	259	63.5	9	2948	7.2	31	144.8
David Greene, GA	324	192	59.3	9	2789	8.6	17	143.3
Tyler Watts, Ala	172	94	54.7	3	1325	7.7	10	135.1
Jason Campbell, Aub	142	89	62.7	4	1117	7.9	4	132.4
Kevin Fant, Miss St	170	94	55.3	9	1352	8.0	8	127.0
Phil Petty, SC	251	145	57.8	6	1699	6.8	10	123.0
Greg Zolman, Vandy	357	186	52.1	9	2512	7.0	14	119.1

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

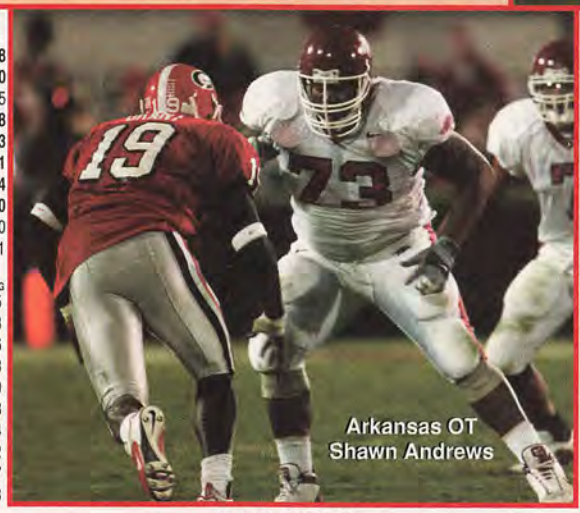
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Josh Reed, LSU	12	94	1740	7	145.0	7.8	18.5
Jabar Gaffney, Fla	11	67	1191	13	108.3	6.1	17.8
Dan Stricker, Vandy	11	65	1079	8	98.1	5.9	16.6
Reche Caldwell, Fla	11	65	1059	10	96.3	5.9	16.3
Donté Stallworth, Tenn	9	41	821	10	91.2	4.6	20.0
Kelley Washington, Tenn	12	64	1010	5	84.2	5.3	15.8
Fred Gibson, GA	10	33	772	6	77.2	3.3	23.4
Derek Abney, KY	11	66	741	6	67.4	6.0	11.2
Taylor Jacobs, Fla	11	38	712	7	64.7	3.5	18.7
Chris Collins, Miss	11	54	692	6	62.9	4.9	12.8

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Travis Stephens, Tenn	12	291	1464	5.0	10	122.0
LaBrandon Toefield, LSU	12	230	992	4.3	19	82.7
Ahmaad Galloway, Ala	11	174	881	5.1	6	80.1
Joe Gunn, Miss	11	200	870	4.3	9	79.1
Dicenzo Miller, Miss St	9	132	676	5.1	4	75.1
Earnest Graham, Fla	9	125	650	5.2	9	72.2
Fred Talley, Ark	11	164	774	4.7	4	70.4
Verron Haynes, GA	10	126	691	5.5	7	69.1
Carnell Williams, Aub	9	120	619	5.2	6	68.8
Tyler Watts, Ala	9	111	564	5.1	5	62.7

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING			PASSING		TOT OFFENSE	
	G	CAR	NET	ATT	YDS	YDS	YDSPG
Rex Grossman, Fla	11	34	8	395	3896	3904	354.9
Rohan Davey, LSU	12	38	4	367	3347	3351	279.2
Eli Manning, Miss	11	34	9	408	2948	2957	268.8
David Greene, GA	11	47	41	324	2789	2830	257.3
Casey Clausen, Tenn	12	64	-36	354	2969	2933	244.4
Greg Zolman, Vandy	11	69	-8	357	2512	2504	227.6
Tyler Watts, Ala	9	111	564	172	1325	1889	209.9
Phil Petty, SC	11	76	234	251	1699	1933	175.7
Kevin Fant, Miss St	9	26	9	170	1352	1361	151.2
Travis Stephens, Tenn	12	291	1464	0	0	1464	122.0


Arkansas OT
Shawn Andrews

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Antuian Bradford, Vandy	11	69	39	108	9.8
Tony Bua, Ark	10	43	54	97	9.7
Mario Haggan, Miss St	10	35	55	90	9.0
Ken Hamlin, Ark	11	52	46	98	8.9
Jermaine Petty, Ark	11	54	42	96	8.7
Dontarrious Thomas, Aub	11	55	39	94	8.5
Treverance Faulk, LSU	12	40	61	101	8.4
Saleem Rasheed, Ala	11	43	48	91	8.3
Eddie Strong, Miss	11	44	46	90	8.2
Bradie James, LSU	12	44	51	95	7.9

TFL

	NO	YDS
Dennis Johnson, KY	19.0	88
Jarret Johnson, Ala	15.0	92
Charles Grant, GA	12.5	59
Alex Brown, Fla	12.0	54
Kindal Moorehead, Ala	11.5	63
Jermaine Brooks, Ark	11.5	31
Jermaine Petty, Ark	11.5	30
Andra Davis, Fla	11.0	35
Mario Haggan, Miss St	10.5	46

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Dennis Johnson, KY	11.0	68
Jarret Johnson, Ala	10.0	82
Alex Brown, Fla	9.0	51
Charles Grant, GA	7.0	45
Kindal Moorehead, Ala	6.0	50
Will Overstreet, Tenn	5.0	52
Josh Mallard, GA	5.0	40
LP Spence, Miss	5.0	24
Kevin Burnett, Tenn	4.5	35

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Glenn Pakulak, KY	11	56	2492	44.5
Damon Duval, Aub	11	51	2244	44.0
Jonathan Kilgo, GA	11	42	1838	43.8
Donnie Jones, LSU	12	47	2054	43.7
Richie Butler, Ark	11	67	2848	42.5
Tyeler Dean, SC	11	41	1707	41.6
Joe Webb, Vandy	11	57	2358	41.4
Jared Cook, Miss St	11	60	2445	40.8
Dustin Colquitt, Tenn	12	51	2020	39.6
Lane Bearden, Ala	11	50	1980	39.6

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Domanick Davis, LSU	19	263	1	13.8
Damien Gary, GA	23	288	1	12.5
Joe Walkins, Aub	15	167	0	11.1
Ray Ray Bivines, Miss St	12	125	0	10.4
Roderick Hood, Aub	15	154	0	10.3
Marvin Jackson, Ark	27	265	1	9.8
Derek Abney, KY	22	212	1	9.6
Lito Sheppard, Fla	26	246	0	9.5
Rashad Baker, Tenn	26	237	0	9.1
Jason Armstead, Miss	22	196	0	8.9

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jeff Chandler, Fla	10	19	22	86.4	52
Alex Walls, Tenn	12	15	20	75.0	51
Daniel Weaver, SC	11	12	16	75.0	43
Neal Thomas, Ala	11	15	21	71.4	36
Brennan O'Donohoe, Ark	11	12	17	70.6	45
Billy Bennett, GA	11	17	25	68.0	55
Damon Duval, Aub	11	16	26	61.5	51
John Corbello, LSU	12	14	23	60.9	47
Seth Hanson, KY	10	5	9	55.6	37
John M Marlin, Miss St	11	8	16	50.0	43

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Derek Watson, SC	13	381	0	29.3
Jason Armstead, Miss	19	524	1	27.6
Fred Gibson, GA	14	375	0	26.8
Tim Carter, Aub	13	311	0	23.9
Freddie Milons, Ala	16	374	0	23.4
Lawrence Richardson, Ark	18	416	1	23.1
Pig Prather, Miss St	25	569	0	22.8
Derek Abney, Ken	33	739	0	22.4
Jason Mathenia, Vandy	15	330	0	22.0
Decori Birmingham, Ark	12	263	0	21.9

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

QB Casey Clausen is my pick to win the Heisman Trophy this year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Clausen took over the starting QB job at midseason as a true frosh and in his 2 years as a starter has guided the team to a 17-3 record. Some of Clausen's passes do wobble and he does not have a cannon for an arm, but no one can criticize his accuracy. He struggled against Vandy and Kan St in the final 2 games of 2000, and in last year's opener against Syracuse. In those 3 games he completed just 42.7% and was actually booed by the home crowd as the team was 0-14 on 3rd down. The next week Clausen hit 13 of 17 in driving rain against Arkansas and ended up having a great season, throwing for 3,362 yards (65.2%) with a 25-9 ratio including a 393 yard effort in the bowl game. Clausen's nickname is the Iceman because he resembles the character Val Kilmer played in the movie Top Gun. The nickname is also appropriate for his reported ability to remain calm under pressure. In Clausen's last 6 games last year he completed 67.3% for 1,754 yards with an amazing 17-3 ratio and was the MVP of the bowl. No UT player has ever won the Heisman but he is a prime candidate this year. Two UT QB's have finished #2 in the running, Heath Shuler in '93 and Peyton Manning in '97. Clausen has increased his weight to 215 lbs after arriving at 195. Prior to last season backup QB Joey Mathews was injured so WR Kelley Washington saw a good amount of action at QB in the spring. CJ Fayton (PS#12DB) was the scout team QB last year and moves to WR this year. CJ Leak (PS#8) was the top recruit ever signed at Wake Forest. He started 3 games at Wake in 2000 but then suffered a severe knee injury and missed the rest of the season and with the coaching change, opted to transfer. Leak is one of the best backup QB's in the country and appears to be close to 100% after his major injury. This year's true frosh signee, James Banks (PS#6), will be 3rd string. As long as Clausen stays healthy and Leak is able to compete, this is clearly one of the best QB units in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 the Vols had to replace their super TB Jamal Lewis (a key component in the Ravens' Super Bowl season) as well as their starting FB. Travis Henry took over for Lewis and simply had a super season, rushing for 1,494 yards (5.5) and actually left as the school's all-time leading rusher. He was the #2DC of BUF. Travis Stephens had 213 career attempts in 3 years and had rushed for 359 yards (4.4) in 2000. It was widely speculated that Stephens was too small and not durable enough to become the feature back and that one of the 3 true freshmen RB's would take over the starting job in 2001. Stephens increased his size to 195 lbs and dropped his forty speed to 4.35 and was out to prove everyone wrong. When the dust settled, Stephens (#4DC OF TB) simply shattered UT records for most attempts in a season (307) and set the single season rushing record with 1,502 yards. His 226 yard effort in just 19 attempts (11.9) vs Florida was incredible. He also went 7 games without fumbling despite being the workhorse. He was the first Vol to lead the SEC in rushing since 1990. The trio of true freshmen did not see as much action as expected, combining for just 45 carries. Cedric Houston (PS#11) had 105 yards despite some preseason fumbling problems, Jabari Davis (6-0 238 So, PS#2) had 64 yards and Derrick Tinsley (PS#13) had 58. I list the 2 deep below and due to his size, I list Davis at FB. While I like the talent that is available, it will be tough to duplicate Stephens' numbers from last year, but they could come close.

RECEIVERS - UT has the reputation of being WR University as they have produced plenty of quality receivers who have gone on to the NFL. Last year they had to replace 2 of their top 3 WR's, both of whom were #6 DC's in the NFL. They did get the super addition of former HS QB Kelley Washington (6-4 225, 4.3 speed) who played minor league baseball from '97-2000. Washington admitted at midyear that he was still learning the WR position, and he was also slowed for more than half the season with a stress fracture in his foot which limited his practice time. He did have 11 rec's for a UT record 256 yards against LSU. Washington then stunned many by opting to return to college despite projections having him going in the first round in the NFL draft. You can expect him to be utilized on the WR option more than he was last year (1 pass). Donte Stallworth was #2 receiver with 49 but led the team with 19.2 ypc and 10 TD's, and opted to leave early for the NFL (#1DC NO). They also lose WR Eric Parker (7 sts, 12 rec, 8.9), TE John Finlayson (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and WR Bobby Graham (4 sts, 29 rec, 11.8). CJ Fayton (6-2 190 rFr) has 4.34 speed and played at QB last year but should be a fine WR and they have 2 VHT's in reserve in Montrell Jones (6-2 185 So, PS#6) and Tony Brown (PS#21). I list the 2 deep below and Jason Witten (PS#13DL) was the receiving TE last year with 34 receptions (12.3) despite just 3 starts. He also has exceptional size at 260 lbs and 4.6 speed. Not listed below are Jomo Fagan (6-2 175 rFr, PS#73DB) and Justin Reed (6-6 240 rFr) who was PS#11K. Despite the losses, this group has about as much experience, and I'll actually call it stronger thanks to Washington's return and this being his 2nd year playing WR.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Vols lose their OL coach, Doug Marone, who left for the NFL, but get a solid replacement in Jimmy Ray Stephens who coached Florida's OL. Last year the unit had 5 players returning with starting experience including 3 full-time starters and that was even after their star RT, Michael Munoz, was lost for the season due to injury in the spring. The team also lost starter Jason Respert to injury 3 games into the season. Overall the unit paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing (down from 4.3 in 2000) and allowed 26 sacks. This year they must replace LT Reggie Coleman (#6DC of WAS, 11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LG Fred Weary (#3DC OF HOU, 13 sts, 2nd Tm AA). They have 7 players returning with starting experience and get back both Munoz and Respert who hopefully are 100% recovered. If they are indeed back, this could be one of the top OL's in the country. Overall this unit has as much experience as it did heading into last year and hopefully will have better health.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Vols had arguably the top DL in the NCAA last year despite having to replace 2 starters. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are DT John Henderson (#1DC of JAX, 11 sts, 1st Tm AA, 54 tkls, 5.5 sks), DE Will Overstreet (#3DC of ATL, 10 sts, 36 tkls, 5 sks, 3rd Tm AA), DE Bernard Jackson (11 sts, 42 tkls, 3 sks), DT Albert Haynesworth (#1DC of TEN, 39 tkls, 14.5 tfl, 20 hurries, 2nd Tm SEC) and backup DT Ed Butler (2 tkls). Naturally, with those type of players on the front wall, this year's players had a tough time gaining significant playing time. This year's group is not as young as you would think however, as 4 players are back with starting experience including Edward Kendrick, who was a full-time starter in 2000 but missed last year due to injury. Naturally, with the type of recruiting classes that Fulmer brings in, there is plenty of talent. This still has the makings of a fine D-line, but it will pale in comparison to last year's NFL caliber unit.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Vols had to replace both starting OLB's, one of whom was 1st Team SEC and a #3 DC, and the other who had 9.5 sacks. In years past the Vols' defense has revolved around the MLB position which led to moving their best defensive player to that position. Dominique Stevenson, a steady but unspectacular MLB, held down that spot the last 3 years and overall 5 of the top 7 returned last year. Kevin Burnett was a projected starter last year who got in just 2 starts due to injury, but was still productive with 55 tackles and 4.5 sacks. This year the only loss is Stevenson (#7DC of BUF, 13 sts, 78 tkls, 6 tfl) and overall 5 of the top 6 are back. They also add 2 VHT rFr to the mix and in the 2 deep that I list below, there are 5 VHT's including a pair of projected starters. Eddie Moore was the team's top tackler last year and is back as this group is more experienced and looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters and one backup and then lost a projected starter prior to the year and dropped to #48 in my pass D rankings. Last year the unit was much more experienced with all 4 starters back and six players with starting experience. However, once again a starter was lost prior to the season when Willie Miles redshirted (back injury) so basically 3 starters returned. They only climbed up to #35, allowing 53.3% with a 19-13 ratio. This year they have three 2001 full-time starters returning and Miles is also back. Two players who shared one CB spot in Andre Lott (#5DC of WAS, 7 sts, 34 tkls, 5 pbu 1st Tm SEC) and Teddy Gaines (#7DC of SF, 7 sts, 32 tkls, 8 pbu) both depart. Also gone are 3rd string FS's Buck Fitzgerald (12 tkls, 1 sk) and Tad Golden (19 tkls, 2 tfl). Six of the top 8 are back plus they get the addition of 3 VHT's as well as a top-notch JUCO. The Vols have a plethora of talent battling for positions and I look for their best finish in my pass D rankings since 1998 (#5).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year everyone returned with the exception of their super punter David Leaverton. RFr Dustin Colquitt won the starting punting job but it looked like he would be benched early in the year. He fixed some mechanical flaws after Kentucky and came on strong down the stretch and averaged 45.1 over the last 6 games to finish at 38.9 on the season (tm net of 34.5). Colquitt's success last year allowed them to redshirt Justin Reed (6-6 240 rFr) who was PS#11. He had an amazing net of 44.7 in HS and an average hang time of 4.5, but Reed was moved to WR this spring after punting poorly. KR Leonard Scott had led the SEC in KR's in 1999 (26.3) and was solid (23.8) in 2000. Last year after 3 games he had just a 15.8 average and was almost benched, but did get the average up to 21.0 by season's end. Eric Parker averaged 10.1 on PR's in 2000 but dropped to just 4.5 last year and was replaced by Rashad Baker (9.1). Both Scott and Baker are back. Kicker Alex Walls slumped early but finished the season hitting 16 of 21 with a long of 51. The team has not allowed a blocked punt in their last 100 punts but also did not block any last season. They also add super frosh James Wilhoit who had 78% of his KO's go for TB's including 11 through the uprights. Poor special teams play cost them the game against Georgia. Overall the unit finished #58 in my rankings, but with everyone back I consider them a Top 20 contender this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Phil Fulmer is #2 among all active coaches in winning percentage. Tennessee has now been to 13 straight bowl games, a school record, including 7 straight January bowl games and Fulmer is 33-15 SU vs ranked teams. Tennessee has appeared in 3 SEC Title games the last 5 years and have a 52-11 record in that span (best in the SEC). This past year they had 3 of the top 15 picks in the NFL Draft (2nd time here since '91) and their 50 NFL DC's since '93 are the 2nd most in the NCAA in that span (Florida St is #1). After having a rare finish out of the Top 25 poll in 2000 thanks to an inexperienced squad, the Vols returned 16 starters last year and were on the verge of going to the National Championship game before losing the SEC Title game. They managed their 1st win in The Swamp since 1971 and handed Michigan its worst loss since 1968 in their bowl game. It was their 6th Top 10 finish in the last 7 years. While UT returns the 2nd fewest starters in the SEC (10) and loses the most lettermen (27), I give them a great shot at going undefeated. Their toughest games of the year (Florida and Miami) are at home and they have 7 games in Neyland Stadium (9 in Tennessee) with all 4 road games coming under the winnable category. Casey Clausen will pilot a potent offense with some great young RB's and WR Kelley Washington to throw to. They will top last year's 30.8 ppg. Defensively they have some big losses with 6 players selected in the NFL draft on the defensive side, including a pair of 1st round DC's in DT's John Henderson and Albert Haynesworth. The team has had 12 straight years of 30 or more sacks including last year when they led the SEC in that category and how quickly the DL comes together will determine how strong the defense is. The sky is the limit for this year's Tennessee team. They are clearly a National Title contender.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CASEY CLAUSEN JR. 6-4 215 ***PS#4**. 7 sts as true, 1593 yds (58%), 16-9 ratio, 13 sts LY, 3362 yds (65%) 25-9 ratio, 125 rush. **CJ Leak** (6-4 231 Jr) **PS#8**, 3 sts at W Forest until inj.*

RB Cedric Houston So. 6-0 223 ***PS#11**, 105 yds (5.3) as true. **Derrick Tinsley** (6-0 195 So) **PS#13**, 170 total yds as true. Keldrick Williams (5-10 200 rFr). Gerald Riggs is **PS#3**.*

FB Troy Fleming Jr. 6-2 220 *PS#28, 107 ttl yds as rFr, 405 bench. 107 yds rush (4.1), 10 rec (3.9) LY. **Jabari Davis** is **PS#2**. 64 yds as true. William Revill (6-1 215 rFr) PS#56LB.*

WR C.J. Fayton rFr. 6-2 190 ***PS#12DB**, 4.34. Montrell Jones is **PS#6**, 6 rec as true. Leonard Scott (5-11 170 Sr) **10.05 in 100m** (#2 NCAA). 19 rec 3Y. Tony Brown (6-2 181 So) PS#21.*

WR KELLEY WASHINGTON SO. 6-4 225 *Baseball '97-2000. 70 rec (15.4) as "true" LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, school rec 256 yds vs LSU, 4.29 speed. Michael Collins (6-6 215 rFr) PS#49.*

TE Jason Witten Jr. 6-5 260 ***PS#13DL**. 2 sts as true, 1 rec. 3 sts LY, **34 rec** (12.3), 435 bench. Aaron Kirkland (6-4 250 Fr) is PS#9. Sudan Ellington (6-3 245 rFr) was DL.*

C SCOTT WELLS JR. 6-2 285 *PS#94DL. 500 bench. 10 sts as rFr, SEC Frosh Tm. 13 sts in 2001. Chuck Prugh (6-3 318 Jr) PS#257. Carson-Newman transfer.*

RG Chavis Smith Jr. 6-3 285 *PS#51DL. 10 tkls, 1.5 tfl as true at DT. L/4 sts at RG LY, 9 gms. **Anthony Herrera** (6-4 300 Sr) PS#59. **9 sts** in 2000, **6 sts** LY. Rob Smith is PS#8.*

LG JASON RESPERT SO. 6-3 285 ***PS#5**. 3 games as true, 1st 3 starts at RG in 2001, then injured & med RS. Victor McClure (6-4 290 So) PS#48DL, 2 games as rFr.*

RT WILL OFENHEUSLE SR. 6-8 305 *PS#55. 11 games as rFr. First 5 starts in 2000 until inj, 12 gms. 13 starts at RT in 2001. MIP on team. Richie Gandy (6-5 295 rFr) PS#87OL.*

LT Michael Munoz So. 6-6 300 ***PS#3**. Anthony's son. 12 sts as **true**, SEC Frosh Tm. Inj & RS LY. Sean Young (6-7 300 Jr) **PS#10**. 3 games as true. 2 sts, 9 games LY.*

K ALEX WALLS SR. 6-1 190 *PS#25. 8 of 12 FG's L/51 in '99. **18 of 20** L/47 in 2000, **2nd Tm AA**. 16 of 21, L/51 LY, hit 9 of L/10. James Wilhoit is **PS#2**, powerful leg.*

DE Constantin Ritzmann Sr. 6-4 250 *PS#35. 24 tkls, 3 sks in '99 & 2000. 3 sts LY, 34 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. Karlton Neal (6-4 250 So) **PS#15LB**. Ovince Saint Preux (6-3 210 rFr) PS#186.*

DT Rashad Moore Sr. 6-4 290 *PS#47. 22 tkls, 4.5 tfl in 2000. 4 sts LY, 29 tkls, 7 QBH. Demetrin Veal (6-3 270 Sr) PS#19JC, 16 tkls, 7 tfl here LY. Terriea Smalls (6-3 300 Jr) **PS#19**.*

DT Edward Kendrick Sr. 6-4 265 *PS#65TE. **12 sts**, 15 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000, Inj in 2001. Aubrayo Franklin (6-2 290 Sr) PS#61JC, 14 tkls here LY. Jonathan Mapu is **PS#18**.*

DE Mondre Dickerson Jr. 6-5 270 ***PS#4JC**. 4.52 spd, 505 bench. 194 tkls, 20 sks L/2Y (11 sks LY). Omari Hand (6-5 255 Sr) PS#88LB. 15 tkls, 1.5 sks in 2000. 2 sts LY, 23 tkls, 4 tfl.*

SLB EDDIE MOORE SR. 6-0 210 *PS#118. 37 tkls in 2000, 13 sts LY, **#1** w/82 tkls, 7 tfl, 6 pbu despite inj'd shoulder. Kevin Simon (5-11 225 rFr) **PS#2**. Tony Campbell (6-3 225 Jr) 26 tkls LY.*

MLB KEYON WHITESIDE SR. 6-2 230 *PS#29. 16 tkls in '99. Inj in 2000. 11 sts LY, 57 tkls, 6 tfl, 505 bench. **Robert Peace** (6-3 235 Jr) PS#24. 6 tkls as true, 1 tfl. +30 lbs L/2Y. 15 tkls LY.*

WLB Kevin Burnett Jr. 6-3 220 *PS#65. 2 sks as true. 2 sts last year, 55 tackles, 4.5 sacks, 3 tfl. Jason Mitchell (6-1 215 rFr) **PS#14**. Omar Gaither (6-2 215 Fr) is PS#35.*

CB JABARI GREER JR. 5-10 170 ***PS#22WR**. 1 st as true, 27 tkls, 5 pbu. 12 sts LY, 40 tkls, 2 int, 13 pbu. **Robert Boulware** (5-10 185 rFr) **PS#4**. Jason Allen (6-2 200 Fr) is **PS#17**.*

CB Willie Miles Sr. 6-0 175 ***PS#9**. 4.27. 12 sts in 2000, 39 tkls, 3 tfl, 10 pbu. RS LY. Corey Larkins (5-8 190 So) PS#45, 78 yds at RB LY. Charles Small (6-0 185 Sr) PS#81JC.*

SS JULIAN BATTLE SR. 6-3 205 *PS#133JC. 13 sts here LY, 64 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. Steven Marsh (6-0 180 Sr) PS#78. 55 tkls, 3 pbu, 3 sts, 25 gms L/2Y. Gibril Wilson (6-1 190 Jr) PS#35JC.*

FS RASHAD BAKER JR. 5-11 180 ***PS#17WR**. 31 tkls, 8 sts as **true**. 13 starts last year, 74 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu. Mark Jones (5-9 171 Jr) **PS#15WR**, 40 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 int last year.*

P DUSTIN COLQUITT SO. 6-2 196 *56 punts as rFr, 38.9 avg, 34.5 net but 45.1 avg over L/6 after fixing minor technical flaws. James Wilhoit is **PS#2** & avg 43.2 per punt LY in HS.*

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OL	Heath Benedict 6-6 285 PS#6
OL	Rob Smith 6-5 308 PS#8
RB	Jason Allen 6-2 200 PS#17
DL	Mondre Dickerson 6-5 270 PS#4JC
DL	Jonathon Mapu 6-3 265 PS#18
OL	Cody Douglas 6-6 320 PS#20
DL	Parys Haralson 6-2 235 PS#28
TE	Aaron Kirkland 6-4 250 PS#9
LB	Omar Gaither 6-2 215 PS#35
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Tennessee leads the LSU series 19-4-3 SU. The Vols are 11-6 ATS on artificial turf since 1993, including title games. Volunteers are 38-26 ATS as a home favorite since 1991.
Aug. 31	Wyoming (Nashville)	G						This is being played at Adelphia Coliseum, home of the NFL's Titans. Tennessee is 10-2 ATS in their last 12 season openers.
Sep. 7	Mid Tenn St	G						UT came into 2002 with a 28-14 ATS mark vs non-SEC teams. Peyton Manning's alma mater is 13-6 ATS in their 2nd straight home gm.
Sep. 14								
Sep. 21	Florida	G						Tennessee is 17-4 SU the L/21 but 5-9-1 ATS the L/15 the wk after a bye. UT is 3-7-1 ATS the last 11 years vs this arch rival.
Sep. 28	Rutgers	G						Could apply: UT is 7-3 ATS their last 10 off a SU loss. Tennessee is 5-3 SU, but 3-5 ATS vs Big East foes since 1980.
Oct. 5	Arkansas	G						Could apply: UT is 9-1 SU & 7-3 ATS their L/10 coming off a shutout. Tenn is 4-1 SU the last 5 years, but is 1-4 ATS vs the Hogs.
Oct. 12	at Georgia	G						Tennessee is 16-8 ATS their last 24 October contests, pending LW. Volunteers are 6-4 ATS their last 10 vs UGA, 9-2 SU the last 11.
Oct. 19								
Oct. 26	Alabama	G						Bama had won 6 straight SU vs Tennessee until Fulmer took over and he is 7-2-1 SU against the Tide with 7 wins in a row, 5-2 ATS the last 7.
Nov. 2	at S Carolina	G						The home team is 2-6 ATS the last 8 meetings, 0-5 since 1997. UT is 9-0 SU the last 9 years vs S Carolina, but only 5-4 ATS.
Nov. 9	Miami, Fla (HC)	G						Pending earlier results, UT is 17-8 ATS their L/25 at home vs non-SEC foes. Tennessee is 24-0 SU and 16-8 ATS their last 24 November home games.
Nov. 16	at Mississippi St	G						UT's last meeting with MSU was '98's SEC Title Game, UT won SU 24-14. Volunteers are 5-11 ATS in the first of back to back away games.
Nov. 23	at Vanderbilt	G						UT has won SU every yr S/'76 with the exception of 1982. Vandy won 28-21. Jamal Lewis' alma mater is 19-0 SU and 13-6 ATS in their final road game.
Nov. 30	Kentucky	G						Volunteers have beaten UK 17 consecutive times SU, 8-2 ATS the L/10. Tennessee is 9-2 ATS in their last 11 home finales.

PHILLIP FULMER (Career 95-20)
11th Year at Tennessee

Fulmer's records AT TENNESSEE

95-20 Straight Up	34-24 Home Favorite
60-52-1 Vs The Spread	2-3 Home Dog
10-8 Off A S/U Loss	19-21 Away Favorite
42-40-1 Vs Conference	5-4-1 Away Dog
18-12 Vs Non-Conf	

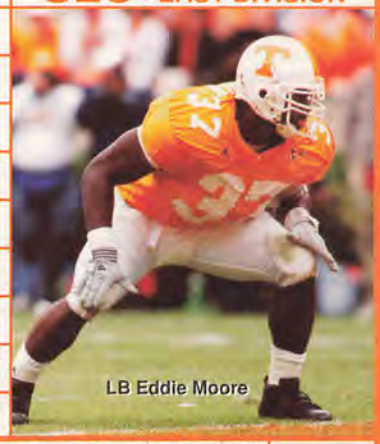
2001 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (17,20,3)
Lost: 27 (13,11,3)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 106,843

SEC - EAST DIVISION


LB Eddie Moore

STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (104,079)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	9-2	11-1	12-0	9-2	8-3	10-2	69-11
ATS	6-5	4-7	5-7	8-4	7-3-1	5-6	5-7	40-39-1
Home Fav	4-3	3-3	3-3	2-3	5-2	4-1	2-4	23-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	2-1	1-4	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-3	2-3	13-16
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	3-3-1
Favorite	6-4	4-7	5-6	5-4	7-3	5-4	4-7	36-35
Dog	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-0	0-0-1	0-2	1-0	4-4-1
Grass	5-5	4-6	5-6	6-3	7-3-1	5-6	5-6	37-35-1
Artificial	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-4
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	3-6	6-3	5-2-1	4-4	3-6	28-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	12-9
Off SU Win	4-5	1-7	4-6	7-4	5-2-1	3-4	3-7	27-35-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	1-0	7-3

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Travis Stephens	307	1559	57	1502	11	4.9
Troy Fleming	26	109	2	107	0	4.1
Cedric Houston	20	108	3	105	1	5.3
Corey Larkins	17	83	5	78	2	4.6
Casey Clausen	73	125	175	-50	5	-0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Clausen	388	253	65.2	3362	25	9

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kelley Washington	70	1080	15.4	7	70
Donte' Stallworth	49	940	19.2	10	80
Jason Witten	34	418	12.3	3	64
Bobby Graham	29	343	11.8	0	32
Travis Stephens	20	188	9.4	1	62
Eric Parker	12	107	8.9	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Dustin Colquitt	56	2179	38.9	–	34.5	0	15

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Walls	8-8	3-4	4-8	1-1	16-21	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eddie Moore	82	2	5	6	1
Dominique Stevenson	78	2	4	2	1
Rashad Baker	74	0	0	9	4
Julian Battle	64	0	2	9	2
Keyon Whiteside	57	2	4	0	0
Kevin Burnett	55	4.5	3	3	0
John Henderson	54	5.5	4	3	0
Bernard Jackson	42	3	2	1	0
Jabari Greer	40	1.5	0	13	2
Mark Jones	40	0	0	2	1
Albert Haynesworth	39	1.5	13	7	0
Will Overstreet	36	5	4	0	0
Constantin Ritzmann	34	4	4	1	0
Andre Lott	34	1	0	5	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rashad Baker	26	237	9.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leonard Scott	28	589	21.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Orange	+13'	Nebraska	17-42	L
98	Fiesta	+5'	Florida St	23-16	W
99	Fiesta	+4	Nebraska	21-31	L
00	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	21-35	L
01	Citrus	-3	Michigan	45-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	30.8	19	150	4.0	260	65.1	13.3	+5	2001	7	19.3	17	87	2.7	220	53.3	15.9
4	31.7	20	164	4.3	203	57.8	11.6	+3	2000	5	20.6	18	93	2.8	219	53.2	15.2
6*	30.8	20	179	4.4	219	54.0	13.0	+3	1999	7	16.2	17	109	3.1	203	54.9	19.3
8	33.2	19	204	4.7	195	57.1	12.0	+16	1998	5	14.5	17	95	2.7	204	51.9	18.0
7*	32.9	24	149	4.6	321	60.9	14.3	-8	1997	7	22.0	18	118	3.4	233	55.3	15.9
7*	36.4	23	125	3.5	317	64.3	12.1	+9	1996	6	15.4	14	101	2.7	140	47.9	15.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Syracuse	14	39-197	5.1	14-27	136	3	12	42-75	1.8	6-21	115	5	0
at Arkansas	20	55-183	3.3	13-17	136	3	5	26-19	0.7	8-16	73	2	+1
LSU	21	49-139	2.8	18-28	309	2	18	20-29	1.5	21-43	356	3	-1
Georgia	22	42-197	4.7	24-40	295	0	17	28-68	2.4	21-34	303	2	0
at Alabama	23	45-187	4.2	21-28	293	1	13	31-163	5.3	10-23	165	3	0
S Carolina	15	39-87	2.2	14-23	211	5	14	33-157	4.8	14-28	108	1	0
at Notre Dame	16	34-78	2.3	17-29	228	2	20	45-122	2.7	13-24	146	5	+1
Memphis	28	43-218	5.1	24-39	302	3	20	27-23	0.9	18-37	281	0	+3
at Kentucky	15	23-82	3.6	20-30	285	2	24	31-137	4.4	34-53	406	2	+2
Vanderbilt	21	35-189	5.4	21-31	285	0	16	36-61	1.7	17-27	144	5	+1
at Florida	16	31-242	7.8	17-25	168	0	23	23-36	1.6	34-53	371	4	-2
†LSU	17	18-50	2.8	27-43	332	1	20	42-134	3.2	14-35	151	2	-2
†Michigan	22	37-97	2.6	27-35	406	4	20	31-103	3.3	21-39	240	4	+2
TOTALS	250	490-1946	4.0	257-395	3386	26	222	415-1127	2.7	231-433	2859	38	+5
AVERAGES	19.2	38-150	4.0	20-30	260	2.0	17.1	32-87	2.7	18-33	220	2.9	0.4

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas Tech	-25	52-17	W
at UCLA	-15	30-24	L
at Florida	+4	20-33	L
Mississippi	-26'	31-17	L
Georgia	-9'	38-13	W
at Alabama	-8'	38-21	W
S Carolina	-21'	22-7	L
S Mississippi	-19	44-20	W
at Arkansas	-25	30-22	L
at Kentucky	-16'	59-31	W
Vanderbilt	-28	17-10	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse	E/+1	34-33	W
Florida (OT)	+3	20-17	W
Houston	-27'	42-7	W
at Auburn	-6'	17-9	W
at Georgia	+3	22-3	W
Alabama	-17'	35-18	L
at S Carolina	-17	49-14	W
UAB	-42	37-13	L
Arkansas	-9'	28-24	L
Kentucky	-11	59-21	W
at Vanderbilt	-28'	41-0	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-24	42-17	W
at Florida	+2	21-23	T
Memphis	-30'	17-16	L
Auburn	-19	24-0	W
Georgia	-10'	37-20	W
at Alabama	-3	21-7	W
S Carolina	-33'	30-7	L
Notre Dame	-9'	38-14	W
at Arkansas	-8	24-28	L
at Kentucky	-12'	56-21	W
Vanderbilt	-23	38-10	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	-9	19-16	L
Florida	+3'	23-27	L
UL Monroe	-36'	70-3	W
at LSU (OT)	-9'	31-38	L
at Georgia	+4'	10-21	L
Alabama	-3	20-10	W
at S Carolina	-1'	17-14	W
at Memphis	-11	19-17	L
Arkansas	-13'	63-20	W
Kentucky	-19'	59-20	W
at Vanderbilt	-18	28-26	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	-15	33-9	W
at Arkansas	-13	13-3	L
LSU	-10	26-18	L
Georgia	-11	24-26	L
at Alabama	-2	35-24	W
S Carolina	-7'	17-10	L
at Notre Dame	-8	28-18	W
Memphis	-24	49-28	L
at Kentucky	-18	38-35	L
Vanderbilt	-25'	38-0	W
at Florida	+17'	34-32	W

FLORIDA GATORS

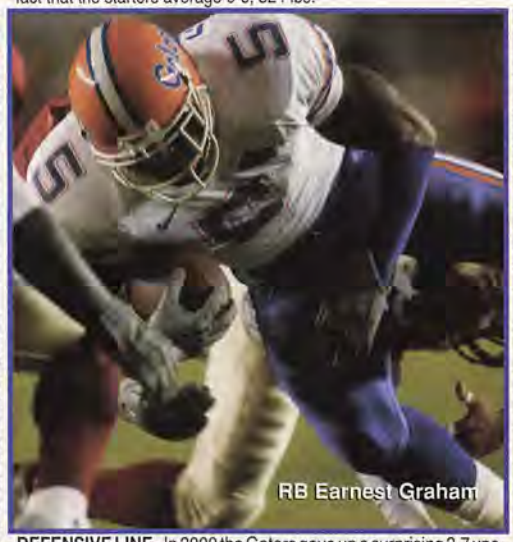
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Three QB's alternated in 2000. Rex Grossman saw the most action, throwing for 2,118 yards (59%) with a 22-9 ratio. Grossman and Brock Berlin (PS#1) were both back last year and the position was left wide open during the spring and August. Grossman ended up winning the job and never looked back as he threw for 4,144 yards (66%) with a 38-12 ratio, setting a school record for yards in a game (464 vs LSU) and also his ten 300 yard passing efforts set a school single season record. He was voted the AP College POY despite not playing in the 4Q in six games and was #2 in the Heisman voting. Grossman also became the first player to lead the nation in pass efficiency AND total offense since 1983 when Steve Young did it. During the regular season, Berlin actually had a higher pass efficiency rating (173.8 to 170.8) as he had a 9-1 ratio. Grossman was benched for the bowl game for a curfew violation. Berlin started and threw 2 TD passes but also 2 int's in six series and then Grossman came off the bench to lead 4 consecutive TD drives and threw for 248 yards. Berlin opted to transfer but Grossman turned down the NFL becoming Zook's top recruit thus far. Grossman now becomes the Heisman frontrunner and is the NCAA career leader in pass efficiency at this point. He is backed by Ingle Martin (6-2 220 rFr) who was PS#10. Martin, however, ran a Nebraska-style offense in high school and rushed for more yards than he passed for and was still developing his passing skills in his redshirt season. I think Grossman's numbers may drop off a little with the loss of their offensive genius (Spurrier), a depleted WR corps and a new offense that will utilize the run more.

RUNNING BACKS - Injures have plagued this unit with the team rushing for 117, 138, 113 and 146 ypg over the last four years. Last year the top back was clearly Earnest Graham (PS#2) who is a 215 lb back with speed. Graham led the team in rushing with 799 yards and a super 5.7 ypc. He missed 2 games due to injury and they just happened to be the 2 losses vs Auburn and Tennessee. The team was at its best with both Graham and Robert Gillespie in the lineup together. Gillespie turned out to be Grossman's safety valve out of the backfield and hauled in 45 rec's (10.5) while also rushing for 458 yards. He departs this year but Graham turned down the NFL to return. Ran Carthon (6-0 212 Jr) was PS#73 and is the fastest of the TB's but was bothered by a shoulder injury last spring and had just 162 yards (4.5) in 12 games. Willie Green was PS#7. He has been hampered by 5 knee surgeries and only played in 3 games last season. He led the team in rushing in his first game back against Vanderbilt with 49 yards but would gain just 61 on the year. The team also signed 3 super true frosh. The Gator FB's were banged up last year and they have basically eliminated the position to go to 3 and 4 WR sets. Even with the loss of Gillespie, I look for this unit to put up better numbers, provided Graham stays healthy.

RECEIVERS - Last year basically everyone returned to this group including Jabar Gaffney, who set NCAA records for frosh receptions, yards and TD's. Gaffney became the first UF receiver to have back to back 1,000 yard seasons. Last year they had arguably one of the best WR corps of all-time in the NCAA with the trio of Gaffney (#2DC of HOU, 1st Tm AA), Reche Caldwell (#2DC of SD, 12 sts, 69 rec, 16.0, 2nd Tm SEC) and Taylor Jacobs (48, 18.4) who was their fastest WR. It was good enough that WR Coach Dixon was one of six finalists for the Broyles Award (top ass't coach). All 3 had their chances to leave early for the NFL and only Jacobs decided to return. Jacobs had 116 yards receiving in the 1Q of the bowl and finished with 170 which was an Orange Bowl record. Spurrier was very high on Carlos Perez (PS#4) and Kelvin Kight (PS#14) last year. I list the 2 deep below and there are 4 VHT's listed at WR. The top 2 TE's return but they do lose Kirk Wells (5 rec, 211 plays). Not listed below is WR Dallas Baker (6-3 185 Fr) who was PS#54 last year and went to prep school. This is still one of the best receiving corps in the NCAA but is weaker with the loss of two stars to the NFL.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year they had to replace 2 starters on the right hand side of the line including a 1st round DC but 7 of the top 10 were back including 3 full-time starters. The Gators' offense was extremely productive last year and in fact averaged 527.5 ypg total offense, #2 in the NCAA, and allowed just 15 sacks during the regular season. Four of those came in the final game against Tennessee. This year they must replace LT Mike Pearson (#2DC of JAX, 12 sts, 1st Tm AA, 3 yr st'r, 757 plays), C/RG Zac Zedalis (11 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 602 plays), RG Thomas Moody (7 sts, 584 plays) and G Erik Strange (1 st, 8 games, 159 plays). In their 3 deep (including true frosh) there are no less than 11 VHT's among the 15 members so naturally this unit is loaded with talent. Last season they paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing, but this year's group looks a little less experienced, I'll call it down a notch or two despite the tremendous amount of talent on hand and the fact that the starters average 6-6, 324 lbs!


RB Earnest Graham

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Gators gave up a surprising 3.7 ypc rushing and then had to replace both starting DT's, one of whom was the #3 pick in the NFL draft (Gerard Warren) as well as 2 backup DT's and a pair of backup DE's. Only 2 starters returned. This year they must replace DE Alex Brown (#4DC of CHI, 12 sts, 1st Tm AA, 11.5 sks, SEC Def POY) who is UF's career sack leader, and DE Kennard Ellis (6 sts, 29 tkls, 5 tfl, 380 plays). Last year's group was also without DE Clint Mitchell (PS#31) for the majority of the season due to suspension but he had 9 starts in 2000 and returns this year. Basically 6 of the top 8 players are back and with the addition of Mitchell, and former LB Marcus Oquendo-Johnson, who had 8 starts at LB in 2000, they have some added talent. There are 5 VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below and not listed are Sylvester McGrew (6-4 280 rFr, PS#74) and true frosh Ray McDonald (PS#37). Replacing Brown and Ellis will be tough and last year's unit allowed just 3.2 ypc rushing while recording 33 sacks. However, they also had to replace some stars last year so I expect this unit to be able to handle the transition and be near the top again.

LINEBACKERS - Part of the reason UF had a weak rush D in 2000 could be attributed to the fact that they had to replace both starting OLB's and then lost returning starting MLB Andra Davis for the season due to injury. Last year 8 players returned with starting experience and Davis (semifinalist for Butkus) was the key to a much improved defense. This year they do lose Davis (#5DC of CLE, 11 sts, 110 tkls, 10 tfl, 1st Tm SEC, 610 plays) and his backup, MLB Travis Carroll (3 sts, 58 tkls, 6 tfl, 276 plays). Zook had planned on bringing in JUCO MLB Lance Mitchell (PS#23), but he was ruled ineligible and transferred to Oklahoma. All of the OLB's from last year return and I list them below with the exception of OLB Oquendo-Johnson who moves to DE. This looks like a pretty solid group with all 3 VHT projected starters and 3 more VHT's behind them but it is a little less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 and 2000 UF had zero seniors in the 2 deep so naturally last year, for the third straight year, the top 8 players all returned. Last year they did lose starting CB Robert Cromartie (8 sts in 2000) to injury prior to the season. They finished a respectable #20 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and moved up to #6 in 2000 with an outstanding 26 int's. Last year they finished #6 once again, allowing just 55.4% with only 6 TD's and snagging 13 int's. Ten players came into last year with starting experience. This year they must replace 3 starters in CB Bennie Alexander (12 sts, 46 tkls, 678 plays), CB Lito Sheppard (#1DC OF PHI, 12 sts, 43 tkls, 6 pbu, 702 plays) and SS Marquand Manuel (#6DC of CIN, 12 sts, 71 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 pbu, 639 plays). SS Guss Scott got in 682 plays (#3 on def) so he is like a returning starter as he played NB and on special teams. They also have starting FS Todd Johnson and Robert Cromartie (a 2000 starter) back. Not listed below are Tre Orr (6-0 208 So, PS#14) and Jarvis Herring (5-11 193 rFr, PS#46) as well as Lester Norwood (6-2 189 Sr, PS#92) who had 5 starts in 1999 with 522 plays but just 111 plays in 2000 and redshirted last year. This has the makings of another top-notch secondary, and they should remain right at the top once again, even with the losses.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prior to last year, the best finish in the special teams rankings for UF was only a surprising #40. Last year they had to replace their punter due to graduation and kicker Jeff Chandler was suspended for the first game. When Chandler returned he only hit 4 of his first 7 FG's and did not look good. He attributed part of that to the fact that he had 3 different holders and 4 different long snappers. Chandler rebounded to hit on his last 16 FG's of the year and his 7 career FG's of 50+ set a school record and he became the #2 all-time scorer in SEC history (#1 here). Prior to the season 4 different punters were battling for the job but only one would handle the duties as Matt Leach (PS#8) won out as a true frosh. Leach averaged 41.1 with a net of 38.1. Despite being loaded with speed at the skill positions, UF's top PR Lito Sheppard only averaged 8.9 and top KR Keiwan Ratliff only 17.5. Ratliff was the PR at the start of the year but fumbled a punt vs Miss St and did not have another return. Matt Piotrowicz handled the KO duties (10 TB's on 76 KO's) and they allowed just 15.0 yards per return which was a good part of the reason for their strong finish at #6 in my special teams rankings. This year they must replace Chandler (#4DC of SF) as well as Sheppard. Since the Gators rarely rank that high and they have brand new schemes to learn, I'll call this unit weaker.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Steve Spurrier did an incredible job with this program and they are one of only 2 schools to have 9 wins or more for 12 straight years and the team has appeared in 7 out of 10 SEC Title games. This team has ranked in the Top 15 for 12 straight years. Last year they were stunned at Auburn but still had a shot to get to the National Title game but they shockingly lost to Tennessee in The Swamp as 17' point favorites and had to settle for waxing Maryland 56-23 in the Orange Bowl and finishing #3 in the final polls. In fact, last year UF beat the SEC Champ (LSU) and ACC Champ (Maryland) by a combined 100-38 and their 659 yards was an Orange Bowl record. When Spurrier surprisingly stepped aside in January, the team seemingly out of nowhere hired Ron Zook, who was the DC here under Spurrier from 1991-'93 and then was demoted to special teams and DB coach the following year. He was the DC for the Saints last season and this is his first head coaching job. He brings in OC Ed Zaunbrecher who was the OC at Marshall the last 2 years and his team averaged 458.6 ypg. The Gators only punted 28 times last year and ran the ball just 41.1% of the time. Zaunbrecher talks about improving the running game this season to create a more balanced offense and alternate the pressure on the QB. They have plenty of talent back on offense and despite having just 5 starters returning, look like the top offense in the SEC. Defensively they suffered some big losses with just 5 starters back although they do only lose 12 lettermen but four of them were NFL DC's. The one huge gain on defense was the hiring of DC John Thompson. Thompson's unorthodox blitzing schemes have turned around defenses at Arkansas, Memphis and S Miss. I think they will allow more than last year's 14.8 ppg however. UF was arguably the most talented team in the NCAA last year but due to those close losses, did not get to the Rose Bowl. They outscored foes by an amazing 44.8 to 14.8 on the season and outgained them by an average of 242.5 ypg. They do host Miami, Fla but have 2 very tough road trips (Tenn and Fla St). Last year a first year head coach made it to the National Title game (so it can be done) and if the Gators can win in those tough road venues, they are talented enough to be a National Title contender even without Spurrier at the helm.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB REX GROSSMAN JR. 6-1 220 PS#5. 8 sts in 2000, 2118 yds (59%), 22-9 ratio. 11 sts LY, 4144 yds (66%) 38-12 ratio, **#2 in Heisman**. 167.6 career pass eff **#1 NCAA all-time.**

RB EARNEST GRAHAM SR. 5-9 215 PS#2. 7 sts as rFr, 654 yds (5.6). 4 sts in 2000, 812 yds (5.9). 10 sts LY, 799 yds (5.7), 41 career rec. Willie Green (5-8 210 So) PS#7, 61 yds LY.

WR Kelvin Kight Jr. 6-0 198 PS#14. 1 st, 6 rec (14.5) as true. 10 rec (11.1). 184 plays LY. OJ Small (6-1 211 So) PS#59QB, 1 rec, 55 plays as rFr. Jamalle Cornelius PS#14.

WR Carlos Perez Jr. 5-11 203 PS#4. 1 rec, 69 plays as true. 2 sts last yr, 13 rec (16.1), 206 plays. Reggie Vickers (5-11 175 So) PS#10. 12 plays rFr, Antoine Sharp (6-0 203 rFr) PS#66.

WR Taylor Jacobs Sr. 6-1 198 PS#60. 5 sts, 19 rec (11.4) in 2000. 2 sts, 411 plays, **48 rec (18.4), top 20 NCAA 200m, Bowl MVP**. Matt Jackson (5-10 194 Jr) 2 sts, 7 rec, 375 plays, 2Y.

TE AARON WALKER SR. 6-6 261 PS#56LB. 8 sts in 2000, 13 rec (11.8), 452 plays. 10 sts LY, 16 rec (11.2), 475 plays. Ben Troupe (6-5 253 Jr) PS#57, 11 rec (10.4) 268 plays.

C Mike Degory rFr. 6-6 315 PS#11. **David Jorgensen** (6-4 288 Sr) PS#23 **13 sts**, 718 plays in 2000. 5 sts LY, 376 plays. Dewayne DuBose (6-0 280 So) PS#342, 43 plays.

RG Jonathan Colon So. 6-7 311 PS#47. 9 gms, 124 plays as true. Ronald Dowdy (6-4 277 So) PS#48 TE. Former DT. David Kearley (6-4 304 Sr) PS#201, 10 gms, 72 plays, 2Y (inj's).

LG SHANNON SNELL JR. 6-5 301 PS#5. 161 plays, 10 games as true. 12 starts LY, 715 plays. Chad Tidwell (6-5 315 So) PS#65, 4 plays as rFr. Ryan Carter (6-3 303) is PS#21.

RT Mo Mitchell So. 6-7 350 PS#27 orig @ Bama. Fork Union. 4 gms, 59 plays LY. Bobby Williams (6-4 285 So) PS#58DL, 6 gms as rFr, 82 plays. Randy Hand (6-4 315 Fr) PS#30.

LT MAX STARKS JR. 6-8 345 PS#34. 7 gms, 125 plays as true. 12 sts LY, 752 plays. **Jonathan Marvin** (6-4 315 rFr) PS#46, son of Mickey (OAK). Lance Butler (6-7 309 rFr) PS#33.

K MATT LEACH SO. 6-1 199 PS#8K. 28 P's (41.1) LY. #1 in spg. Matt Piotrowicz (5-11 207 So) PS#3. 8 of 11 FG's as HS Sr. Straight ahead K. 76 KO's as rFr, 10 TB's, 16 tkls.

DEFENSE

DE Darrell Lee Jr. 6-4 255 PS#2. 98 plays as true, 11 tkls, 1 sk, 2 pbu. 3 sts LY, 25 tkls, 230 plays. Clint Mitchell (6-7 245 Jr) PS#31. **9 sts**, 40 tkls, 3.5 sks, 14 QBH in 2000.

DT TRON LaFAVOR SR. 6-2 288 PS#30. 6 tkls as true. 1 st, 13 tkls, 4 tfl, 232 plays in 2000. 10 sts LY, 44 tkls, 3 tfl, 358 plays. Kenny Parker (6-3 290 So) PS#99OL. 9 tkls in career. Med RS LY.

NT IAN SCOTT JR. 6-3 307 PS#30. 11 sts, **2nd Tm SEC**, 51 tkls, 10.5 tfl, 538 plays, 12 QBH. Bryan Savelio (6-2 290 Sr) PS#112JC, 2 sts, 14 tkls, 160 plays. Arpedge Rolle (6-1 278 Sr) PS#81.

DE Marcus Oquendo-Johnson Sr. 6-4 215 PS#64LB. 8 sts @ LB in '00, 43 tkls, 5 tfl, 513 plays. 15 tkls LY. Bobby McCray (6-6 248 Jr) PS#126, 2 sts, 176 plays, 2.5 sks LY. Todd McCullough PS#49LB.

SLB MIKE NATTIEL SR. 6-0 229 PS#21. 2 sts as true. 8 sts, 66 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 8 sts LY, 465 plays, 68 tkls. **Travis Harris** (6-2 248 So) PS#13. 4 sts, 175 plays, 24 tkls as true. RS LY (inj).

MLB Matt Farrior Jr. 6-2 232 PS#7, 3 sts, 58 tkls, 489 plays, 2 years. Reid Fleming (6-0 232 Jr) PS#89LB, 18 tkls, 217 plays, 2Y. Larry Kendrick (5-11 210 So) PS#34WR.

WLB BYRON HARDMON SR. 6-1 234 PS#22. 5 sts in 2000, 47 tkls, 632 plays. 9 sts LY, 46 tkls, 492 plays, 2 tfl. Dwright Jackson (6-1 216 Jr) PS#49, 1 st, 171 plays, 10 tkls, 2 years.

CB Robert Cromartie Sr. 5-8 190 PS#7. 13 sts, 80 tkls, 12 pbu, 882 plays in '99. L/8 sts (inj) 41 tkls, 384 plays in 2000. RS LY. Marquis Westbrook (5-9 176 Sr) PS#133DB, 2 sts, 572 plays 3Y.

CB Keiwan Ratliff Jr. 5-10 181 PS#38WR. 1 start, 18 tkls, 375 plays in 2000. 2 sts, 19 tkls, 2 int, 335 plays LY. Deshawn Carter (6-0 198 rFr) PS#33, DNQ in 2000, RS in 2001.

SS Guss Scott Jr. 5-11 191 PS#69DB. 533 plays, 45 tkls, 2 pbu as true. 3 sts, 682 plays, 82 tkls, 8.5 tfl, 5 pbu LY. Cory Bailey (5-11 187 So) PS#9, 12 tkls, 179 plays LY.

FS TODD JOHNSON SR. 6-1 201 PS#23, 13 sts, 111 tkls, 5 int, **1st Tm SEC**. 990 plays. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm SEC**, 85 tkls, 2 int. Daryl Dixon (5-10 194 Sr), 13 career sts, 1510 plays, 108 tkls 3Y.

P SEAN MORTON JR. 6-2 184 PS#75, N'western transfer. Matt Leach (6-1 199 So) PS#8K. 42.4 avg in HS, 35-44 FG's 3 of 50+. 28 punts here as true. 41.1 avg, net 38.1.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Ciatrick Fason 6-1 200 PS#4	
QB	Gavin Dickey 6-0 190 PS#9	
RB	DeShawn Wynn 6-0 210 PS#8	
WR	Jamalle Cornelius 6-1 180 PS#14	
OL	Ryan Carter 6-3 303 PS#21	
OL	Randy Hand 6-4 315 PS#30	
DL	Ray McDonald 6-3 240 PS#37	
LB	Taurean Charles 6-1 220 PS#42	
QB	Reggie Lewis 6-0 180 PS#32	
WR	Kenneth Tookes 6-3 187 PS#57	
RB	Jimtavis Walker 5-10 195 PS#64	
WR	Terrence Holmes 5-10 188 PS#62	
DB	Tremaine McCollum 5-9 170 PS#57	
QB	Patrick Dosh 6-3 205 PS#56	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Including bowls, Gators are 0-4 ATS their last 4 as underdogs. UF plays all of their regular season games on grass again this year. The Gators were 17-6 SU off a bye under Spurrier's tutelage.
Aug. 31	UAB	G						Gators are 3-7 ATS in their L/10 lined home openers, all as a 20(+) favorite. Florida has won their last 12 openers SU by an average of 31.8 ppg.
Sep. 7	Miami (Fla)	G						First reg season meeting S/'87 opener. They did meet in the 2001 Sugar Bowl. The Gators were 3-9 ATS vs non-conference teams other than Florida St.
Sep 14	Ohio U	G						The Gators are 12-4 ATS the last 16 as double digit favorites. UF is 9-0 SU vs current MAC members, but only 3-5 ATS.
Sep. 21	at Tennessee	G						Florida is 10-4-1 ATS in their last 15 SEC openers. Spurrier was 8-4 SU vs UT, but, UT actually had a 4518-4499 yardage edge.
Sep. 28	Kentucky	G						The visitor is 7-1 ATS in the last 8 meetings. Gators and Cats have averaged a combined 69.4 ppg the last 8 years.
Oct. 5	at Mississippi	G						Pending the 9/21 result, UF is 25-10 ATS their last 35 SEC road games. Florida came into 2002 with a 45-27-1 ATS mark after a SU victory.
Oct. 12	LSU	G						The visitor is 15-6-1 ATS in this Tiger/Gator struggle. Gators have chomped their way to an 18-6 ATS mark their L/24 Oct contests pending LW.
Oct. 19	Auburn	G						Florida is 11-3 ATS in this Tiger/Gator struggle, including the 2000 SEC Title gm. UF is 9-4 ATS the week prior to a bye.
Oct. 26								Bonus: Gators are only 8-11 ATS their last 19 November gms, but 3-0 LY.
Nov. 2	† Georgia (Jacksonville)	G						Gators are 8-5 ATS the week after a bye, but 0-2 last year. UF is 11-1 SU, 9-3 ATS in the World's Largest Cocktail Party.
Nov. 9	at Vanderbilt	G						UF came into 2002 with a 24-11-1 ATS mark the L7Y as away chalk. Florida is 8-0 SU but only 3-5 ATS their last 8 vs Vandy.
Nov. 16	S Carolina (HC)	G						Gators are 11-0 SU but only 5-5-1 ATS in Homecoming games since 1991. The visitor has covered 5 of the last 7 series meetings.
Nov. 23								
Nov. 30	at Florida St	G						Pending earlier results, UF is 25-11 ATS their last 36 away on grass. The home team has controlled this rivalry with an 11-3 ATS mark.

RON ZOOK (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Florida

Zook's records AT FLORIDA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

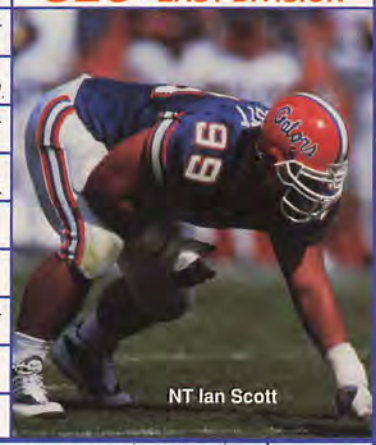
2001 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (21,26,5)
Lost: 23 (14,8,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,432

SEC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (83,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	12-0	11-1	9-2	9-2	9-3	10-2	9-2	69-12
ATS	8-4	6-4-1	7-4	3-7	4-7-1	9-3	7-4	44-33-2
Home Fav	2-4	3-2	3-2	1-4	0-4-1	5-1	4-2	18-19-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	6-0	2-2-1	3-2	2-2	4-2	4-1	3-2	24-11-1
Away Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2
Favorite	8-4	5-4-1	6-4	3-6	4-6-1	9-2	7-4	42-30-2
Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-3
Grass	7-4	6-3	7-4	2-7	4-6-1	8-3	7-4	41-31-1
Artificial	1-0	0-1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	3-2-1
vs Conf	7-2	6-2-1	5-3	3-5	4-4-1	8-1	5-3	38-20-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-2	2-1	0-2	0-3	1-2	2-1	6-13
Off SU Win	8-3	6-3	6-2	3-6	3-5-1	7-2	6-3	39-24-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-1	4-4-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Earnest Graham	141	817	18	799	11	5.7
Robert Gillespie	98	484	26	458	2	4.7
Ran Carthon	36	172	10	162	0	4.5
Rex Grossman	34	95	87	8	5	0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rex Grossman	423	279	66.0	4144	38	12
Brock Berlin	79	47	59.5	679	10	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jabar Gaffney	74	1309	17.7	14	80
Reche Caldwell	69	1106	16.0	10	64
Taylor Jacobs	48	882	18.4	9	64
Robert Gillespie	45	474	10.5	2	52
Aaron Walker	16	179	11.2	2	28
Carlos Perez	13	209	16.1	4	32

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Leach	28	1150	41.1	–	38.1	0	8

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeff Chandler	4-4	8-10	6-7	1-1	19-22	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andra Davis	110	2	8	1	2
Todd Johnson	85	0	1	3	2
Guss Scott	82	4.5	4	5	0
Marquand Manuel	71	3	2	3	1
Mike Nattiel	68	0	1	3	1
Travis Carroll	58	1	5	0	2
Alex Brown	56	11.5	4	5	0
Ian Scott	51	2.5	8	7	0
Byron Hardmon	46	0	2	2	0
Bennie Alexander	46	0	1	3	0
Tron LaFavor	44	1	2	1	0
Lito Sheppard	43	0	2	6	2
Matt Farrior	30	0	2	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lito Sheppard	29	259	8.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lito Sheppard	7	171	24.4	0
Keiwan Ratliff	8	140	17.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Citrus	-13'	Penn St	21-6	W
98	Orange	-6'	Syracuse	31-10	W
99	Citrus	-2'	Michigan St	34-37	L
00	Sugar	+6'	Miami (Fla)	20-37	L
01	Orange	-14	Maryland	56-23	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	44.8	27	129	4.4	409	64.7	12.0	-6	2001	8	14.8	15	100	3.1	196	55.4	20.0
4	36.0	22	113	3.8	308	55.9	11.7	+18	2000	9	21.0	19	137	3.7	217	53.6	16.9
7*	31.0	22	138	4.3	267	53.6	13.1	-5	1999	1	20.9	19	96	2.7	242	54.9	16.1
6*	31.7	21	117	3.8	343	58.0	14.5	-5	1998	6	13.8	15	94	2.6	196	51.5	21.1
4	35.8	22	154	4.4	265	53.3	11.7	+2	1997	7	17.1	16	69	2.1	209	47.6	16.3
9*	47.0	25	174	4.7	332	56.5	10.7	+7	1996	7	17.0	16	106	2.8	180	44.3	16.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Marshall	22	28 - 111	4.0	25 - 38	430	2	21	26 - 66	2.5	27 - 43	274	5	0
UL Monroe	34	31 - 168	5.4	33 - 49	432	1	5	21 - 27	1.3	11 - 26	78	0	-2
at Kentucky	25	32 - 168	5.3	25 - 40	397	1	11	21 - 85	4.0	23 - 39	203	3	-3
Mississippi St	35	30 - 133	4.4	29 - 49	507	1	13	28 - 44	1.6	18 - 37	170	4	+1
at LSU	28	26 - 128	4.9	26 - 41	504	1	23	41 - 137	3.3	18 - 39	286	5	+1
at Auburn	18	18 - (-36)	-2.0	25 - 42	364	1	13	41 - 79	1.9	13 - 27	160	1	-3
†Georgia	29	38 - 177	4.7	27 - 35	407	1	20	36 - 111	3.1	25 - 42	258	2	-2
Vanderbilt	28	37 - 168	4.5	25 - 40	403	0	14	38 - 63	1.7	15 - 30	209	6	+2
at S Carolina	26	31 - 170	5.5	22 - 34	312	1	14	43 - 207	4.8	7 - 17	57	2	+1
Florida St	24	30 - 123	4.1	28 - 43	330	0	13	21 - 40	1.9	27 - 40	228	2	-1
Tennessee	23	23 - 36	1.6	34 - 53	371	4	16	31 - 242	7.8	17 - 25	168	0	+2
†Maryland	30	25 - 203	8.1	33 - 49	456	2	19	40 - 103	2.6	23 - 39	257	3	-2
TOTALS	322	349 - 1549	4.4	332 - 513	4913	15	182	387 - 1204	3.1	224 - 404	2348	33	-6
AVERAGES	26.8	29 - 129	4.4	28 - 43	409	1.3	15.2	32 - 100	3.1	19 - 34	196	2.8	-0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	-25	21-6	L
C Michigan	-43	82-6	W
Tennessee	-4	33-20	W
at Kentucky	-24	55-28	W
Arkansas	-36	56-7	W
at LSU	-16'	21-28	L
at Auburn	-7'	24-10	W
† Georgia	-20'	17-37	L
Vanderbilt	-36'	20-7	L
at S Carolina	-17	48-21	W
Florida St	+5'	32-29	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
The Citadel	NL	49-10	–
NE Louisiana	-44	42-10	L
at Tennessee (OT)	-3	17-20	L
Kentucky	-21	51-35	L
at Alabama	-17	16-10	L
LSU	-12'	22-10	L
Auburn	-19	24-3	W
† Georgia	-11'	38-7	W
at Vanderbilt	-29	45-13	W
S Carolina	-31'	33-14	L
at Florida St	+2'	12-23	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-35'	55-26	L
UCF	-36	58-27	L
Tennessee	-2	23-21	T
at Kentucky	-20	38-10	W
Alabama (OT)	-16	39-40	L
at LSU	-14	31-10	W
at Auburn	-16	32-14	W
† Georgia	-14	30-14	W
Vanderbilt	-28	13-6	L
at S Carolina	-27	20-3	L
Florida St	+3	23-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-45	40-19	L
Mid Tenn St	-39'	55-0	W
at Tennessee	-3'	27-23	W
Kentucky	-22'	59-31	W
at Mississippi St	-7	35-47	L
LSU	-14'	41-9	W
Auburn	-8'	38-7	W
† Georgia	-9	34-23	W
at Vanderbilt	-19	43-20	W
S Carolina	-14	41-21	W
at Florida St	+11'	7-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-31	49-14	W
UL Monroe	-56	55-6	L
at Kentucky	-32	44-10	W
Mississippi St	-18	52-0	W
at LSU	-13'	44-15	W
at Auburn	-23'	20-23	L
† Georgia	-19	24-10	L
Vanderbilt	-35'	71-13	W
at S Carolina	-12	54-17	W
Florida St	-16	37-13	W
Tennessee	-17'	32-34	L

S CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

RB Andrew Pinnock

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Phil Petty got in 11 starts and threw for 2,285 yards (54%) with an 8-10 ratio. One of Holtz's objectives last year was developing a backup QB and Dondrial Pinkins (6-2 240 So, PS#25) and was dubbed the QB of the future when he signed. He played in 3 games as a true frosh before a knee injury and was awarded a medical redshirt, but last season slipped to #3, playing in 7 games with 69 yards rushing (3 of 7 pass). Pinkins has size, speed and a strong arm. Corey Jenkins was PS#26JUCO and was the 2nd stringer. He rushed for 313 yards (5.3), hitting 11 of 24 passes. Jenkins, built like an LB, has a strong arm and a quick release and Holtz said he reminded him of Tony Rice. Jenkins played just one series against Miss St, rushing for 75 yards in 11 attempts on a key TD drive. He practiced at FB for the bowl, and Holtz wanted to move him to safety or LB in spring because he felt Jenkins has NFL potential at either of those two spots. However, Jenkins won the starting QB job with an outstanding spring performance and Holtz feels he has better leadership skills than Pinkins. Pinkins showed improvement, and still looks like the QB of the future. Erik Kimrey (6-1 205 Sr) was PS#111 and has seen action at QB in 9 games with one start the last two years, throwing for 200 yards. Scott Crouch (6-4 200 So) is a transfer from Alabama who was PS#97. Some of this year's signees could contend as could Bennett Swygert (6-3 195 Fr) who was PS#31 and sat out last year. Petty finished last year throwing for 1,926 yards (56.9%) with a 12-7 ratio while rushing for 309 yards. Petty was a solid QB and a winner and will be missed, but the unit looks to be in pretty good shape.

RUNNING BACKS - Derek Watson (PS#10) rushed for 1,066 yards (5.7) in 2000 and backup Andrew Pinnock (PS#13) had 406 yards (3.7) with one start at TB and three at FB. Ryan Brewer (PS#86) started the bowl game and had 109 yards rushing and 92 yards receiving. Last year all three returned. Watson had his usual off field problems and ended up starting ten games, rushing for just 618 yards (4.4) with 27 rec's (8.1). He was dismissed from the team in the offseason. Pinnock, who averaged a solid 5.4 ypc, is a powerful North/South runner with surprising 4.6 speed. While he reported to camp at 250 lbs last year, he dropped his body fat to 6% and benched 400 lbs. He had 5 starts and led the team with 622 yards rushing (5.4). Gonzie Gray (5-11 185 So) was PS#80 and had 11 yards rushing in five games. Nate Gary (5-11 216 Sr) was PS#33 but played in just 3 games due to a knee injury after being moved from DB. They are talking about using the I formation more and if they do he may start at FB. Other candidates at FB are true frosh Brandon Schweitzer (PS#109) and Gavin Ford (5-10 235 Jr). Thez Robinson (6-0 200 rFr) was PS#65, Daccus Turman (5-11 220 Fr) was PS#197 and attended Hargrave Military Academy last year and true freshmen Regis Edgerson (PS#39) and Kenny Irons (PS#44) will also contend. It would also not surprise me to see HB Ryan Brewer get substantially more carries than he has in the past, as long as he responds well to the ankle surgery he underwent after spring practice. Despite the loss of a solid talent, I like the group that is returning and look for better production in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year practically everyone returned to the receiving corps with the exception of their top WR Jermale Kelly and a TE that had four starts. They then lost James Adkisson, a JUCO transfer, early in the season as well as Chavez Donnings (PS#15JC) who had a hang-up with eligibility that put him behind and then he broke his wrist in November. Two frosh started vs Alabama in Andrea Gause (PS#143) and Matthew Thomas (PS#73). This year they must replace their top WR once again in Brian Scott (11 sts, 47, 15.5), along with Corey Alexander (11 rec), Carlos Spikes (3 sts, 7 rec), and TE Rod Trafford (5 sts). Only 1 TE returns with experience but they are used mostly for blocking so some reserve OL's could see time when going to the 2 TE offense. Not listed below are Mikal Goodman (6-3 205 Jr, PS#183QB) and Michael Ages (6-0 180 Sr, PS#130DB, 3 sts, 4 rec LY). I list the 2 deep below and there is a lot of talent available and I look for the unit to actually improve production this year especially if Adkisson (6-5 and one of fastest on the team) and VHT's Donnings, Williamson and Ben live up to their potential.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Holtz's first season in 1999 the OL was inexperienced and injury plagued and the team averaged 2.3 ypc rushing. Sixteen different OL's played in '99 because of injuries. A veteran O-line in 2000 paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing but allowed 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 13 starts and 9 players returned with starting experience. The unit also gained some size as 9 of the top 10 OL's weighed at least 280 lbs. Injuries hit the unit again early on with many regulars missing practice prior to Arkansas. Overall the team averaged 4.5 ypc rushing and only allowed 16 sacks. This season they must replace C Larrell Johnson (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Melvin Paige (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm SEC twice) and RG Kevin Rivers (3 sts). Six players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. This has the makings of a solid offensive line and Cedric Williams made 1st Team SEC in 2000 while Shane Hall was 2nd Team SEC last year and they have 4 players who have started 13 or more games in their careers. I'll call this unit on par with last year's fine unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - SC made a switch to the 3-4 defense in 2000 and only had to replace one starter with 2 NFL caliber DL's returning. Last year they had to replace both of those DL's but had 4 of the top 6 returning and got a top-notch JUCO transfer. However, that top-notch JUCO, PS#23 Shaun Smith reported out of shape and was not much of a factor. Word out of SC this spring was that he is in better shape and will have a much bigger impact. Last year's group only had 1 starter returning and they allowed 3.6 ypc rushing, which was down from 3.2 the previous year and the team recorded just 20 sacks. This year they lose DE John Stamper (#6DC of TB, 12 sts, 37 tkls, 3 sks) but had 4 of the top 6 returning. Langston Moore is the strongest player on the team with a 455 bench and Quinn is a 2 year starter. Randy Jackson is a super JUCO this year and I list the rest of the 2 deep below, including Jason Capers (6-4 265 So) who is NFL caliber. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year and with the expected impact of Jackson (PS#8JC) and Shaun Smith, you may see more 4 man fronts this year.

LINEBACKERS - SC plays a 3-3-5 defense but I include one of the SPUR positions (hybrid S/LB) in the LB write-up. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup due to graduation but then lost starting ILB Shannon Wadley to a knee injury prior to the season. They did have their star returning in Kalimba Edwards, who was a 3rd Team AA in 2000 and 2nd Team AA last year. This year they must replace OLB Edwards (#2DC of DET, 79 tkls, 3.5 tfl), ILB Kenny Harney (11 sts, 86 tkls, 2 sks) and SLB Willie Offord (#3DC of MIN, 12 sts, 84 tkls). They do have a good number of VHT's in the mix and I expect two players who were not on hand in the spring to contend for starting jobs in Ricardo Hurley (PS#3LB) and Darel Slay (PS#3JC). I list a talented 2 deep below. Gause played in Edwards' spot for the bowl, but was moved back to DE at the end of spring which makes me think they could use a 4 man front at times. While this has the makings of a solid group, it is less experienced, and I'll call it weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 SC finished #11 in my pass D rankings with 20 int's. Last year basically everyone returned but surprisingly they dropped to #39 as they allowed 57.5% with a 14-14 ratio. This year they do suffer some losses with 3 starters departing. Gone are both starting CB's, Andre Goodman (#3DC of DET, 11 sts, 3 int, 8 pbu, 2nd Tm SEC) and Sheldon Brown (#2DC of PHI, 1st Tm SEC, 3 int, 12 pbu). They also must replace starting FS Antione Nesmith (10 sts, 79 tkls, 2 tfl), CB Kevin House (1 st, 15 tkls) and DB Jamie Scott (9 tkls). Three players return with starting experience and they bring in 3 top-notch JUCO's this year who I immediately project into the 2 deep, but they must wait to join the team until fall. With the loss of both starting corners (both high NFL picks), this unit is clearly less experienced and looks weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Brad Scott's final year here the special teams finished #28 in my special teams rankings but they struggled in both of Lou Holtz's first years, finishing #86 and #79 in my special teams rankings. Last year most of the key players returned with punter Tyeler Dean greatly improving his average from 39.4 to 42.4, (net went from 35.2 to 38.0). He returns. Kicker Dan Weaver missed most of 2000 after suffering a broken hip. Weaver hit a solid 13 of 17 FG's with a long of 43 in 2001, which was a huge improvement from Holtz's first year when Lou hesitated even trying FG's at times. Weaver also has depth behind him as Josh Brown (PS#13) set a Maryland record with 12 FG's and a long of 53 as a HS junior. The top returnman, Ryan Brewer is back but his numbers were down last year as he is a steady, dependable player who lacks speed. True frosh Williamson (PS#17) may make an impact here. Chavez Donnings got in one PR for 22 yards and I expect improvement in the return area as well. Holtz has named this unit the "mean team" and he selects 24 players who are "allowed" to participate on special teams. Last year they finished #63 and this should be Holtz's best finish in four years here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Lou Holtz took over a very weak program which had been 1-10 the year before and promptly went 0-11 in his first season but the defense allowed just 308 ypg that year. I called them one of the most underrated teams in the SEC in 2000 and they simply went 8-4 including a bowl victory over Ohio St. They did so despite having just 10 scholarship seniors. Last year they were a much stronger team with 17 returning starters and just 14 lettermen lost. Despite a tough schedule last year, SC was able to improve to 9-3 overall, once again beating Ohio St in the Outback Bowl. They went 5-3 in SEC play but only outgained SEC foes by an average of 6.3 ypg and outscored them by only 3.6 ppg. They had 5 wins during the year by 5 points or less and they were outgained in victories over Georgia, Miss St and Bama. In fact, in the beginning of the season, SC stood 5-0 SU but were actually outgained by their opponents at that point. The 17 wins the team has accumulated the last 2 years are the most in school history but last year's team had 19 seniors on it. SC must do the most rebuilding in the SEC this year as they have just 9 starters returning which is the fewest and they benefitted from +8 in turnovers last year which almost qualified them for the "Turnovers=Turnaround" article (page 295). The team plays before rabid fans and have sold out all of their home games prior to the year for 5 straight years. Last year SC finished 13th in the polls and after the season, Holtz said that despite the losses this year's team will be a stronger edition. Last year they were nationally ranked the entire season for the first time in school history. SC must break in a new QB and you can look for much more option in the offense with Corey Jenkins and Dondrial Pinkins running the show and they should resemble the Tony Rice days of Notre Dame when Holtz was in charge there. It may be tough for them to beat last year's 25.8 ppg offensive average. Defensively just 4 starters return and the back 7 is the major question mark there. After allowing foes just 17.1 ppg the last 2 years, they may be a step behind that as well. The schedule is kind as they travel to both Vanderbilt and Kentucky which are winnable road games so if they take care of business at home they should be able to achieve at least 6 SEC wins and can sweep the non-conf schedule. It should be another big year for SC and they have a shot at topping last year's 9 win total which would be especially impressive in a rebuilding year.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Corey Jenkins Sr. 6-2 220 PS#26JC, 313 yds rush, 24 passes LY. Dondrial Pinkins PS#25. 3 gms as true but RS. 7 games LY. 7 passes, 69 yds rush. Athlete, strong arm.

FB Andrew Pinnock Sr. 6-0 255 PS#13. Power runner. 2 sts, 261 yds (3.6) as true. 4 sts, 406 yds (3.7) in 2000. 5 sts LY #1 w/622 (5.4). Regis Edgerson (PS#39). Thez Robinson PS#65.

HB RYAN BREWER SR. 5-10 215 PS#86. 3 sts, 163 rush as true. 10 sts at WR in 2000, 36 rec (11.6). 10 sts LY, 37 rec (9.5), 186 rush. Andrea Gause (5-9 190 So) PS#143. 7 rec, 2 sts LY.

WR CHAVEZ DONNINGS SR. 5-11 185 PS#16JC. Late signee LY, 2 sts, 6 rec then broke wrist. **Matthew Thomas** (6-1 180 So) PS#73. 6 sts, 18 rec (13.0) as true. Charles Ben is PS#22.

WR James Adkisson Sr. 6-5 215 **PS#129JC. 6-5 & 4.4 spd!** 4 sts in 2000, 17 rec (13.4), 2 rec LY but inj & RS. Troy Williamson is **PS#17**. **Ricky Ricks** PS#166JC. RS LY.

TE Hart Turner Jr. 6-5 240 PS#47. 1 rec as true. 2 sts LY, 11 games, 0 rec. Fran Person (6-6 245 rFr) PS#163. Andy Boyd is PS#44. Justin McGuire (6-2 277 Jr).

C CJ Frye Sr. 6-2 315 PS#53DL. 1 st @ DT as true, 7 tkls. 9 sts at RG in 2000. 4 sts at LG LY & also C. **John Strickland** (6-5 295 So) PS#292OL, 5 gms at C/OG LY.

RG SHANE HALL SR. 6-6 300 PS#123. 2 sts at LG as **true**, 5 games. 2 sts in 2000. 11 sts at OG & OT in 2001, **2nd Tm SEC**. Josh Malloy (6-5 325 rFr) PS#136DL.

LG CEDRIC WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 300 PS#305DL. 10 sts at LT as rFr. 9 sts at LG in 2001, **1st Tm SEC.** 8 sts LY, lost starting job. Jeff Barnes (6-4 280 Jr) PS#193DL. 1 st, 12 gms, 2Y.

RT Watts Sanderson Sr. 6-6 300 PS#253DL. 2 sts @ OT in 1999, 15 games L/2Y. Jonathan Alston (6-5 276 So) PS#109DL. 12 tkls at DT in 2000. Jabari Levey is PS#72OL.

LT TRAVELLE WHARTON JR. 6-4 300 PS#244. 10 sts at LT as **true**, missed 2 inj. 11 sts at LT LY. Chad Walker (6-4 305 So) PS#164. Na'Shan Goddard (6-6 270 rFr) PS#80DL. +20 lbs.

K DAN WEAVER JR. 6-1 205 PS#34K. 1 of 2 FG's as true. 13 of 17 FG's in 2001, long of 43, 33 of 36 on xp's. Josh Brown (6-2 197 rFr) PS13K. Had 53 yard FG in HS.

DEFENSE

DE DENNIS QUINN SR. 6-4 265 PS#142LB. 20 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, 38 tkls, 2 sks. 8 sts LY, 2 sks. Brian Brownlee (6-3 245 So) PS#87LB. 5 tkls LY. Moe Thompson **PS#14TE.**

NG LANGSTON MOORE SR. 6-2 290 PS#143. 7 sts on OL as true. 1 st, 21 tkls, 7 tfl in 2000. 12 sts, 56 tkls, 3 tfl LY. 455 bench. **Preston Thorne** (6-0 275 So) **PS#54.** 1 st, 12 tkls LY.

DE Shaun Smith Sr. 6-3 310 **PS#23JC.** 11 tkls, 1 tfl LY. **Randy Jackson PS#8JC** in fall. Jason Capers PS#17TE. 4 tkls LY. Ron John-Finn (6-4 285 So) PS#206, 1 tkl LY.

OLB George Gause So. 6-5 255 **PS#10DL.** 1 st (bowl) as true, 24 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl. Travis Weston (6-1 225 rFr) PS#105LB. 4.5 speed. James Scott (6-3 230 rFr) PS#109DL.

MLB Darel Slay Jr. 6-4 250 **PS#3JC** in fall. **Jeremiah Garrison** (6-1 225 Jr) PS#217. 17 tkls as true. 3 sts LY, 45 tkls, 1 int. Rod Thomas (6-1 235 Sr) 2 sts, 42 tkls, 3Y.

OLB JERMAINE LEMON SR. 6-0 225 PS#71JC. 11 sts here, 91 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl, 5 pbu. **Ricardo Hurley** is **PS#3LB.** Lance Laury (6-2 225 rFr) PS#193. Lenny Williams (6-4 220 Sr).

SLB Jonathan Martin Sr. 5-11 215 PS#56RB 2 sts, 117 tkls, 8 tfl, in 2 yrs. Rod Wilson (6-2 210 So) PS#29QB. QB/WR in 2001 in 9 gms. Steven Kennedy (6-0 230) PS#337.

CB Dunta Robinson Jr. 6-0 180 PS#191. 15 tkls, 2Y. Corey Peoples (6-2 200 Jr) PS#112JC. Rachiem Monroe (5-9 185 So) PS#91. 3 tkls as true. Ted Crawford (5-10 175 Jr) 10 tkls LY.

CB Taqiy Muhammad Jr. 5-11 172 PS#40JC. Issac Stackhouse (5-10 190 Sr) PS#40QB. 3 tkls LY. Brian Elam (5-10 175 Sr) PS#109. 32 tkls, 3Y. Frederick Bennett is PS#90.

SS RASHAD FAISON SR. 5-9 190 PS#55. 6 sts, 52 tkls as rFr. 12 sts, 99 tkls, 13 tfl, 11 pbu in 2000. **2nd Tm SEC**, 104 tkls, 9.5 tfl LY. Jamacia Jackson (6-1 210 So) PS#58RB. 9 gms LY.

FS DeAndre' Eiland Jr. 6-0 200 PS#170. 5 sts as true, 56 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu. 4 sts in 2001, 46 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Hurdler on track team. Jermaine Harris is PS#105JUCO.

P TYELER DEAN SR. 5-10 195 PS#38K. 53 punts in 2000, 39.4 average, 35.2 net. 47 punts in 2001, 42.4 avg, **net of 38.0**. Josh Brown PS#13K is a solid punter.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Ricardo Hurley	6-3 235 PS#3
LB	Darel Slay	6-4 250 PS#3JC
WR	Troy Williamson	5-2 185 PS#17
DL	Randy Jackson	6-4 270 PS#8JC
WR	Charles Ben	6-1 185 PS#22
RB	Regis Edgerson	6-1 210 PS#39
DB	Taqiy Muhammad	5-11 172 PS#40JC
TE	Moe Thompson	6-3 251 PS#14
RB	Kenny Irons	5-11 180 PS#44
QB	Tremaine Tyler	6-0 175 PS#41
OL	Jabari Levey	6-7 295 PS#72
QB	Aryhel Freeman	6-2 180 PS#44
WR	D'Von Hill	6-4 202 PS#67
OL	Stephen Sene	6-6 280 PS#97

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								USC is 4-0 ATS as a dog of 27 or more since 1996. Gamecocks are 18-6 ATS their last 24 sandwiched home games.
Aug. 31	New Mexico St	G						Lou Holtz is 39-26-2 ATS as a home favorite. South Carolina is 4-2 SU but 1-3-1 ATS in home openers.
Sep. 7	at Virginia	G						USC is 8-4-1 ATS as a favorite under Sweet Lou. Gamecocks are 10-18-1 ATS in their last 29 Sept games (6-2-1 L2Y).
Sep. 14	Georgia	G						South Carolina is 12-4 ATS in their 3rd lined game of the year since 1986. The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 meetings.
Sep. 21	Temple	G						Gamecocks are 9-3-1 ATS their last 13 as a double digit favorite. USC is 6-12 ATS in their 2nd straight home game, but 2-1 ATS the L/3.
Sep. 28	at Vanderbilt	G						South Carolina is 9-1 ATS the last 10 meetings with Vanderbilt. Pending 9/7: Gamecocks are 7-8 SU & 10-5 ATS in sandwiched AG's S/'94.
Oct. 5	Miss St (HC)	G						The underdog is 8-2 ATS in this series. S Carolina is 3-6 SU vs the Bulldogs with 3 shutout losses in that span.
Oct. 12	at Kentucky	G						Pending LW, SC is 20-10 ATS in their last 30 October games. The visiting team has controlled this series with an 8-2 ATS mark.
Oct. 19	at LSU	G						Gamecocks are 8-3 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1993. Lou Holtz is just 5-10 ATS his last 15 games prior to a bye.
Oct. 26								
Nov. 2	Tennessee	G						S Carolina is 9-5 ATS after a bye, Holtz is 10-5 ATS his last 15. USC has covered 5 of their last 7 as a home underdog.
Nov. 9	Arkansas	G						Pending LW, USC is 3-12 the L/15 & 6-20 ATS the L/26 in November gms. The home team has covered 7 of the last 9 series meetings.
Nov. 16	at Florida	G						USC has played Fla every yr S/'92 & is 0-10 SU, but 5-5 ATS over that period. UF has outscored SC by an avg of 41-16 with an avg line of SC +21.5.
Nov. 23	at Clemson	G						South Carolina is 4-5-1 SU, but 8-2 ATS their last 10 trips to Clemson. Only 4 of the last 16 meetings have been decided by 3 or less points.
Nov. 30								Bonus: South Carolina has played Clemson every year since 1909!!

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4th Year at South Carolina

Holtz's records AT S CAROLINA

17-18	Straight Up	5-3-1	Home Favorite
17-14-1	Vs The Spread	5-4	Home Dog
7-8	Off A S/U Loss	3-1	Away Favorite
13-11	Vs Conference	4-6	Away Dog
		4-3-1	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (16,16,2)
Lost: 19 (10,8,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,614

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Straight Up	4-6-1	6-5	5-6	1-10	0-11	7-4	8-3	31-45-1
ATS	5-6	8-2	5-6	3-8	4-7	8-3	5-4-1	38-36-1
Home Fav	3-1	1-1	2-1	0-3	0-1	3-0	2-2-1	11-9-1
Home Dog	1-2	2-1	0-3	0-3	3-2	2-1	0-1	8-13
Away Fav	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	6-3
Away Dog	1-3	3-0	2-1	3-1	1-4	1-2	2-0	13-11
Favorite	3-1	3-1	3-2	0-4	0-1	5-0	3-3-1	17-12-1
Dog	2-5	5-1	2-4	3-4	4-6	3-3	2-1	21-24
Grass	5-6	7-2	5-6	3-7	4-7	8-3	5-4-1	37-35-1
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-5	7-1	4-4	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-3	30-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	3-0	0-1-1	8-10-1
Off SU Win	2-2	4-1	3-2	0-1	0-0	5-2	4-3	18-11
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-1	2-3	3-6	4-6	2-1	1-1	18-21

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andrew Pinnock	**115**	**626**	**4**	**622**	**12**	**5.4**
Derek Watson	139	671	53	618	5	4.4
Corey Jenkins	**59**	**313**	**10**	**303**	**3**	**5.1**
Phil Petty	82	309	94	215	3	2.6
Ryan Brewer	**36**	**191**	**5**	**186**	**0**	**5.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Phil Petty	288	164	56.9	1926	12	7
Corey Jenkins	**24**	**11**	**45.8**	**194**	**0**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brian Scott	47	730	15.5	5	43
Ryan Brewer	**37**	**352**	**9.5**	**2**	**60**
Derek Watson	27	218	8.1	2	27
Matthew Thomas	**18**	**234**	**13.0**	**0**	**58**
Corey Alexander	11	177	16.1	1	66

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Tyeler Dean	**47**	**1993**	**42.4**	**–**	**38.0**	**0**	**11**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Daniel Weaver	**7-8**	**2-4**	**4-5**	**0-0**	**13-17**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rashad Faison	**104**	**2**	**7.5**	**7**	**1**
Jermaine Lemon	**91**	**2**	**3**	**5**	**0**
Kenny Harney	86	2	.5	1	1
Willie Offord	84	1	1	2	1
Kalimba Edwards	79	2	1.5	1	0
Antione Nesmith	79	1	1	1	1
Jonathan Martin	**64**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Sheldon Brown	57	0	1.5	12	3
Langston Moore	**56**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
DeAndré Eiland	**46**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**2**
Jeremiah Garrison	**45**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Andre Goodman	43	0	1	8	3
John Stamper	37	3	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Brewer	**18**	**99**	**5.5**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Brewer	**18**	**365**	**20.3**	**0**
Derek Watson	13	384	29.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Gator	-3'	LSU	13-30	L
88	Liberty	+3	Indiana	10-34	L
94	Carquest	+2	W Virginia	24-21	W
00	Outback	+6'	Ohio St	24-7	W
01	Outback	-1	Ohio St	31-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	25.8	19	181	4.5	178	55.8	13.9	+8	2001	7	19.2	18	138	3.6	194	57.5	17.3
8*	23.6	19	162	4.3	208	53.4	15.7	+5	2000	7	15.1	17	113	3.2	191	54.9	20.2
6	7.9	13	90	2.3	139	41.9	28.9	-4	1999	7	25.3	16	146	3.9	162	56.1	12.2
7*	18.8	21	124	3.3	231	51.9	18.9	-13	1998	5	30.0	20	179	4.5	218	59.4	13.2
7*	23.5	18	124	3.1	204	52.4	14.0	+8	1997	7	25.4	17	132	4.0	212	52.3	13.6
5	22.3	19	179	4.0	176	53.0	15.9	+5	1996	6	21.6	17	150	4.2	164	44.8	14.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Boise St	20	41-172	4.2	18-26	220	0	13	26-91	3.5	18-32	162	2	0
at Georgia	13	36-43	1.2	19-29	193	4	19	39-113	2.9	21-35	169	2	+1
at Mississippi St	15	46-238	5.2	7-16	60	1	23	34-119	3.5	27-46	261	2	+2
Alabama	17	23-68	3.0	19-34	291	1	30	58-285	4.9	20-25	231	2	+1
Kentucky	21	43-237	5.5	12-19	165	1	16	30-138	4.6	20-36	188	1	+4
at Arkansas	12	28-113	4.0	12-32	159	2	14	48-162	3.4	8-20	62	0	-2
Vanderbilt	34	63-356	5.7	17-27	300	1	8	28-68	2.4	7-20	126	1	+1
at Tennessee	14	33-157	4.8	14-28	108	1	15	39-87	2.2	14-23	211	5	0
Wofford	26	40-247	6.2	20-30	209	0	17	54-207	3.8	8-14	80	0	0
Florida	14	43-207	4.8	7-17	57	2	26	31-170	5.5	22-34	312	1	-1
Clemson	19	55-215	3.9	14-24	152	0	16	31-146	4.7	15-29	204	1	+1
†Ohio St	17	36-120	3.3	19-37	227	3	21	35-64	1.8	22-37	324	3	+1
TOTALS	222	487-2173	4.5	178-319	2141	16	218	453-1650	3.6	202-351	2330	20	+8
AVERAGES	18.5	41-181	4.5	15-27	178	1.3	18.2	38-138	3.6	17-29	194	1.7	0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-19	33-31	L
at Georgia	+6	15-31	L
at E Carolina	E/+1	26-0	W
at Mississippi St	-3	17-37	L
Auburn	+7'	6-23	L
Kentucky	-1'	38-24	W
at Arkansas	-1'	39-13	W
Vanderbilt	-12	35-3	W
at Tennessee	+21'	7-22	W
Florida	+17	21-48	L
Clemson	+1	21-47	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-19'	38-20	L
Georgia	+5'	3-17	L
Marshall	-5	21-24	L
Mississippi St	-2'	0-38	L
at Mississippi	+9'	28-30	W
at Kentucky	+14	28-33	W
Arkansas	+7	28-41	L
at Vanderbilt	-6'	14-17	L
Tennessee	+17	14-49	L
at Florida	+31'	14-33	W
at Clemson	+5'	19-28	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina St	+7'	0-10	L
at Georgia	+14'	9-24	L
E Carolina	-1	3-21	L
at Mississippi St	+13'	0-17	L
Mississippi	+6'	10-36	L
Kentucky	+7'	10-30	L
at Arkansas	+22'	14-48	L
Vanderbilt	+4'	10-11	W
at Tennessee	+33'	7-30	W
Florida	+27	3-20	W
Clemson	+14	21-31	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-9	31-0	W
Georgia	+10	21-10	W
E Michigan	-23	41-6	W
Mississippi St	+1	23-19	W
at Alabama	+9'	17-27	L
at Kentucky	-2'	20-17	W
Arkansas	-7	27-7	W
at Vanderbilt	-6'	30-14	W
Tennessee	+1'	14-17	L
at Florida	+14	21-41	L
at Clemson	+7'	14-16	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-19	32-13	T
at Georgia	-2	14-9	W
at Mississippi St	+3	16-14	W
Alabama	-6	37-36	L
Kentucky	-21'	42-6	W
at Arkansas	-9	7-10	L
Vanderbilt	-16'	46-14	W
at Tennessee	+7'	10-17	W
Wofford	NL	38-14	–
Florida	+12	17-54	L
Clemson	-5'	20-15	L

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

WR Fred Gibson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - With Quincy Carter moving on to the NFL, the Bulldogs had one experienced QB last year in Cory Phillips (6-1 214 Sr) who had five starts (3-2 record) in 2000 while throwing for 1,306 yards (57.5%) with a 9-7 ratio. Phillips was a walk-on QB who had the strongest arm of all of the QB's on the team in 2000, but he only rushed for 10 yards (not mobile). He did throw for 400 yards vs UK in his 1st start that year and tied a UGA record with 36 completions against GT. David Greene (PS#31) won a 3 way battle for the QB spot last year. In the opener he and Phillips split time but Greene hit his first 11 passes and was much more impressive, leading the team to scoring drives on 6 of their first 8 possessions. He is the 1st left handed QB to start here in 45 years. Greene's best moment came against Tennessee on the road when he guided the team to a TD with :05 left to give the team its first win in Knoxville since '80. He threw for 303 yards in that game. Greene set UGA frosh passing records by throwing for 3,077 yards (59.1%) with an 18-11 ratio and he was the SEC Frosh of the Year. In Greene's first 6 starts he threw for 1,724 yards with an 11-4 ratio but in his last 6 threw for only 1,353 with a 6-6 ratio. Richt was leaning towards playing VHT signee DJ Shockley (PS#3). Shockley has 4.55 speed and Richt says he is everything that he thought he would be and coaches like their own recruits. Shockley has a very good chance at beating Greene out for the starting job and it may start like last year where the two alternate early until one takes charge. All 3 QB's are back and the group has more experience, and I will call it stronger.

RUNNING BACKS - The Denver Broncos have taken a couple of UGA RB's in the middle rounds of the NFL draft and prospered with both Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary. UGA has had some VHT signees in this group but none have lived up to the high expectations. In 2000 their leading rusher had just 404 yards. Much has been expected of Musa Smith (PS#14) but he has been plagued with injuries the last 2 years. Last season Musa (crowd chants "Moooose" when he carries the ball) rushed for 158 yards in the opener and followed that up with 76 and 95 yard efforts but he was held to 49 yds vs Tenn and suffered a hip/groin injury the next week vs Vandy. After averaging 110 ypg in the first 3 he would gain just 224 yards the rest of the year. Jasper Sanks (PS#2) had just 338 yards and was dismissed from the team late in the year. Albert Hollis (PS#2) suffered a torn knee ligament in the spring and missed last year. True frosh Mike Gilliam (5-9 180 So, PS#78RB) took off his redshirt vs Kentucky due to the RB injuries. Late in the year Richt handed the TB job to ex-walk-on Verron Haynes. Haynes simply rushed for 192 yards against Ole Miss and then 207 vs GT and became the first back here to have four straight 100 yard efforts since Garrison Hearst in 1992. JT Wall (6-0 258 Sr) took over the starting FB role down the stretch and those two provided a big (but not fast) combo. Haynes departs (#5DC of PIT) but Smith is back along with Hollis, Tony Milton (5-11 190 rFr, PS#17), and Ronnie Powell (5-11 205 So, PS#68). The health of Smith and Hollis is a major question mark and there is a good chance that some of this year's true frosh signees could have an impact. Even with the loss of its leading rusher Haynes (823 yds, 5.4), this unit could be improved.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bulldogs only had to replace their starting TE and do so again this year. Gone are TE Randy McMichael (#4DC of MIA, 10 sts, 28, 11.7) and WR LaBrone Mitchell (3 sts, 18, 12.1). Last year they lost two key players prior to the season as WR Durell Robinson (PS#4) quit the team and WR Reggie Brown (PS#1), tore his ACL in the third game. Terrence Edwards (PS#17) is the brother of Robert and had 61 receptions in each of his first two years and is poised to become the all-time career receiving leader here (needs 38). Last year he had 3 drops against S Car and two more vs Kentucky and was actually demoted to 2nd string for a couple of games. He got 124 yards receiving vs Auburn to move back to his first string status but his receptions dropped to 40 (15.9) which still led the team. WR Damien Gary had 28 rec (13.6). The star of the unit was Fred Gibson (PS#29) who did not play much early in the season as a true frosh, but came on down the stretch and had five 100 yard receiving games (a school record). Gibson set another school record with 201 yards receiving vs Kentucky. He led the team in rec yards with 881 with an incredible 22.6 ypc. I list the TE's below and they look to be in good shape there. Not listed below is Michael Johnson (6-3 213 Jr, PS#24) who had 4 starts and 7 rec. With Gibson around for a full year and now experienced as well as hopefully the reemergence of Edwards and the recovery from injury by Brown, this looks like one of the SEC's better receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2000 unit allowed just 15 sacks but only paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing. When Mark Richt took over last year he had only 9 scholarship OL's on the roster. They had to replace two starters and one backup last year but did have three VHT starters. This year four regulars return to the front wall including all three VHT starters. In fact, if the projected lineup remains intact, the Bulldogs will have 5 senior OL starters for the first time since at least 1960 when the school began keeping records of starters. The only losses are C Curt McGill (12 sts, 2nd Tm SEC) and backup OT Clint Larkin. The team played just 7 OL's for the majority of the year until injuries cropped up late in the season. I list the 2 deep below and even two of the backups are VHT's. They paved the way for a 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 19 sacks. This unit has good size (starters averaged 306.4 in spring), experience and talent and should be one of the SEC's best units.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace their super DT combination of Marcus Stroud and Richard Seymour, both of whom were #1 picks in the NFL draft, as well as a backup. They then were hit hard by injuries during the season as starting DE Bruce Adrine went down to injuries after 7 starts and tragically DT David Jacobs suffered a stroke with 4 games left, ending his career. At the time Jacobs was #4 on the team in tackles and led the team in tfl and pressures. They used six different starting alignments last year due to injuries and three true frosh saw action in the opener and played significantly. This year they lose both Adrine and Jacobs as well as DE Charles Grant (11 sts, 66 tkls, 6 sks, 2nd Tm SEC, #1DC of NO), DE Terin Smith (6 tkls, 1 tfl), DE Josh Mallard (#7DC of IND, 23 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl) and DT Ben Lowe (2 tkls). Three players who started the final 4 games return and the defense did improve down the stretch. Overall this group has as much experience as it did heading into last season and does have some solid freshmen coming in including two who attended Hargrave Military last year and combined for 85 tackles and 16 sacks there in Darrius Swain (PS#20TE) and Preston Pannell (PS#200). With the added talent, I'll call this unit improved.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace a #2 DC of the NFL but had 5 of their top 6 LB's returning and got the addition of Boss Bailey who missed 2000 due to injury. Starter Will Witherspoon did miss two games, allowing Chris Clemons a chance to start (8 tkls vs Tenn). This year the only losses are WLB Witherspoon (#3DC of CAR, 10 sts, 45 tkls, 5 tfl), MLB Adrian Hollingshed (12 tkls, 1 tfl) and WLB Ryan Fleming (11 tkls). Gilbert, who was the defensive MVP last year, is trying to become the first Bulldog ILB since tackle stats were kept to lead the team in tackles for 3 straight years. Even with the loss of Witherspoon, this unit looks just as capable as last year's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Georgia has always fared well in my pass defense rankings as since 1997 they have ranked #19 and #16 (with Champ Bailey) and then #37 and #26 the next two years. Last year they only had to replace 1.5 starters but despite three returning starters, they dropped to #51, allowing 59.1% with a 17-12 ratio and 240.7 ypg. This year the losses are heavier as they must replace their #2, #3 and #5 tacklers. The lone returning full-time starter, Bruce Thornton, adjusted well in his first year at CB (was RB). Decory Bryant took over the starting role late in the year when Tim Wansley was injured. Kentrell Curry also has some starting experience and there are 3 VHT's in the mix. Gone are Wansley (#7DC of TB, 10 sts, 69 tkls, 1st Tm SEC), SS Jermaine Phillips (#5DC of TB, 12 sts, 92 tkls, 9 pbu), FS Terreal Bierria (#4DC of SEA, 10 sts, 75 tkls, 5 pbu) and CB Dantra Clements (8 tkls, 1 st) who transferred. I list the 2 deep below. While last year's group did not perform as well as expected, this year's is clearly less experienced, especially after losing 3 NFL draftees.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 5 of Jim Donnan's first 6 years UGA finished in the bottom of my special teams rankings but in his final year they finished #13. Last year they had everyone back from that top-notch group. Overall the unit went from allowing 17.7 on KR's to 20.6 and Brett Kirouac finished the year with 20 TB's on KO's. Punter Jonathan Kilgo has been amazing. His NET punting average last year was 40.7 (#3 in SEC). I list him as a prime contender for the Ray Guy Award. Their top PR, Damien Gary, averaged a nifty 11.3 per return and top KR, Fred Gibson, averaged 26.8. Overall Georgia finished #5 in my special teams rankings and they will contend for the #1 honors this year with everyone back.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Surprisingly Jim Donnan got fired after 4 consecutive bowl victories and last year Mark Richt inherited a veteran team that had 14 starters back and just 17 lettermen lost. Probably the biggest knock against Donnan was the failure to beat rivals Tennessee, Florida and Georgia Tech but Richt, in his first year, managed 2 wins vs the Big 3. They upset higher ranked Tennessee and GT on the road. Richt pointed out that Georgia has more rivals than most teams, as other fans consider Florida, S Caro and Clemson to be their main rivals. Last year the team did achieve an 8-4 record which set a school record for 5 straight years with 8 or more wins. They could have had more but a couple of questionable decisions by Richt might have kept them from double digit wins. He called a run into the middle of the line with :15 left vs Auburn and UGA was not able to get off another play from the goal line, and then vs BC in the bowl with 1:34 left he elected to punt when down by 4 points. The offense will be led by either David Greene or DJ Shockley at QB. Greene engineered the come from behind win at Tennessee, getting a TD with :44 left in a very tough stadium for a frosh QB. If RB's Smith and Hollis return healthy, they should be potent on that side of the ball, led by a top-notch O-line, and outscore last year's 27.6 ppg. I rate them the 3rd best offense in the SEC. Defensively the losses are somewhat heavy with just 5 starters back and 12 lettermen lost. Last year Brian VanGorder was their 4th DC in 4 years and at one point in the season they allowed 501.3 ypg to Tenn, Vandy, Kentucky and Florida but then tightened up down the stretch and Ole Miss had just 261 total yards, GT 242, Houston 237, and BC barely topped 300 yards in the bowl. While I like that defensive improvement down the stretch, I think overall the team will have a tough time matching last year's 19.0 ppg allowed. Last year the team had only 3 true SEC road games (Florida was at a neutral site) and this year they have only 3 true SEC home games so a lot will depend on how they fare on the road. If the defense comes around quickly, and the QB situation is settled early, this team should get to its 6th straight year of 8 or more wins and does have the potential to be a contender in the SEC East should they knock off Tennessee at home.

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OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB DAVID GREENE SO. 6-3 213 *PS#31. 12 sts as rFr, 3077 yards (59%), 18-11 ratio, 143 rush, SEC Fr of the Yr. DJ Shockley (6-1 186 rFr) PS#3. Cory Phillips (6-1 214 Sr).*

TB MUSA SMITH JR. 6-1 226 *PS#14. 3 sts as true (inj) 367 yds (4.4). 5 sts LY (inj) 553 yds (4.6). Albert Hollis (5-11 197 So) PS#2, knee? Tony Milton (5-11 190 rFr) PS#17.*

FB J.T. Wall Sr. 6-0 258 *465 yds (3.6) at SW Baptist U in '98. 450 yds (3.8) in '99. 3 sts here LY, 69 yds (3.8). Michael Cooper is PS#32. Sharard Pritchett (5-10 230 So).*

WR TERRENCE EDWARDS SR. 6-1 169 *#1 in rec 3Y. 61 rec (14.2) in '99, 61 rec (12.8) in 2000, 40 rec (15.9) LY. **Reggie Brown** (6-2 195 So) PS#1. 4.38 spd, 14 rec as rFr. 6 LY until inj. RS.*

WR FRED GIBSON SO. 6-4 180 *PS#29. No rec in 1st 3 then 39 rec (**22.6**) L/9 as true, 3 sts, HM SEC. **Damien Gary** (5-11 175 Jr) PS#27, 40 rec (15.1) in 2000, 28 rec (13.6), 9 sts LY.*

TE Benjamin Watson Jr. 6-3 251 *PS#18TE. 2 sts at Duke in '99. 8 rec (11.6) as true. 3 sts here LY, 11 rec (17.0), 530 bench! Robert Brannon (6-4 233 Jr) PS#31, 10 gms in 2000.*

C Ian Knight Sr. 6-4 283 *PS#22TE. Lettered in 2000. Backup at C and LG in 2001 with 1 start. Split time with Alex Jackson. Russ Tanner (6-4 285 rFr) was PS#31.*

RG KEVIN BREEDLOVE SR. 6-4 305 *PS#2. 10 sts as true, 674 of 831 plays. 12 sts in 2000, HM SEC. 11 sts in 2001. Chris Hewitt (6-6 286 Jr) PS#33DL, 1 st at RG LY, 2 letters.*

LG ALEX JACKSON SR. 6-4 345 *PS#16. 2nd string as true. Top reserve OL in 2000. 11 starts at LG in 2001, 3 letters. Josh Brock (6-4 309 Fr) PS#70. In for spring.*

RT JON STINCHCOMB SR. 6-6 277 *PS#5. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts in 2000, **2nd Tm SEC**. 10 sts LY (3 at LT), **1st Tm SEC (AP)**. Kareem Marshall (6-6 325 Sr) PS#97JC, 5 sts here LY at RT.*

LT GEORGE FOSTER SR. 6-6 322 *PS#99DL. 1 start as rFr, 12 games. Top reserve here in 2000. 9 starts in 2001 (inj 3). 3 letters. Dennis Roland (6-7 287 rFr) PS#157OL.*

K BILLY BENNETT JR. 5-8 165 *PS#78K. Hit 14 of 15 FG's, long of 49 as true, lone miss was 50 yards. 18 of 26 LY, long of 55. 6 of 8 from 40-49 but only 4-9 from 30-39.*

DE DAVID POLLACK SO. 6-2 274 *PS#63. 5 starts as true, 42 tackles, 2 sks, 3 tfl, 9 QBH. Darrell Holmes (6-3 271 rFr) was PS#32. Marcus Jackson (6-3 235 Fr) is PS#23.*

DT JOHNATHAN SULLIVAN JR. 6-4 304 *PS#50. Hargrave in '99. 35 tkls, 3 tfl as true in 2000. 11 sts, 53 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 15 QBH LY. Gerald Anderson (6-3 334 rFr) PS#172, 2 gms until inj.*

NG Ken Veal Jr. 6-2 304 *PS#43DL. Started last 4 in 2001, 26 tkls, 1 tfl. Shedrick Wynn (6-3 262 Jr) was PS#56, 13 tkls, 1 tfl, 6 QBH LY. Kedric Golston is PS#3DL.*

DE Robert Geathers So. 6-4 248 *PS#28TE. 12 gms as **true**, 16 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Nic Clemons (6-6 250 Sr) #63JC, 3 tkls LY (inj). Will Thompson (6-2 235 So) PS#104. 7 tkls, 2 tfl LY.*

WLB Chris Clemons Jr. 6-3 223 *PS#281WR. 1 st as true, 14 tkls. 3 sts LY, 50 tkls, 2 tfl. Derrick Holloway (6-3 221 So) PS#68. 2 tkls as rFr. **Marquis Elmore** was PS#15DL LY.*

MLB TONY GILBERT SR. 6-1 242 *PS#128, 18 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 11 sts in 2000. #1 w/102 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts LY, #1 w/109 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl, 7 QBH, 400 bench. Derrick White (6-3 224 rFr) PS#163.*

SLB BOSS BAILEY SR. 6-4 218 *PS#14. 26 tkls as true. 12 sts in '99, 69 tkls. RS in 2000. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 71 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 int, 6 pbu, 10 QBH. Matt Redding (6-2 233 So) PS#66QB.*

CB BRUCE THORNTON JR. 5-11 192 *PS#12RB. 1 st at RB as rFr, 230 yards (4.9). Moved to CB LY, 10 sts, 37 tkls, 8 pbu. Brandon Williams (5-10 177 Sr) PS#179JC. 13 tkls, 3 pbu. 1 int here LY.*

CB Decory Bryant Jr. 6-0 185 *PS#122. 11 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr. 4 sts LY, 15 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Kenny Bailey (5-11 188 Jr) was RB. Ryan Davis (5-11 191 Sr) PS#193QB, 9 tkls, 2Y.*

ROV Sean Jones So. 6-1 201 *PS#35QB. Moved to safety as rFr, 39 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. Greg Blue (6-2 201 So) PS#81, PQ last year. Burt Jones (6-0 200 Sr) 10 tkls in 2001.*

FS Kentrell Curry Jr. 6-2 193 *PS#42. 26 tackles as rFr. 2 starts last year, 25 tackles, 3 pbu. Thomas Davis (6-3 219 rFr) PS#258. Moved from LB to FS in spring.*

P JONATHAN KILGO SR. 6-2 206 *PS#20. 20 punts (41.6) net 33.8 as true. 63 punts, 42.3 average, **39.8** net in 2000. 45 punts LY, 43.8 avg, #3 NCAA with **40.7** net.*

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DL	Kedric Golston	6-4 285 PS#3
WR	Mario Raley	6-0 175 PS#18
TE	Leonard Pope	6-7 238 PS#7
DL	Marcus Jackson	6-3 235 PS#23
RB	Reshard Dudley	5-10 208 PS#28
OL	Max Jean-Gilles	6-5 340 PS#25
RB	Michael Cooper	6-0 215 PS#32
QB	Joe Tereshinski	6-3 205 PS#21
OL	Bartley Miller	6-5 285 PS#41
DB	DeMario Minter	5-11 180 PS#35
RB	Bryan McClendon	6-1 180 PS#52
OL	Daniel Inman	6-7 300 PS#69
OL	Josh Brock	6-4 280 PS#70
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GA	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 31	Clemson	G					
Sep. 7							
Sep. 14	at S Carolina	G					
Sep. 21	Northwestern St	G					
Sep. 28	New Mexico St	G					
Oct 5	at Alabama	G					
Oct. 12	Tennessee	G					
Oct. 19	Vanderbilt	G					
Oct. 26	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 2	† Florida (Jacksonville)	G					
Nov. 9	Mississippi	G					
Nov. 16	at Auburn	G					
Nov. 23							
Nov. 30	Georgia Tech	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Georgia is 3-19 SU their last 22 vs the Gators and Vols.
Dawgs are 5-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1992.
The HT in the Arkansas series is 1-3 both SU and ATS since 1990.

Bulldogs are 22-10 ATS vs non-SEC teams since 1991.
UGA has covered only 12 of 31 as home chalk.

Bonus: UGA was 5-0 SU and ATS on the road last year.

Bulldogs are 13-6 ATS the week after a bye but 2-4 the last 3 years.
The home team has covered 12 of the last 17 meetings.

NWS is 8-13 SU all-time vs Div IA tms including an upset of TCU LY & only 6 of their losses have been by more than a TD. This is the 1st meeting ever between these 2 schools.

Pending earlier results, UGA is 16-6 SU and 13-8 ATS in Sept since 1995.
Georgia is 15-9 ATS Between the Hedges vs non-SEC teams.

UGA hasn't suffered from lookahead as they are 6-1 ATS prior to the Vols.
Georgia is 29-18-1 SU and 29-19 ATS as October guests since 1980.

Bulldogs are 12-6 ATS & 11-7 SU in games lined between +4 and -4 S/'95.
LY's 26-24 SU win was the 2nd for the Dawgs in 10 games vs UT (4-6 ATS).

Should apply: Georgia is 6-0 SU but 1-5 ATS in their L/6 Homecoming gms.
The visitor has covered 10 in a row in this series.

UGA is 8-5 ATS their last 13 in the 1st of 2 or more away games.
The home team is 9-5 ATS in the last 14 meetings.

Bulldogs are 1-11 SU and 3-9 ATS vs Florida.
UGA is 14-10-1 SU and 15-10 ATS their last 25 November games.

Georgia is 5-0 SU and 4-1 ATS their last 5 vs the Rebels.
They have outscored them 132-77 in those 5 games.

The visitor is 8-1-1 SU and 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series.
The underdog is 8-2 ATS in this battle of cats and dawgs.

Bonus: Bulldogs are 10-6 ATS the L8Y in the final 2 games of the season.
Bonus: Georgia is 7-2 ATS in their final road game of the season.

The underdog has covered 5 of the last 7 in this series.
Dawgs are 18-8 SU last 26 and 8-3 ATS their last 11 vs Georgia Tech.

MARK RICHT (Career 8-4)

2nd Year at Georgia

Richt's records AT GEORGIA

8-4	Straight Up	1-4	Home Favorite
6-5	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Dog
2-1	Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	4-0	Away Dog
		1-2	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (21,19,3)
Lost: 23 (9,12,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 86,520

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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	9-2	8-3	7-4	7-4	8-3	50-27
ATS	8-3	5-6	6-5	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	40-36
Home Fav	3-0	1-3	3-3	1-5	3-3	3-1	1-4	15-19
Home Dog	1-2	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	3-4
Away Fav	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	10-6
Away Dog	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	4-0	12-7
Favorite	4-1	2-5	5-4	4-5	4-3	4-3	2-4	25-25
Dog	4-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-3	4-1	15-11
Grass	7-3	5-6	5-5	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	38-36
Artificial	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	29-27
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	11-9
Off SU Win	4-2	2-2	4-4	3-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	22-25
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-3	2-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	15-8

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Verron Haynes	153	846	23	823	8	5.4
Musa Smith	**120**	**584**	**31**	**553**	**6**	**4.6**
Jasper Sanks	84	350	12	338	2	4.0
David Greene	**54**	**143**	**130**	**13**	**1**	**0.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
David Greene	**362**	**214**	**59.1**	**3077**	**18**	**11**
Cory Phillips	**20**	**9**	**45.0**	**140**	**2**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terrence Edwards	**40**	**637**	**15.9**	**6**	**56**
Fred Gibson	**39**	**881**	**22.6**	**7**	**68**
Damien Gary	**28**	**382**	**13.6**	**1**	**44**
Randy McMichael	28	328	11.7	1	27
Verron Haynes	20	248	12.4	2	46
LaBrone Mitchell	18	217	12.1	0	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jonathan Kilgo	**45**	**1969**	**43.8**	**8**	**40.7**	**0**	**11**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Billy Bennett	**7-7**	**4-9**	**6-8**	**1-2**	**18-26**	**55**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tony Gilbert	**109**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Jermaine Phillips	92	0	4	9	3
Terreal Bierria	75	0	5	5	0
Boss Bailey	**71**	**1**	**5**	**6**	**2**
Tim Wansley	69	0	2	9	2
Charles Grant	66	6	7	1	0
David Jacobs	55	1	9	0	0
Johnathan Sullivan	**53**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**0**
Chris Clemons	**50**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Will Witherspoon	45	1	4	1	0
David Pollack	**42**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Sean Jones	**39**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Bruce Thornton	**37**	**0**	**1**	**8**	**0**
Bruce Adrine	27	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damien Gary	**26**	**295**	**11.3**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fred Gibson	**16**	**429**	**26.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Outback	-8'	Wisconsin	33-6	W
98	Peach	+2	Virginia	35-33	W
99	Outback	+5'	Purdue (OT)	28-25	W
00	Oahu	-9'	Virginia	37-14	W
01	Music City	-4	Boston College	16-20	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

GEORGIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	27.6	22	159	4.1	272	57.8	15.6	-3	2001	7	19.0	20	116	3.2	241	59.1	18.8
8*	27.6	19	134	3.8	217	53.8	12.7	+1	2000	7	17.7	17	114	3.2	204	57.5	18.0
5*	28.0	22	159	4.0	256	56.9	14.8	+9	1999	5	25.8	20	108	3.4	286	55.4	15.2
4	24.3	20	153	4.2	247	59.8	16.4	+1	1998	5	18.5	20	142	3.7	217	56.8	19.4
8*	31.7	22	173	4.4	263	66.6	13.8	+9	1997	6	16.3	19	103	3.2	225	57.7	20.2
7*	20.1	19	135	3.6	231	51.1	17.4	-6	1996	7	23.4	21	150	3.5	203	57.0	15.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Arkansas St	29	39-212	5.4	26-38	386	0	18	41-143	3.5	17-32	180	0	0
S Carolina	19	39-113	2.9	21-35	169	2	13	36-43	1.2	19-29	193	3	-1
Arkansas	27	43-161	3.7	20-38	298	0	18	34-85	2.5	17-32	212	3	0
at Tennessee	17	28-68	2.4	21-34	303	2	22	42-197	4.7	24-40	295	0	0
at Vanderbilt	20	31-139	4.5	19-26	305	2	23	39-120	3.1	24-50	316	2	-2
Kentucky	30	43-197	4.6	23-37	394	1	30	22-116	5.3	32-54	377	1	+1
†Florida	20	36-111	3.1	25-42	258	0	29	38-177	4.7	27-35	407	1	+2
Auburn	16	27-73	2.7	16-34	302	2	21	62-179	2.9	15-25	196	7	-1
at Mississippi	22	49-268	5.5	8-14	93	2	21	20-28	1.4	35-47	233	2	0
at Georgia Tech	22	52-232	4.5	11-25	210	2	15	28-63	2.3	19-35	179	3	+1
Houston	23	45-213	4.7	14-29	256	0	14	25-46	1.8	28-46	191	4	+1
†Boston College	23	39-122	3.1	22-39	288	4	16	47-197	4.2	9-25	109	0	-4
TOTALS	268	471-1909	4.1	226-391	3262	17	240	434-1394	3.2	266-450	2888	23	-3
AVERAGES	22.3	39-159	4.1	19-33	272	1.4	20.0	36-116	3.2	22-38	241	1.9	-0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-34'	38-7	L
S Carolina	-6	31-15	W
NE Louisiana	-29'	42-3	W
Mississippi St	-11	47-0	W
at Tennessee	+9'	13-38	L
at Vanderbilt	-11	34-13	W
Kentucky	-11'	23-13	L
† Florida	+20'	37-17	W
Auburn	-5'	34-45	L
at Mississippi	-3'	21-14	W
at Georgia Tech	-4	27-24	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-35	56-3	W
at S Carolina	-5'	17-3	W
Wyoming	-19'	16-9	L
at LSU	+8'	28-27	W
Tennessee	-3	3-22	L
Vanderbilt	-27	31-6	L
at Kentucky	-1	28-26	W
† Florida	+11'	7-38	L
at Auburn	-6	28-17	W
Mississippi	-12	24-17	L
Georgia Tech	-3	19-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-28	38-7	W
S Carolina	-14'	24-9	W
UCF	-27'	24-23	L
LSU	-9	23-22	L
at Tennessee	+10'	20-37	L
at Vanderbilt	-7'	27-17	W
Kentucky	-4	49-34	W
† Florida	+14	14-30	L
Auburn	-10	21-38	L
at Mississippi	+5'	20-17	W
at GA Tech (OT)	+5	48-51	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
GA Southern	NL	29-7	–
at S Carolina	-10	10-21	L
New Mexico St	-30	37-0	W
at Arkansas	-3'	38-7	W
Tennessee	-4'	21-10	W
Vanderbilt	-22	29-19	L
at Kentucky	-9'	34-30	L
† Florida	+9	23-34	L
at Auburn (OT)	+2'	26-29	L
Mississippi	-7	32-14	W
Georgia Tech	+1'	15-27	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-35	45-17	L
S Carolina	+2	9-14	L
Arkansas	-10	34-23	W
at Tennessee	+11	26-24	W
at Vanderbilt	-7'	30-14	W
Kentucky	-22	43-29	L
† Florida	+19	10-24	W
Auburn	-7'	17-24	L
at Mississippi	+3	35-15	W
at Georgia Tech	+2'	31-17	W
Houston	-31'	35-7	L

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

QB Jared Lorenzen

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Jared Lorenzen was PS#21 and is a huge QB but has a decent amount of speed and mobility with a powerful arm. Lorenzen, an unusual looking QB that is bigger than many DL's, had a 19-21 ratio as a 1st year starter but ex-coach Mumme said he had 9 dropped TD passes. In 2000 he threw for 3,687 yards (57.4%). He weighed over 300 lbs that year and new coach Morriss wanted him to lose weight and he dropped at least 35 lbs. After studying film just four hours a week in 2000 he spent 15-20 hours per week viewing opponents' films in 2001. Shane Boyd was PS#43 and threw for 7,996 yards and 92 TD's in his HS career. He was also a major league baseball prospect (90 mph fastball) who was drafted by the Twins. Morriss likes his ability to run the option. After a lackluster performance by Lorenzen in 2001's opener, Boyd was brought in as the starter and was announced as the QB of the future. Boyd took most of the snaps the next 5 games and Lorenzen showed great team spirit by offering to be a long snapper or perhaps even moving to TE. The press wondered if he thought of transferring but each time he was asked he said that he was content to be a backup if that was the coach's wish (great attitude!). Lorenzen was given an opportunity in the 2H vs LSU and he had an impressive performance, guiding the team to the lead, and he then reclaimed his starting job. J-Lo certainly seemed motivated as the team averaged 376 ypg passing over the final 5 games which was the best in the SEC. Lorenzen improved his TD/Int ratio to a super 19-7. Lorenzen, who avoided 6 sacks against Georgia due to his size, says he wants to get down to about 260 lbs and is now comfortable under 2nd year OC Brent Pease. However, he did report in spring close to 300 again. Boyd returns and threw for 852 yards (55.2%) with a 4-6 ratio. Third string looks to be Dan Lumley (6-1 172 rFr) who was 38-1 as a starter in Canada, and also in the mix is Trey Barclay (6-5 225 So). With Lorenzen and Boyd both back and this being the 2nd year in the system, I look for solid improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Cats returned their top 2 rushers and Chad Scott (PS#82) added 10 lbs, getting bigger and stronger. Scott had 119 yards rushing against Ball St but then sprained his ankle vs Florida and would miss four weeks. After his return he had just 13 attempts in the last four games and with talk swirling about a possible move to WR, he opted to transfer. Martez Johnson (PS#52) was suspended for the opener but then got in 2 starts. He ended up rushing for 249 yards (4.5). Artose Pinner, who rushed for 188 yards (4.8) in 2000, took over as the feature back with consecutive 100 yard efforts vs Ole Miss and S Caro but did not top the 100 yard barrier the rest of the year. He still led the team in rushing with 441 yards (4.4). Johnson was kicked off the team in March so Pinner is the only returnee & he bulked up in the offseason & now benches 340, with 4.6 speed. Alexis Bwenge is a top-notch player from Canada who was the only other scholarship TB in for spring. FB's Ronald Johnson (6-0 237 rFr) and Michael Kamphake (6-0 215 Sr) are both back, but they lose Gus Jacobs who was the only FB with starts (2 last year). With only two scholarship TB's around in the spring, true frosh Arliss Beach (PS#135) and Monquantae Gibson (PS#163) should definitely see time once fall rolls around. Last year's group was nothing special, and since their top RB is back this unit can improve despite the losses.

RECEIVERS - Hal Mumme loved WR's and always had a lot in his recruiting classes. Last year they had to replace their top WR who was a #7DC in the NFL and a backup TE, but everyone else returned. Also they got some solid additions in JUCO Aaron Boone and WR Brad Pyatt (missed the previous year with injury). Adding to the depth of the unit was Dougie Allen, who was not 100% in 2000 after having season ending surgery late in '99. WR Derek Abney spent most of August in a red jersey due to injuries but still ended up leading the team in rec's with 66 (11.2). Their fastest receiver is diminutive Ernest Simms (PS#90) who runs the 60m on the UK track team and has 4.3 speed. Last year the TE's were asked to block more. TE Derek Smith, who led the team in receiving with 50 (14.3) in 2000, saw his numbers drop to 30 (13.2). He opted to leave early for the NFL draft but was not selected. Pyatt was suspended for the first 4 games and had just 7 rec's. Boone did not see much action in the first 4 games but saw more down the stretch and finished with 18 rec's. This year they must replace Allen (10 sts, 26 rec, 10.9), Smith, TE Jermaine White (1 rec), and WR Anthony Kelly (3 sts, 10 rec, 22.5). Morriss talked about redshirting TE Smith this year anyway and Harp saw a lot of action last season, so his early departure does not leave a major void. I list a loaded 2 deep below and they get another JUCO in Chris Bernard added to the mix. This year's group looks to be just about as experienced, even with the loss of 2 of their top 3 receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Cats' OL paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 21 sacks. Last year they lost just 1 starter and 1 backup due to graduation but then lost another starter in May due to academics. They still had 5 players back with starting experience and basically had 3 full-time starters returning but were injury plagued (see "Hardcore Fans" on page 306). Two frosh and a soph started down the stretch. Against Tennessee they actually rushed for 137 yards while allowing just 2 sacks against the Vols' rugged DL. For the season the injury plagued group opened holes for 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed just 22 sacks. This year they must replace RG Josh Parrish (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), LT Matt Brown (7 sts, 3 yr st'r), C Nolan DeVaughn (5 sts) and backup C Josh Jaggers. Six of the top 10 are back including 4 players who started the final 4 games and JUCO Yancey Reynolds will likely take someone's starting spot. As long as this group doesn't suffer the spate of injuries like last year's OL, it should be solidly improved in 2002.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 UK allowed 4.3 ypc rushing, which was the best performance in the Mumme era, and the unit recorded just 21 sacks. Two true frosh started at DT that year and both were VHT's in Dewayne Robertson and Jeremy Caudill. Last year the team had 3 starters returning plus brought in DC Goodner's Swarm Defense from Texas Tech, which is notoriously solid vs the run. They also got DE Dennis Johnson, their star player, back from injury so the defensive front was loaded. Surprisingly they gave up 4.4 ypc rushing with just 22 sacks. Johnson had more than half of the team's sacks with 12 and was 1st Team SEC, so he decided to take his talent to the NFL 1 year early (#3DC of ARZ). Also gone are DT Derrick Johnson (10 sts, 26 tkls, 5.5 tfl) and DE Chris Demaree (11 sts, 57 tkls, 9.5 tfl). That is a lot of talent to lose, but last year the DT position went through a myriad of players due to injury (see "Hardcore Fans") so the 4 players I list in the 2 deep below do have experience. Morriss is excited about DE Vincent Burns, (N Ariz trans) who was dominant on the Scout Team last year. The unit does have some potential, but I do have to call it weaker since they lose 3 starters, including their star.

LINEBACKERS - UK switched to the 4-2-5 last year which uses 3 safeties but I take one of the OS spots and list it under LB. In 2000 the Cats had 5 of their top 6 LB's back. Last year they had to replace 1 starter who was a #7 DC and had 5 of the top 6 back and looked to be in great shape. The unit, however, was steamrolled during the offseason and season (see "Hardcore Fans"). As a result of those occurrences, the LB unit was very inexperienced. This year they must replace both starting ILB's, Jamal White (9 sts, 79 tkls, 2 pbu) and Chris Gayton (11 sts, 93 tkls, 2.5 tfl) as well as backup Mike Beirne (1 st, 13 tkls). OS David Johnson is an HT with 24 games of starting experience. Ronnie Riley returns after missing 9 games with a knee injury. Chad Anderson (PS#19 LY) won't be eligible until August, but could steal one of the starting jobs as could rFr Dustin Williams (PS#52). They also add JUCO Kamaal Ahmad who was in for spring and rFr Jon Sumrall (6-2 214, PS#161). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Despite the fact that they have just 1 starter back, provided Riley, Anderson and Williams are able to make it onto the field, this unit could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999, the secondary finished #35 in my pass D rankings. In 2000, with a veteran secondary, surprisingly they dropped to #104 while playing a lot of man to man coverage with their CB's. New coordinator Goodner said he wouldn't leave his CB's on an island as much as they were the previous year. Last season they had to replace 3 players who combined for 28 starts and both CB's, Leonard Buress and Derrick Tatum were limited at times due to injuries and S Octavius Bond was dismissed in early November. CB Jeremy Bowie also missed time with a groin pull. They finished about the same at #107, allowing 297.4 ypg 60% with a horrible 28-5 ratio. This year they must replace S Patrick Wiggins (11 sts, 81 tkls, 9 tfl), Bowie (6 sts, 34 tkls, 11 pbu), FS Anthony Wajda (7 sts, 91 tkls, 9 pbu), Bond (4 sts, 35 tkls, 3 tfl) and FS Nigel Smith (6 tkls). That's 28 starts departing, but they do have 3 players back who started 6 or more games last year. The starting lineup does consist of 3 HT's and there is some talent waiting in the wings. This group actually has a little more experience and I think it will improve upon the 2001 numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UK moved to #33 in the rankings last year and once again it was due to their punter (see "Hardcore Fans"). Glenn Pakulak took over the punting duties in the final 3 games of 2000. Pakulak, an unusual looking punter (much like Lorenzen is an unusual looking QB) is 6-3 230 with a 400 lb bench. He simply led the SEC in punting average (44.5) and the team had another amazing net punting year with an average of 39.7, just missing the school record. Last year they had to replace their top returnman but did have kicker Seth Hanson back after he had connected on 15 of 17 FG's (UK accuracy record) with a long of 40 in 2000. Hanson, however, was bothered by a strained leg muscle as well as long snapping and holding problems and hit just 5 of 9 FG's with a long of 37. He departs along with KO man Stephen Scaldaferri who hit 1 of 2 FG's in relief of Hanson. I list the potential kickers below. They were horrible in KR defense last year, allowing 25.6, which is the reason they did not land in the Top 20. That area should improve. Long snapper Barnes tore a ligament in his leg but still snapped all year with a heavy brace and should be 100%. Derek Abney had healthy averages on both PR's (9.6) and KR's (22.4). With Pakulak and Abney back this unit has the potential to contend for Top 20 honors, despite the loss of their kicker.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Hal Mumme was here he took the team to back to back bowl games and after getting off to a 2-1 start in 2000, the team was 15-10 in their last 25 regular season games. Then the roof caved in and since that 3rd game in 2000, they are just 2-17 SU. More bad news hit the Cats in the fact that they were slapped with a 3 year NCAA probation with no bowl in 2002, and they lose 19 scholarships over the next 3 years. On paper, it does not appear UK made strides last year as they matched 2000's 2-9 record. However, upon closer inspection I noted that in SEC games, they were outscored by an average of 18.5 ppg in 2000 and last year just 9.9 ppg. LSU needed a TD with :13 left to beat them, UK led Georgia 22-7 at one point and led Miss St 14-7, and against Mississippi they only trailed by 4 with 7:39 left in the 4Q. Also vs Tennessee, UK had a 24-15 FD edge and dominated them early, so they were clearly much better than their 1-7 record in SEC play indicated. They have a top-notch offense led by Lorenzen and underrated TB Artose Pinner. As long as the rebuilt O-line comes together, they should easily top last year's 23.5 ppg. It's the defense where I have the question mark as last year they allowed 35.6 ppg and 488.4 ypg in SEC play. They held Tennessee to just 367 yards and this is the 2nd year for Goodner's schemes and he did a great job when he was DC at Texas Tech. They have just 4 starters back on that side of the ball and must replace 12 lettermen, and one of the starters lost was their star DL, Dennis Johnson. The defense has me concerned but UK is clearly a stronger team and this is Morriss' 2nd year so the players should be more comfortable with the schemes. They definitely will top last year's 2 win total. The key games in the SEC East for them are vs S Caro and Georgia if they hope to move up in the standings, and they get both of those at home. They have been -12 and -8 in turnover margin the last 2 years so better things are in the offing. Despite having to replace 25 lettermen (3rd most in SEC), and having the 4th fewest starters back, they are a stronger team.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JARED LORENZEN JR. 6-4 275 PS#21. 11 sts, 3687 yds (57%), 19-21 ratio, 321 rush as rFr. 6 sts LY, 2179 yds (57%), 19-7 ratio. Shane Boyd (6-2 224 So) PS#43. 5 sts, 852 yds (55%).

TB ARTOSE PINNER SR. 5-11 228 Power back, 4.6 spd. 2 sts, 188 yds (4.8) in 2000. 3 sts, 441 yds (4.4), 12 rec (9.6) LY. Alexis Bwenge (6-1 212 rFr) Canadian. Arliss Beach is PS#135RB.

WR AARON BOONE SR. 6-3 210 PS#26JC. 18 rec (14.9) here LY. **Ernest Simms** (5-8 167 Sr) 2 sts, 16 rec (13.6), **4.3 spd**, 60m track tm. Brian Pickard (6-3 188 rFr) PS#82.

WR DEREK ABNEY JR. 5-10 176 PS#49. 1 st, 40 rec (10.3) as rFr. 11 sts LY, #1 w/66 rec (11.2) 951 return yds. Brad Pyatt (6-0 203 Jr) PS#37. 2 sts LY, susp and ? for fall.

WR Chris Bernard Jr. 6-1 189 PS#73JUCO, **4.4** speed. **Tommy Cook** (6-0 190 So) PS#184DB. 4 sts as rFr, 20 rec (14.9). Gerad Parker (6-3 207 So) PS#425WR.

TE Chase Harp Sr. 6-4 247 PS#109QB. 1 rec as rFr. 1 st, 11 rec (12.2) in 2000. 2 sts LY, #4 w/22 rec (11.4). Jeremiah Drobney (6-4 240 rFr). Win Gaffron (6-5 240 Sr).

C NICK SEITZE JR. 6-5 274 11 tkls at DT as rFr. Moved to OL in 2001 at G. Last 6 sts at C when DeVaughn was inj'd. Andy Stivers (6-5 259 rFr). Invited walk-on.

RG KEITH CHATELAIN SR. 6-5 312 PS#171OL. 10 sts at C in 2000. First 5 starts at LG in 2001 until injury. Sylvester Miller (6-5 303 Jr) 2nd string in 2001 and lettered.

LG Jason Rollins So. 6-5 277 PS#120. #3 in Ohio in power lifting in HS. Started L/6 at LG when Chatelain was inj'd in 2001. **Yancey Reynolds (6-5 325 Jr) is PS#194JC.**

RT ANTONIO HALL JR. 6-5 302 **PS#4OL**. 11 starts as **true**. SEC Frosh Team. 11 starts LY and improved bench from 330 to 410. Jeremy Darveau (6-8 296 rFr).

LT Matt Huff So. 6-5 307 PS#104OL. Started last 4 at LT as rFr after Matt Brown was injured. Daniel Burnett (6-5 278 So) PS#94DL. 1 tackle at DE last year.

K Taylor Begley rFr. 6-0 196 PS#65K. Hit 17 of 20 FG's, 97-98 PAT's as senior in high school. National record for points by K. Clint Ruth (6-1 200 So). Did KO's in 2000.

DEFENSE

DE Otis Grigsby Sr. 6-4 255 PS#273LB. 6 sts, 20 tkls, 4 sks in 2000. 15 tkls, 2.5 sks in 2001. **Trey Mielsch** (6-3 239 rFr) PS#156LB. Deion Holts (6-2 229 rFr) PS#382.

DT DEWAYNE ROBERTSON JR. 6-3 308 **PS#61. 11** sts as **true**, 40 tkls, 3 sks, 10.5 tfl. 9 sts LY (inj) 26 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. John Robinson (6-4 279 Sr) **6 sts** in 2000, 15 tkls, 1 tfl. 6 tkls LY.

DT Jeremy Caudill Jr. 6-3 295 **PS#26DL, 11 sts as true**, 20 tkls, 2 sks, 4.5 tfl. Inj'd LY, 11 tkls in 9 games. **Ellery Moore** (6-3 295 So) **PS#34OL.** 2 sts as true, 21 tkls.

DE Vince Burns So. 6-2 261 "Sweet Pea." 11 tkls, 3 sks as true at N Arizona. Raymond Fontaine (6-4 207 rFr) PS#324LB from Canada. Kareem Reid is PS#212DL.

ILB Chad Anderson Fr. 6-4 240 **PS#19**. Ineligible LY. Morris Lane (6-1 210 Sr) 20 tkls LY. Anthony Stevenson (5-11 234 So) PS#139RB. Justin Haydock (6-3 227 So) PS#187.

ILB Ronnie Riley Sr. 6-2 234 PS#215. 24 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 5 sts in 2000, 23 tkls, 1 sk. 1 st LY until inj, RS. Dustin Williams (6-5 240 rFr) **PS#52**. Kamaal Ahmad PS#278JC.

OS DAVID JOHNSON SR. 6-0 207 PS#130DB. 10 sts as true, 64 tkls. 6 sts in 2000, 44 tkls, 3 tfl. 7 sts LY, 44 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 2 int. Keith Shelton (6-3 209 rFr) **PS#149DB.**

CB LEONARD BURRESS JR. 5-11 186 PS#64. 8 tkls as true. 9 sts LY, 26 tkls, 10 pbu. Warren Wilson (5-11 170 So) PS#126, 9 tkls as true. On track tm. Earven Flowers (5-10 182 So).

CB DERRICK TATUM SR. 6-0 190 PS#44. 6 tkls as true. 3 sts in 2000, 37 tkls, 1 int. 6 sts LY. 42 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu. Antoine Huffman (6-0 169 rFr) PS#171. Andre' Jones is **PS#214WR.**

OS Mike Williams So. 5-11 179 14 tkls as **true**, 3 pbu at CB. Claude Sagaille (5-10 185 So) PS#100DB, 5 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Jed Bassett (6-0 203 Sr) 4 tkls last year.

FS Quentus Cumby Sr. 6-1 206 PS#102. 6 sts in 2001, 54 tkls, 2 pbu. Muhammad Abdullah (6-0 195 rFr) PS#136DB. Travis Atwell (6-1 206 So) PS#101QB. Toledo transfer.

P GLENN PAKULAK SR. 6-3 230 12 punts, 37.8 average in L/3 games of 2000. 56 punts LY, 44.5 average, **net of 39.8**, 18 inside the 20, **1st Team SEC** (AP).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Chris Bernard 6-1 190 PS#73JC
LB	Brad Booker 6-2 210 PS#104
RB	Arliss Beach 6-0 185 PS#135
DL	Lamar Mills 6-1 285 PS#135
OL	Joe Brady 6-3 280 PS#187
DB	Randy Driver 6-1 208 PS#166
OL	Yancey Reynolds 6-5 325 PS#194JC
RB	Monquantae Gibson 6-1 195 PS#163
DL	Paul Webb 6-4 275 PS#176
WR	Maurice Marchman 6-0 185 PS#165
LB	Durrell White 6-3 230 PS#170
DL	Kareem Reid 6-5 240 PS#212
LB	Kamaal Ahmad 6-2 239 PS#278JC
OL	Jared McGowan 6-4 295 PS#286

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UK	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 1	at Louisville (Sun)	G						Kentucky is 3-9 ATS as an away favorite. UK is 6-12 ATS on art turf their L/18 & are 6-3 ATS their L/9 Homecoming gms. Wildcats are 39-60-2 ATS (39%) on the road since 1980.
Sep. 7	UTEP	G						The Cats have played the Cardinals every yr in their season opener S/'94. UK has dropped 3 straight ATS to Louisville, failing to cover by an avg of 20 ppg.
Sep. 14	Indiana	G						Kentucky is 0-5 ATS after playing Louisville and 8-21 ATS the L/29 as a HF. Wildcats are 11-4-1 SU in their 1st home game.
Sep. 21	Mid Tenn St	G						UK has played Indiana every year since 1987. Kentucky is 5-2 ATS their last 7 vs Indiana.
Sep. 28	at Florida	G						Pending L3W: UK is 3-6 ATS the last 4 years vs non-conference teams. Cats are 7-2 ATS prior to Florida, so lookahead has not been a problem.
Oct. 5								UK has dropped 7 of 8 ATS to UF and is 4-11 ATS the last 15. Wildcats are 12-20-1 ATS their last 33 as a road underdog. Bonus: The Cats are 11-3 ATS the week after a bye.
Oct. 12	S Carolina	G						Wildcats are 1-5 ATS in the last 6 series meetings. The favorite has covered 5 of the last 6 meetings.
Oct. 19	at Arkansas	G						Pending earlier results, UK is 24-39-1 ATS in their last 64 SEC contests. The home team is 2-0 SU and ATS in the limited history of this series.
Oct. 26	Georgia (HC)	G						Kentucky is 6-12 ATS as a home dog the last 5 seasons. The home team is 9-5 ATS in this battle of cats and dawgs.
Nov. 2	at Mississippi St	G						Pending earlier results, UK is 18-29-1 ATS off a SU loss their last 48. Couch's alma mater is 10-20 ATS their last 30 November games.
Nov. 9	LSU	G						UK is 6-10 SU but 10-5-1 ATS the last 16 vs LSU. Four of the last 6 of these cat fights have been decided by 25 or more pts.
Nov. 16	Vanderbilt	G						UK is 5-1 SU and 4-2 ATS their last 6 vs Vandy. Pending 9/28: Cats are 6-11 ATS prior to a bye S/'89, 4-7 ATS since 1994.
Nov. 23								Bonus: Wildcats are 3-13 ATS the last 16 years in their road finale.
Nov. 30	at Tennessee	G						Kentucky is 0-17 SU L/17 and 2-8 ATS their last 10 vs the Vols. LY the Cats were up 21-0 in the 2Q but lost 38-35 to UT.

GUY MORRISS (Career 2-9)

2nd Year at Kentucky

Morriss' records AT KENTUCKY

2-9	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
5-6	Vs The Spread	2-3	Home Dog
4-4	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	3-2	Away Dog
		0-3	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,19,3)
Lost: 25 (11,12,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 63,480

SEC - EAST DIVISION

P Glenn Pakulak

STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,530)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-7	5-6	7-4	6-5	2-9	2-9	30-47
ATS	6-5	4-6-1	6-5	4-6	5-5	2-8	5-6	32-41-1
Home Fav	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-3	1-0	1-1	0-1	5-6
Home Dog	4-2	3-1	2-3	0-1	1-3	1-2	2-3	13-15
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	3-3
Away Dog	2-2	0-4-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	0-4	3-2	11-17-1
Favorite	0-1	1-1	2-0	2-3	2-1	1-2	0-1	8-9
Dog	6-4	3-5-1	4-5	2-3	3-4	1-6	5-5	24-32-1
Grass	5-4	4-5-1	4-5	4-6	5-5	2-8	4-6	28-39-1
Artificial	1-1	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-2
vs Conf	3-5	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	4-4	1-7	5-3	22-33-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	10-8
Off SU Win	2-2	2-2	1-4	3-3	3-3	1-1	1-1	13-16
Off SU Loss	3-3	2-3-1	4-1	0-3	2-1	1-6	4-4	16-21-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Artose Pinner	100	462	21	441	4	4.4
Martez Johnson	55	255	6	249	0	4.5
Chad Scott	36	220	10	210	1	5.8
Shane Boyd	32	186	30	156	3	4.9
Jared Lorenzen	54	237	118	119	2	2.2
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jared Lorenzen	292	167	57.2	2179	19	7
Shane Boyd	154	85	55.2	852	4	6
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Derek Abney	66	741	11.2	6	52	
Derek Smith	30	396	13.2	4	51	
Dougie Allen	26	283	10.9	0	32	
Tommy Cook	20	298	14.9	3	32	
Aaron Boone	18	268	14.9	6	31	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Glenn Pakulak	56	2492	44.5	–	39.8	0	18
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL		LONG
Seth Hanson	2-3	3-4	0-2	0-0	5-9		37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Gayton	93	0.5	2	2	1
Anthony Wajda	91	0	0	9	0
Patrick Wiggins	81	1	8	2	1
Jamal White	79	0	0	2	0
Dennis Johnson	61	12	7	4	0
Chris Demaree	57	2.5	7	1	0
Quentus Cumby	54	0	0	2	0
David Johnson	44	0.5	4	1	2
Derrick Tatum	42	0	0	9	1
Octavius Bond	35	1	2	2	0
Jeremy Bowie	34	0	0	11	0
Leonard Burress	26	0	0.5	10	0
Derrick Johnson	26	1.5	4	2	0
DeWayne Robertson	26	1	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Derek Abney	22	212	9.6	1	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Derek Abney	33	739	22.4	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	Hall of Fame	+10	W Virginia	16-20	W
84	Hall of Fame	+3	Wisconsin	20-19	W
93	Peach	+2'	Clemson	13-14	W
98	Outback	+7	Penn St	14-26	L
99	Music City	-3	Syracuse	13-20	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	23.5	20	107	4.1	276	56.5	16.3	-8	2001	5	33.4	24	178	4.4	297	60.0	14.2
7	23.1	23	110	4.0	335	57.1	19.3	-12	2000	7	34.8	21	163	4.3	243	56.8	11.7
3	27.3	21	74	2.3	300	65.1	13.7	+3	1999	6	28.6	20	159	4.5	217	52.5	13.2
9*	35.9	26	121	3.9	406	71.2	14.7	-13	1998	5	31.3	19	156	4.4	233	49.0	12.4
7	31.6	26	100	3.5	365	66.5	14.7	-6	1997	4	32.9	20	171	4.5	221	57.2	11.9
6*	12.6	12	100	2.6	118	48.3	17.4	+9	1996	6	29.3	18	152	4.0	202	55.7	12.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Louisville	18	28-58	2.1	15-37	155	3	24	35-118	3.4	21-34	368	1	-3
Ball St	17	28-146	5.2	15-22	215	0	27	51-257	5.0	19-35	170	4	-1
Florida	11	21-85	4.0	23-39	203	2	25	32-168	5.3	25-40	397	1	+3
Mississippi	18	36-225	6.3	12-33	104	2	26	42-229	5.5	19-36	268	2	0
at S Carolina	16	30-138	4.6	20-36	188	1	21	43-237	5.5	12-19	165	1	-4
LSU	20	24-127	5.3	23-42	286	0	22	38-132	3.5	27-38	383	3	0
at Georgia	30	22-116	5.3	32-54	377	1	30	43-197	4.6	23-37	394	1	-1
at Mississippi St	18	17-2	0.1	26-46	320	5	19	45-221	4.9	17-32	207	2	-1
at Vanderbilt	26	30-130	4.3	26-37	453	1	34	35-102	2.9	30-48	440	4	+2
Tennessee	24	31-137	4.4	34-53	406	2	15	23-82	3.6	20-30	285	2	-2
at Indiana	18	19-16	0.8	26-47	324	5	26	55-215	3.9	15-31	194	1	-1
TOTALS	216	286-1180	4.1	252-446	3031	22	269	442-1958	4.4	228-380	3271	22	-8
AVERAGES	19.6	26-107	4.1	23-41	276	2.0	24.5	40-178	4.4	21-35	297	2.0	-0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+3	38-24	W
at Mississippi St	+5'	27-35	L
at Indiana	+2'	49-7	W
Florida	+24	28-55	L
Alabama (OT)	+6'	40-34	W
at S Carolina	+1'	24-38	L
NE Louisiana	-25	49-14	W
at Georgia	+11'	13-23	W
LSU	+6'	28-63	L
at Vanderbilt	-4'	21-10	W
Tennessee	+16'	31-59	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	-11	68-34	W
E Kentucky	NL	52-7	–
Indiana	-21	31-27	L
at Florida	+21	35-51	W
at Arkansas	+4	20-27	L
S Carolina	-14	33-28	L
at LSU	+9	39-36	W
Georgia	+1	26-28	L
Mississippi St	-7'	37-35	L
Vanderbilt	-22	55-17	W
at Tennessee	+10'	21-59	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+3	28-56	L
Connecticut	NL	45-14	–
at Indiana	+8	44-35	W
Florida	+20	10-38	L
Arkansas	+8'	31-20	W
at S Carolina	-8	30-10	W
LSU	-4'	31-5	W
at Georgia	+4	34-49	L
at Mississippi St	+6'	22-23	W
at Vanderbilt	-3	19-17	L
Tennessee	+12'	21-56	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville (2OT)	-5'	34-40	L
S Florida	NL	27-9	–
Indiana	-4	41-34	W
at Florida	+22'	31-59	L
at Mississippi	+7	17-35	L
S Carolina	+2'	17-20	L
at LSU	+4'	0-34	L
Georgia	+9'	30-34	W
Mississippi St	+6'	17-35	L
Vanderbilt	-6'	20-24	L
at Tennessee	+19'	20-59	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+3'	10-36	L
Ball St	-11	28-20	L
Florida	+32	10-44	L
Mississippi	+8	31-42	L
at S Carolina	+21'	6-42	L
LSU	+16'	25-29	W
at Georgia	+22	29-43	W
at Mississippi St	+7'	14-17	W
at Vanderbilt	+1	56-30	W
Tennessee	+18	35-38	W
at Indiana	+6	15-26	L

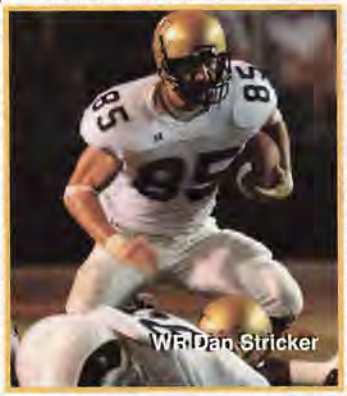
VANDERBILT COMMODORES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Greg Zolman keyed a Vandy offensive resurgence and leaves as the school's all-time leader in attempts, completions and yards. Vandy averaged less than 13 ppg in 1997 and 1998 but Zolman led them to 22.9 ppg in 1999, 17.5 in 2000 and 20.5 in 2001. Last year Vandy had their most productive offense in over a decade with the most FD's since 1990 and most total yards since 1988. Zolman increased his bench to 335 in the offseason and decreased his forty time to 4.68. Zolman put together through a streak of 153 consecutive passes without an interception, the 10th best ever in the SEC, and in the first 4 games the coaching staff counted 26 dropped passes. There were struggles during the year including vs Florida when all 3 QB's played, and although Benji Walker was listed as the 2nd string QB all year it was former UF player Tim Olmstead who saw more action with 10 attempts for 88 yards. Walker hit just 2 of 6 passes but did rush for 2 TD's against Florida. Zolman finished completing 52.1% (would have been much higher if not for the drops) for 2,512 yards with a solid 14-9 ratio and threw for 441 yards against Kentucky, the third best total in school history. Both Zolman and Olmstead depart but new Head Coach Bobby Johnson will run more of an option-oriented offense similar to the one he ran at Furman and Walker should assimilate well as he has excellent mobility. He has played in 5 games in 2 years. Widenhofer almost moved Jay Cutler (6-4 202 rFr, PS#173) to WR or DB last year, also showing his versatility. He was impressive running the scout team last year. New coaches like their own recruits and true frosh Steven Bright (PS#39) had 1550 yards passing and 939 rushing in HS last year. The passing numbers will be way down as this group is much less experienced with the loss of VU's all-time leading passer and must adjust to Johnson's offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Vandy had to replace their leading rusher (527 yds). During 2000 true frosh Ray Perkins, with 4.38 speed, averaged a super 4.9 ypc and was expected to be the main man. Unfortunately, Perkins was expelled for plagiarism so the top backs were Rodney Williams, who had rushed for 608 yards in 1998 and 644 in 1999 but only 141 in 2000, and FB Lew Thomas. Williams did drop 7 lbs over the summer and came in at 210 lbs but the star of the group was Thomas who was #2 in the SEC in rushing prior to the Duke game. Thomas rushed for 123 yards vs Duke but was injured and lost for the season, averaging a super 6.4 ypc with 675 yards. Williams had his best game vs Duke, rushing for 155 yards and finished with 590 yards (4.5). They almost took the redshirt off of frosh Matthew Tant (PS#41) but fortunately for Johnson, they did not. This year both Williams and Thomas depart and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed is Ian Gaines (5-11 198 Jr) who had 7 tackles at DB last year and 3 true frosh signees (see Top Newcomers). They are moving to a new 2 back set and the FB could be the feature back so Tant may end up there.

RECEIVERS - Last year almost everyone returned to this unit, including their top man Dan Stricker, who had more than double the catches of the #2 man in 2000 with 61 (16.3). Dropped passes were a key problem especially early in the season including Stricker who had 3 vs Alabama which was shocking. MJ Garrett dropped numerous passes in the spring game and also dropped 2 TD passes vs Auburn. The unit did get better as the season went on and Stricker finished with 65 rec's and became just the 3rd Vandy player to have 1,000 yards receiving in a season with 1,079 (had 994 in 2000). He needs just 832 yards to become the SEC's all-time leader in receiving yards. HB Chris Young was PS#33QB and at the start of the 2000 season Widenhofer called him "his Freddie Milons." Surprisingly he had just 5 rec's last year despite 3 starts and he almost transferred out. Luckily the new coaching staff recognized his potential and he is happily competing at WR this spring. I list the 2 deep below and 5 players have starting experience. Not listed below are WR Ryan Cuffee (5-11 202 Sr, 1 st in 2000), Keith Williams (6-1 180 rFr, PS#228), Markessus House (6-4 210 Jr) and TE's Nick Getter (6-4 255 Jr) and Dan Murphy (6-3 224 Jr). This year they must replace Jason Mathenia (6 sts, 22 rec, fastest player on team), Nezih Hasanoglu (3 sts, 13 rec), Everett Robinson (2 rec) and Ronald Hatcher who moves to RB. As I mentioned, dropped passes have plagued this unit the last 2 years and with their top guy back and more experience at TE, this unit is stronger but probably won't match the productivity with the new offense being more run-oriented.


WR Dan Stricker

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 Vandy had to replace 2 starters from the front wall but improved their sacks allowed from 33 to 15 while the ypc remained basically the same, going from 3.2 to 3.1. Last year the unit had to replace 2 starters and 1 backup due to injury and then lost starting RG Duncan Cave to injury vs S Carolina. The team also lost LT Justin Geisinger (broken ankle) vs Kentucky for of the year. The team had only allowed 5 sacks coming into the 8th game but gave up 6 to Florida and 5 to Tennessee. Vandy's O-line last year averaged 309 lbs, their biggest ever, and this year's group is large once again with an average of roughly 295 lbs. I list the 2 deep below and 6 players return with starting experience. Also, their 2 star players, LG Jim May and C Jamie Byrum, were bothered by injuries most of last season. This year they must replace Cave (6 sts) and RT Pat Green (11 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 2 yr st'r), but basically 8 of the top 10 are back and this shapes up as one of Vandy's best OL's in years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Vandy had just 19 sacks in 2000 and allowed 4.6 ypc, which was the worst total in the Widenhofer years. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 16 starts and 2 backups from the front wall. Returning starter Doyle Crosby was bothered by injuries most of the year and had just 1 start and he departs (28 tkls, 3.5 tfl). Also gone from the DL is DE Wally Conyers (11 sts, 54 tkls, 6.5 tfl). The team is also shifting out of the 3-4 to the 4-3 so they add 1 more spot. Two starters return but that leaves 2 starting spots open in the new alignment. I list the 2 deep below and you can see that there is not a lot of depth due to the addition of a spot. I think Losey and Beard are both capable of earning SEC mention this year and they add true frosh HT's in Antoine Morgan (PS#157), Richard Freeman (PS#168), and Chris Booker (PS#229LB). Keep your eyes on PS#222 Jovan Haye, a rFr who the coaches said looked like a 23 or 24 year old even though he was just 19 coming in last year. He was born in Jamaica and did not play football until his junior year in HS or probably would have been rated higher. Last year's defense allowed 4.7 ypc and recorded just 12 sacks. A massive setback to the DL could be the loss of DT Dinwiddie who suffered a torn ACL in the spring game. His status is questionable for the fall and without knowing his situation it is tough to say where this unit stacks up to the 2001 version.

LINEBACKERS - This unit was hit hard by graduation last year as they lost #2 and #4 NFL DC's and a backup and it was actually the 1st time in the Widenhofer era that they had to replace 2 starting LB's. This year they lose ILB Antuian Bradford (11 sts, #1 tkl'r w/116, 7.5 tfl) and OLB Nate Morrow (11 sts, 71 tkls, 6 tfl). They have 2 full-time starters returning and just 3 positions to fill. They could also get a big break if Otis Washington (PS#40) gains eligibility. He is listed in the 2 deep below. They also add an HT true frosh in Kevin Joyce (PS#99). Bradford did have a 700 lb squat which was the team's best but I think Byrum (PS#132) or Walthour should do a fine job in his place, and I'll call this group improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Vandy usually finished well in my pass D rankings under Widenhofer but after a couple of Top 30 finishes they slipped to #86 in 1998 and #73 in 1999. They had 7 of the top 8 back in 2000 and moved back up to #28. Last year 6 of the top 8 DB's returned but due to injuries they lost Jonathan Shaub & true frosh Dominique Morris (6-0 184) for the season. FS Justin Giboney missed the final 3, Rushen Jones was injured vs Auburn and missed 6 games and overall the injury depleted secondary finished all the way down at #115, allowing 64% with a 26-9 ratio. This year the only losses are SS Harold Lercius (11 sts, 63 tkls) and FS Jerrol Jackson (4 sts, 34 tkls, 5 pbu, 3 int). Not only do 7 of the top 9 return, but they get all of the injured players back. The key is Rushen Jones returning as the Commodores defense allowed 44.6 ppg while he was injured, but only 27 ppg when he played. A couple of players not listed below are Cheron Thompson (5-11 185 rFr, PS#245) and Kelechi Ohanaja (6-1 190 Fr, PS#298) who signed last year but did not enroll. They also signed HT true frosh Tim Miller (PS#69). This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Vandy finished #44 in 2000 in my special teams rankings but last year they lost super kicker John Markham (#5DC of NYG). His strong leg had helped them allow just 19.6 per KR. Another key to their 2000 ranking was Ray Perkins who averaged 24.6 per KR. Unfortunately Perkins was lost prior to last season and the top KR, Ronald Hatcher, averaged just 20.5. Hatcher also averaged 7.1 on PR's (9.4 in 2000). Joe Webb returned for his fourth year as starting punter and had his best overall average at 41.4. The team also gave up 2 blocked punts and a PR for a TD and slipped to #94. The numbers would have been even worse had FG accuracy been included as they hit just 4 of 10 FG's. This year Webb must be replaced along with both PK Folino and PK/KO man Jimmy Stover. Hatcher is back and even with the losses, this unit could improve on its overall ranking. Also, new head coach Johnson's Furman team had 4 KR TD's and 3 blocked punts last year. Johnson says he puts an emphasis on this unit and they signed a pair of HT kickers.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Woody Widenhofer's teams were competitive but he compiled an overall record of 15-40 in 5 years, narrowly missing out on a winning season in '99. The team went 5-6 and led both Bama and Georgia in the 4Q and almost upset both Kentucky and Florida, having the ball when down by a TD or less late. Vanderbilt has not had a winning season since 1982 and new Head Coach Bobby Johnson will now have to tangle with Vandy's strict academic standards in one of the toughest conferences in football. Johnson was 60-36 at Furman and had his team in the playoffs the last 3 years and is more of a disciplinarian than Woody was. Last year Vandy had a couple of tough losses as they missed a 37 yard FG against Bama and then botched a fake FG late against Auburn and lost those 2 games by 3 points each. Those would have been significant breakthroughs as the team has only won 4 SEC games in the last 5 years and has actually only had 1 winning SEC record in 40 years!! Vandy figures to incorporate more option into the offense this year. Last season they had their most productive team in years as they totaled 4,122 yards, the best since 1988. Still, the team averaged just 20.5 ppg and must replace their solid QB Greg Zolman. While the OL looks solid, they will struggle to top last year's 375 ypg average. Vandy had some great defenses under Coach Widenhofer including 1997 when they led the SEC in total defense. After finishing 11th in the SEC in 2000 they dropped to 12th last year. Duke gained 537 yards vs Vandy, the most by the Blue Devils since 1991. S Carolina actually set a school record with 656 yards vs Vandy. In fact, against Florida and Kentucky, they allowed 20 scoring drives on 26 possessions and the team allowed 36.5 ppg, almost 12 full ppg more than 2000. This year they do have 7 starters returning on the defensive side and should be stronger. Last year in SEC games Vandy was outgained by an average of 143.3 ypg and outscored by an average of 23.4 ppg. They must replace 27 lettermen which is actually the most in the SEC and also go through scheme changes on both sides of the ball and have to adjust to a new head coach. This clearly looks like a MAJOR rebuilding year for Vanderbilt. They could top last year's 2 win total as they host 3 soft non-conference games in HC Johnson's former team Furman, Mid Tenn St and UConn. I will, however, call for them to go winless in SEC play. I ran their projected games through my computer for the season and it actually shows them being outscored by 26.5 ppg in SEC play which is even worse than last year, so this may be a tough year for Commodores fans.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Benji Walker Jr. 6-4 208 PS#99. Strong arm & mobile. 65% completions in HS. 1 gm as rFr, 14 yds rush. 4 gms LY, 48 yds pass, 65 rush. Steven Bright is PS#39.

FB Matthew Tant rFr. 5-11 216 PS#41. 225 bench 24X, 4.49. Mike Adam (6-3 222 Sr) PS#147LB. 5 tkls as true. 2 sts in 2000, 11 tkls. 2 sts LY, 32 tkls. Zeke Brandon (6-2 240 Jr).

RB Norval McKenzie So. 5-11 202 PS#169. 86 total yds LY. Ronald Hatcher (5-10 180 Jr) 10 rec (11.7), 702 ret yds LY. Chris Mitacek (5-11 212 Sr) questionable for fall.

WR MJ GARRETT SR. 6-3 202 6 sts in 2000, 11 rec (13.5). 8 sts LY, 27 rec (16.9), shoulder problems all yr. Jerrin Holt (6-3 212 rFr) PS#98. Brandon Smith 2 sts, 9 rec as true.

WR DAN STRICKER SR. 6-3 200 PS#60. 7 sts, 12 rec (15.6) as rFr. 10 sts, 61 rec (16.3) in 2000. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 65 rec (16.6). Chris Young (6-2 178 Jr) PS#33QB. 19 rec, 2Y.

TE TOM SIMONE SR. 6-5 238 PS#106. 4 sts in '99, 1 rec. 8 sts in 2000, 12 rec (10.6). 10 sts LY, 9 rec (9.6). Dustin Dunning (6-5 228 rFr) PS#109. Curtis Brancheau (6-4 246 So).

C JAMIE BYRUM SR. 6-4 281 PS#386OL. 11 sts in 2000. 11 sts in 2001 despite nagging inj's, 3L. Jason Tant (6-3 280 Jr) PS#128OL, 10 games in 2 years, 2 letters.

RG Jordan Pettit Jr. 6-4 282 PS#200. 2 letters and 1 start last year. Brian Kovolisky (6-7 270 So) PS#319OL. 4 sts at RG in 2001 after Cave's injury, 6 games, 1 letter.

LG JIM MAY SR. 6-4 302 PS#338. L/7 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, only 1 sk allowed. 11 sts LY despite inj, only 1 sk. Greg Robson (6-4 288 So) PS#144, 3 games as rFr.

RT Nigel Seaman rFr. 6-5 326 PS#107OL. Added 12 lbs during redshirt season. Kenan Arkan (6-7 280 So) 9 games as redshirt frosh including 2 starts at LT.

LT JUSTIN GEISINGER SO. 6-4 320 PS#435. 485 bench. 9 starts at LT as redshirt freshman until broken ankle, SEC Frosh Team. Ryan King (6-7 292 rFr) PS#346OL.

K Patrick Johnson Fr. 5-11 170 PS#44. Holds Bama HS rec for career points (243) & consec xp's (99). 7 of 11 FG's LY, L/51, 87% KO's into EZ. Abtin Iranmanesh (5-11 205 Jr).

DEFENSE

DE CHUCK LOSEY SR. 6-4 250 PS#144TE. 11 sts, 37 tkls 2Y. 11 sts LY, 37 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Strong, 35" VL. Ryan Nungesser (6-4 256 Sr) PS#152LB. 11 gms in '99 & '00. 6 gms LY (inj), 8 tkls.

NT BRETT BEARD JR. 6-3 285 6 tkls as rFr. 10 sts LY despite foot injury. 41 tkls, 3 tfl, double teamed often. Matt Clay (6-2 292 So), 2 tkls. Ralph McKenzie (6-4 314 rFr).

DT Robert Dinwiddie So. 6-5 278 PS#96TE. +25 lbs as Fr. 2 tkls as rFr LY. Torn ACL ?? for fall. Aaron Carter (6-3 270 So) PS#282OL in 2000. Trey Holloway (6-2 288 rFr) PS#318.

DE Jovan Haye rFr. 6-3 252 PS#222DL. Libnir Telusca (6-3 234 Jr) PS#300LB. Has played in 22 games the last 2 years. Antoine Morgan (6-5 220 Fr) PS#157.

SLB BRANDON WALTHOUR SO. 6-3 218 3 tkls in '99. Missed 2000 & 2001. Marty Morgan (6-3 216 rFr) PS#196LB. Doug Wolford (6-3 236 Jr) 8 tkls LY. Luke Hammond (6-3 232 rFr).

MLB HUNTER HILLENMEYER SR. 6-4 242 22 gms in '99 & 2000, 9 tkls. 11 sts LY, 72 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. **Pat Brunner** (6-3 248 So) PS#129. 9 sts as rFr, 59 tkls. Otis Washington (5-11 240 rFr) PS#40.

WLB Moses Osemwegie rFr. 6-0 214 Is PS#481DB. **Eric Byrum** (6-4 230 So) PS#132LB. Played in 9 games as a **true**, 4 tackles. Kevin Joyce (6-3 205 Fr) PS#99.

CB AARON McWHORTER SR. 6-1 192 PS#246. 2 sts, 2 pbu in 2000. 10 sts LY, 43 tkls, 1 int. **Lorenzo Parker** (5-11 186 So) PS#119WR, **7 sts**, 35 tkls, 1 int as rFr. Tim Miller is PS#69.

CB RUSHEN JONES SR. 6-1 198 11 sts in '99, 44 tkls, 5 pbu. 11 sts in 2000, 44 tkls, 7 pbu. 4 sts LY (inj), 22 tkls, 3 pbu. Tm allowed 17.6 ppg more w/o him starting. Dominique Morris PS#201.

SS Jonathan Shaub Jr. 6-1 208 PS#264RB. 17 tkls as true. 5 sts in 2000, 42 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Inj'd LY & RS. Nick Lyle (6-2 208 So) PS#326, 6 tkls LY. Ronnie Swoopes (6-2 200 rFr) PS#262.

FS JUSTIN GIBONEY SR. 6-0 203 PS#324. L/6 sts in 2000, 52 tkls, 1 sk. 8 sts LY, 59 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Ben Koger (6-1 188 Fr) PS#155 LY. Mike Martin (5-10 196 Sr) 26 tkls, 3Y.

P Greg Johnson Fr. 6-1 190 PS#64K. Hit 8 of 14 FG's with long of 51 in high school last year. 32 punts and 42.2 average, great hang time. Matt Weiss (6-3 198 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Steven Bright 6-3 208 PS#39	
DB	Tim Miller 6-2 180 PS#69	
LB	Kevin Joyce 6-3 205 PS#99	
WR	Grant Brigham 6-0 170 PS#123	
DL	Antoine Morgan 6-5 220 PS#157	
DL	Richard Freeman 6-5 240 PS#168	
OL	Mac Pyle 6-4 285 PS#256	
LB	Chris Booker 6-4 225 PS#229	
RB	Ron Bullock 5-11 215 PS#227	
OL	Adam Dossett 6-4 272 PS#294	
RB	Kwane Doster 5-11 175 PS#237	
OL	Steven Brent 6-3 278 PS#317	
WR	Erik Davis 6-2 180 PS#253	
LB	Andrew Pace 6-1 190 PS#325	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								This is Vandy's 4th season playing their home games on natural grass. Vandy has had a negative turnover ratio for 12 straight seasons.
Aug. 31	at Georgia Tech	G						Vandy is 7-3 ATS in their last 10 season openers, but 1-3 the last 4 years. VU has covered 15 of their last 25 vs non-SEC foes.
Sep. 7	Furman	G						New Vandy Coach Johnson was the HC at Furman for the previous 8 yrs. Furman was 9-2 LY (reg season) & made it to the Div IAA Championship Game.
Sep. 14	at Auburn	G						VU is 0-8 SU, 3-4-1 ATS vs Auburn S/'86 & have been outscored 261-90 in that span. Vandy is 2-9 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more away games.
Sep. 21	at Mississippi	G						Commodores are 11-4 ATS in their 2nd straight away game. VU is 1-8 SU and 3-5-1 ATS their last 9 vs Ole Miss.
Sep. 28	S Carolina	G						Could apply: Vanderbilt is 12-6 ATS their L/18 as a double digit home dog. Commodores are 6-14 ATS their last 20 games prior to a bye.
Oct. 5								
Oct. 12	Mid Tenn St	G						Vandy is 2-5 ATS their last 7 after a bye week, 9-5 ATS L/14 at home. MTSU beat VU 37-28 SU in last year's season opener as a 7' pt road dog.
Oct. 19	at Georgia	G						Pending earlier results, Vandy is 14-10 ATS their L/24 as a DD away dog. The home team is 0-10 ATS in the last 10 series meetings.
Oct. 26	Connecticut (HC)	G						Pending earlier results, Vandy is 20-32-1 ATS since 1994 off a SU loss. Commodores are 1-7 ATS in their last 8 Homecoming games.
Nov. 2	Alabama	G						Vanderbilt is 14-11 ATS in November since 1994, 0-3 ATS last year. Commodores are 8-2 ATS their last 10 vs the Crimson Tide.
Nov. 9	Florida	G						Vanderbilt is 2-11-1 ATS after playing Alabama. Commodores are 8-4 ATS their L/12 as a dog of 25 or more, 0-2 ATS LY.
Nov. 16	at Kentucky	G						VU has played UK every year since 1953 and is 16-31-2 SU in that span. Commodores are 13-4 ATS the last 17 vs the Wildcats.
Nov. 23	Tennessee	G						The visiting team is 15-9 ATS in the last 24 series meetings. Vandy is 0-19 SU vs Tennessee since 1983 and over that period the
Nov. 30								Commodores have been outscored 635-229.

BOBBY JOHNSON (Career 0-0) (DIV IAA 60-36)
1st Year at Vanderbilt
Johnson's records AT VANDERBILT

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (21,18,2)
Lost: 27 (14,8,5)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,991

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OG Jim May

STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (41,221)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	2-9	3-8	2-9	5-6	3-8	2-9	19-58
ATS	6-5	5-5	5-6	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	4-6	34-39-1
Home Fav	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	4-5
Home Dog	2-3	3-2	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-2-1	2-1	13-16-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-4
Away Dog	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	3-1	1-3	16-14
Favorite	1-0	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-2	1-2	5-9
Dog	5-5	5-4	3-5	4-6	5-3	4-3-1	3-4	29-30-1
Grass	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	5-5	5-5-1	4-5	23-24-1
Artificial	3-3	3-3	3-4	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	11-15
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	25-30-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	1-1	9-9
Off SU Win	2-0	2-0	0-3	1-1	3-2	2-1	1-1	11-8
Off SU Loss	3-5	2-5	4-3	3-5	1-3	3-3-1	3-4	19-28-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
55	Gator	NL	Auburn	25-13	–
74	Peach	NL	Texas Tech	6-6	–
82	All-American	-9	Air Force	28-36	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lew Thomas	105	688	13	675	5	6.4
Rodney Williams	131	637	47	590	4	4.5
Norval McKenzie	**13**	**85**	**5**	**80**	**0**	**6.2**
Dan Stricker	**15**	**94**	**14**	**80**	**0**	**5.3**
Greg Zolman	69	174	182	-8	5	-0.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Greg Zolman	357	186	52.1	2512	14	9
Tim Olmstead	10	6	60.0	88	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dan Stricker	**65**	**1079**	**16.6**	**8**	**50**
M.J. Garrett	**27**	**455**	**16.9**	**4**	**73**
Jason Mathenia	22	258	11.7	1	28
Rodney Williams	19	212	11.2	0	44
Brandon Smith	**9**	**176**	**19.6**	**0**	**43**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Joe Webb	57	2358	41.4	–	35.6	2	13

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chuck Folino	2-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	3-6	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Antuian Bradford	116	2	5.5	1	0
Hunter Hillenmeyer	**72**	**2.5**	**1.5**	**4**	**0**
Nate Morrow	71	2	4	3	1
Harold Lercius	63	0	0	3	1
Justin Giboney	**59**	**0**	**1.5**	**4**	**2**
Pat Brunner	**59**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Wally Conyers	54	2	4.5	1	0
Aaron McWhorter	**43**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Brett Beard	**41**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Chuck Losey	**37**	**2.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Lorenzo Parker	**35**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Jerrol Jackson	34	0	0	5	3
Mike Adam	**32**	**0**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Doyle Crosby	28	1	2.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronald Hatcher	**15**	**107**	**7.1**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronald Hatcher	**29**	**595**	**20.5**	**0**

VANDERBILT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	20.5	18	134	4.0	241	51.7	18.2	-2	2001	7	36.5	25	202	4.7	287	64.0	13.4
7*	17.5	18	97	3.1	224	52.0	18.3	-3	2000	9	24.8	20	178	4.6	213	51.6	15.8
8*	22.9	17	115	3.2	202	51.3	13.9	-8	1999	8	23.3	15	136	3.5	180	55.1	13.6
6	12.9	15	117	3.2	151	46.3	20.7	-11	1998	4	33.5	22	175	4.3	266	61.5	13.2
9*	12.6	15	130	3.3	145	44.6	22.0	-9	1997	6	18.6	15	106	2.8	169	53.6	14.8
5*	11.1	12	69	2.0	135	41.8	18.4	-6	1996	10	21.3	18	151	3.5	166	53.0	14.9

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Mid Tenn St	17	28-177	6.3	13-32	300	0	37	52-300	5.8	27-36	308	2	+1
Alabama	20	35-143	4.1	17-35	253	1	17	43-229	5.3	10-17	128	2	-1
Richmond	16	26-116	4.5	20-32	236	0	17	51-169	3.3	8-18	141	0	-1
Auburn	18	37-168	4.5	20-43	162	1	13	28-107	3.8	17-24	247	2	0
Georgia	23	38-120	3.2	24-50	316	1	20	31-139	4.5	19-26	305	2	+2
at S Carolina	8	28-68	2.4	7-20	126	1	34	63-356	5.7	17-27	300	1	-1
at Duke	16	40-338	8.5	9-19	175	1	28	57-238	4.2	20-37	299	2	+3
at Florida	14	38-63	1.7	15-30	209	6	28	37-168	4.5	25-40	403	0	-2
Kentucky	34	35-102	2.9	30-48	440	4	26	30-130	4.3	26-37	453	1	-2
at Tennessee	16	36-61	1.7	17-27	144	5	21	35-189	5.4	21-31	285	0	-1
at Mississippi	19	26-119	4.6	23-41	286	1	32	42-201	4.8	23-40	286	0	0
TOTALS	201	367-1475	4.0	195-377	2647	21	273	469-2226	4.7	213-333	3155	12	-2
AVERAGES	18.3	33-134	4.0	18-34	241	1.9	24.8	43-202	4.7	19-30	287	1.1	-0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-16'	29-12	W
Alabama	+12	0-20	L
TCU	-7	40-16	W
at Mississippi	+4	3-15	L
LSU	+16	6-7	W
at N Illinois	-22	17-7	L
Georgia	+11	13-34	L
at S Carolina	+12	3-35	L
at Florida	+36'	7-20	W
Kentucky	+4'	10-21	L
at Tennessee	+28	10-17	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+12'	0-42	L
at Alabama	+19'	7-32	L
Mississippi	+7'	6-30	L
at TCU (OT)	+10'	16-19	W
W Michigan	-5	24-27	L
at Georgia	+27	6-31	W
S Carolina	+6'	17-14	W
Duke (OT)	+4	36-33	W
Florida	+29	13-45	L
at Kentucky	+22	17-55	L
Tennessee	+28'	0-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama	+14	17-28	W
N Illinois	-17	34-31	L
at Mississippi (OT)	+16	37-34	W
at Duke	+3'	31-14	W
Mississippi St	+5'	14-42	L
The Citadel	NL	58-0	–
Georgia	+7'	17-27	L
at S Carolina	-4'	11-10	L
at Florida	+28	6-13	W
Kentucky	+3	17-19	W
at Tennessee	+23	10-38	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Oh)	-7'	30-33	L
at Alabama	+21'	10-28	W
Mississippi	+5	7-12	T
Duke	-17	26-7	W
at Auburn	+14	0-33	L
at Wake Forest	-10'	17-10	L
at Georgia	+22	19-29	W
S Carolina	+6'	14-30	L
Florida	+19	20-43	L
at Kentucky	+6'	24-20	W
Tennessee	+18	26-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn St	-7'	28-37	L
Alabama	+11	9-12	W
Richmond	NL	28-22	–
Auburn	+5	21-24	W
Georgia	+7'	14-30	L
at S Carolina	+16'	14-46	L
at Duke	-7'	42-28	W
at Florida	+35'	13-71	L
Kentucky	-1	30-56	L
at Tennessee	+25'	0-38	L
at Mississippi	+16	27-38	W

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

RT Shawn Andrews was 2nd Team SEC as a true frosh.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Hogs QB's were hit so hard by injuries that they were down to a 6th string QB. Robbie Hampton ended up as the team's leading passer with 10 starts and 1,731 yards (54.2%) and a 15-8 ratio. Hampton had shoulder surgery after the season and ended up having to quit the team. Zak Clark (PS#35), who had thrown for 321 yards with a poor 1-6 ratio in 2000, started the 2001 opener. In that game Nutt became very frustrated with the QB's and used 4 different ones in a span of 11 plays. JUCO transfer Ryan Sorahan (PS#54) won the starter's job for the next 2 weeks. Sorahan, with 4.7 speed, hit 14 of 19 against Alabama before being injured and did not play again the rest of the year. Clark regained the starting job and held it the rest of the season. Clark threw for 1,013 yards (47.1%) with a 6-5 ratio. He ended up splitting time with option QB Matt Jones (PS#43). Jones has great size (6-5 215 So) and also 4.4 speed and in the final 8 games of the regular season he rushed for an average of 84.6 ypg. Jones led the team to their 7 OT win against Mississippi which pretty much put an end to his moonlighting at WR. Gerald Howard ran some option in the opener but then moved to WR. Tarvaris Jackson (6-3 215 rFr) has the strongest arm of the QB's but played in just 3 games, receiving a medical RS due to a sore shoulder. Clark opted to transfer. Jones, Sorahan and Jackson will battle for the starting job this summer. Despite the loss of their starting QB this unit is stronger than it was heading into last season.

RUNNING BACKS - Cedric Cobbs (PS#5) has been hyped as a Heisman Trophy contender in each of the last two years. Cobbs, who has great size (221 lbs) and yet 4.34 speed, rushed for 767 yards as a true (5.9). In 2000 he had 291 yards in just a little over two games before going down for the season with a shoulder injury. 2000's leading rusher, Fred Talley (5-9 180 Sr), had 768 yards (5.6) while #2 rusher Brandon Holmes had 567 (4.1). The unit appeared well-stocked last year but in the first two games the team totalled just 44 yards rushing and less than 1 ypc. Cobbs returned, but criticized the O-line after the Tennessee game and promptly earned a seat on the bench. Nutt's ire and a hamstring injury led to just 3 attempts the next four games for Cobbs. Cobbs did have 101 yards vs Miss St, but finished with just 339 yards (3.3). Talley (2nd Tm SEC) who has the team's fastest 100 yard dash on offense, led the team in rushing again with 797 yards (4.6). Holmes sprained a foot vs Weber St and then was suspended and missed four games, finishing with just 192 yards (3.4). With all three RB's banged up, true frosh Decori Birmingham (PS#77), saw action rushing for 82 yards (3.2) but he moves to WR this year. Radale Pearson (5-8 197 So, PS#98) had 58 yards rushing as a true frosh in 2000 but missed last year with a torn ACL. They were able to redshirt PS#2 De'Arrius Howard (6-0 205 rFr) who was called an Earl Campbell type of back, but he reported to camp last August out of shape. Holmes saw some playing time at FB before Mark Pierce took that job over as a true, rushing for 88 yards (3.5) with 9 rec's. Michael Reuber (5-10 216 rFr) is a promising recruited walk-on at FB with 4.6 speed. Also at TB is Kyle Dickerson (5-11 195 Fr, PS#55) and Andre Ackee (5-10 207 Sr, PS#51). The only loss this year is FB Sacha Lancaster (6 sts) who also played DE. With everyone back I look for either Cobbs (IF he can stay out of trouble) or Howard to emerge as one of the stars of the SEC and Talley will get his share of carries with his 4.36 speed.

RECEIVERS - Last year this group had to replace two of their top 3 WR's including both starters. Richard Smith was the #2 in 2000 with 37 rec's (9.4) and missed the spring last year to participate as a jumper on the track team, showing his athleticism. He was #2 once again last year with 38 rec's (10.1). George Wilson has the biggest hands of the WR's and had 5 rec's as a rFr in 2000 but was granted a medical redshirt, keeping him a freshman. Wilson ended up setting an Arkansas frosh record with 41 rec's (14.0) last year. Steven Harris (5-11 180 So) was perhaps the fastest WR and had six rec's before tearing his ACL vs S Car. He still finished #5 in receiving. I list the rest of the 2 deep below at WR and also in the mix are Gerald Howard (5-7 188 Sr) who has 4 starts and 13 rec's the last 2 years, true frosh Chris Baker who has 4.36 speed, Caleb Ceasar (5-11 180 rFr, PS#261), Correy Muldrew (6-2 210 Sr, PS#43) and some other true frosh signees who upgrade the speed of this unit. Jonathan Strain has been called the team's best overall TE in terms of blocking and receiving but amazingly has had 3 injury plagued seasons and has yet to play a down. Starting TE Nathan Ball has moved to LG, but the coaches are very high on Jason Peters, who at 306 lbs is still the most athletic TE. This was a unit that suffered a decent amount of drops last year. With basically everyone back, this unit can only be improved, but I would not equate it with the upper echelon of the SEC.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Hogs averaged 3.9 ypc rushing but allowed only 19 sacks. Last year 4 starters returned although starting C Josh Melton lost his job when true frosh Shawn Andrews was inserted into the lineup and RT Kenny Sandlin slid over to the C spot. The OL was maligned early last year, averaging just 103 ypg total offense in the first 2 games, but improved that to 340.7 ypg in the last 10 with Andrews in the lineup. Overall Arkansas averaged 3.7 ypc but it was 4.8 over the final 4 games of the regular season. The unit also yielded just 19 sacks in the regular season, but gave up 9 in the bowl. This year they must replace LT Shannon Money (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), Sandlin (12 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 3 yr st'r, 655 lb squat - UA record) and LG La'Zerius White (12 sts, 3 yr st'r). Five players do return with starting experience plus Bo Lacy played 83 snaps vs Ole Miss due to an injury to LT Money. Four players are back (all VHT's) who have started 10 or more with the addition of TE Nathan Ball. Andrews is already the top OL here, even as a true soph, and this year's unit, while a little less experienced, could be just as productive.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Hogs allowed 3.9 ypc rushing, which was the first time in the Nutt era that they yielded over 3.0. The team also had just 14 sacks. Last year it was a veteran defensive front with just one starter lost (NFL DC). The unit allowed 3.7 ypc with just 21 sacks. This year they must replace NG Curt Davis (11 sts, 52 tkls, 8 tfl), DE Carlos Hall (#7DC of TEN, 11 sts, 54 tkls, 6.5 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC) and DE Sacha Lancaster (1 st, 17 tkls) but have 5 of the top 8 back. I expect a much bigger year from Jason Johnson (PS#61DL) who reported overweight last year, but finally emerged in bowl practices. They also add some solid true frosh, including Chase Pressley (PS#32) and Charles Walker (6-3 260, PS#131). Despite the losses this group looks to be in about the same shape as last year, and could be stronger if some of the youngsters emerge.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Hogs had to replace all 3 starting LB's as well as a couple of backups so only 1 of their top 6 LB's returned. They then lost projected starting MLB Shane Collins (PS#90) to a knee injury after 3 games. Jermaine Petty moved from the DL to MLB due to Collins' injury and was simply the #1 tackler in the SEC. Jeb Huckeba, a VHT, was forced to play at just 204 lbs as a true frosh. This year the only losses are MLB Petty (12 sts, 1st Tm AA, 150 tkls, 14 tfl) and 3rd stringers Nathan Henry (2 tkls) and Josh Foliart (8 tkls). They add 3 VHT rFr to the unit as well as Marcus Whitmore (PS#45JC) who has 4.5 speed. Collins will have to sit out again this season due to knee surgery. Even without Collins, this group is more experienced, and I look for big things out of Huckeba, as he has added 20 lbs since enrolling last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 an inexperienced Arkansas secondary, which had to replace 3 starters, still finished #31 in my pass D rankings. Last year practically everyone returned and they got 2 super additions in Lawrence Richardson and Ahmad Carroll. Richardson, Carroll and Eddie Jackson are all on the track team, showing their blazing speed. Richardson and Carroll combined for 4 int's and 33 pbu with Richardson leading the SEC in that category with 20. Surprisingly the Hogs finished only #42 in my pass D rankings, allowing 55.8% with a 19-17 ratio. This year they clearly have one of the top secondaries in the country. The only losses are SS Cory Harris (7 sts, 54 tkls, 4 tfl) and backup D'Andre Berry (9 tkls). No team in the country has 4 CB's like the ones the Hogs have in the 2 deep. They also add Vickiel Vaughn (PS#7) The Hogs probably have the top secondary in the SEC.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This had been a weak spot for the Hogs the previous 7 years, always finishing in the lower half of my special teams rankings. Their fortunes changed dramatically last season. Punter Richie Butler was 2nd in the NCAA at midseason in 2000 with a 45.2 average but then suffered back spasms and saw his average slip to 43.2. He returned last year and averaged 42.3 (39.0 net) which was a big part of the Hogs moving all the way up to #14. They also found a new KO man in David Carlton. After the team had only 4 touchbacks in 2000, Carlton had 14 TB's on 54 KO's last year. Marvin Jackson, a JUCO transfer with blazing speed, took over the PR duties (9.2) and was having a great year until he was slowed by injuries. Two more speedsters, Lawrence Richardson and Decori Birmingham, averaged 23.2 and 21.9 on KR's, respectively. Brennan O'Donohoe hit 13 of 18 FG's with a long of 45, but did slip a little late after hitting his first six FG's. Everyone returns this season and with the speed in the return game and two decent kickers, (O'Donohoe needs to strengthen his leg) they have a chance at finishing in the Top 20 once again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 the Hogs struggled through a rebuilding year with just 8 scholarship seniors having to replace 28 seniors from 1999. They then suffered a heavy dose of injuries throughout the season and yet somehow made it to a bowl game even with a -8 turnover margin. Last year the Hogs had 15 returning starters but still played 10 true frosh, the most of all of the SEC schools. They had 9 scholarship seniors. The team upset #9 S Carolina and #17 Auburn in back to back weeks and survived a 7 OT struggle vs Mississippi in which 22 players needed treatment after the game. Arkansas is a much tougher team at home than on the road. They are 11-0 in Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium but just 2-12 in their last 14 SEC road games. They have appeared in 4 bowls the last 4 years and are a solid 8-8 against ranked teams under Nutt. Last year they went 7-4 in the regular season and landed a Jan 1 Cotton Bowl bid vs the defending National Champion. Despite having 7 starters back on offense last year, they averaged 328.6 ypg in SEC play which ranked last in the league. They did manage 26.0 ppg vs SEC teams but their 58 point output in that 7 OT game skewed that number. This year they have 7 starters back on offense and provided the rebuilt offensive line gels quickly, they will be more potent. Defensively they lose coordinator John Thompson and his outstanding schemes. Last year they allowed just 23.3 ppg overall and have 7 starters back on that side of the ball. I rate their defense #3 in the SEC. I also rate the Hogs as the most improved team in the SEC and they lose just 14 lettermen. While Houston Nutt hasn't had a losing season in 4 years here at Arkansas, his biggest win total in a year was 9 in his inaugural season. I will call for the Hogs to either match or exceed that win total this year.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Matt Jones So. 6-5 215 PS#43. 275 yds (43%), 4-3 ratio, 666 rush as **true.** Tarvaris Jackson (6-3 215 rFr) PS#105, 4.6 spd & NFL arm. Ryan Sorahan (6-4 220 Jr) 3 sts LY.

RB CEDRIC COBBS JR. 6-1 221 **PS#5.** 767 yds (5.9) as true. 630 yds (3.6) L/2Y. **Fred Talley** had 768 yds (5.6) in 2000. 8 sts, 797 (4.6) LY, **2nd Tm SEC. De'Arrius Howard** is **PS#2.**

FB BRANDON HOLMES JR. 6-2 218 PS#80DB. 3 sts, 567 yds (4.1) as true. 4 sts LY, 192 yds (3.4). **Mark Pierce** (6-1 215 So) **PS#47.** 1 st, 169 total yds as true, 4.5 speed.

WR GEORGE WILSON SO. 6-1 202 PS#114. 10 sts as rFr. #1 w/41 rec (14.0). **Sam Breeden** (6-4 221 Sr) **4.4 spd.** 5 rec LY. Carlos Ousley (6-0 180 rFr) PS#116 and orig at W Forest.

WR RICHARD SMITH JR. 5-10 184 PS#42. 1 st, 37 rec (9.4) as rFr. 12 sts, 38 rec (10.1) LY. Sparky Hamilton (6-4 212 Sr) PS#41. 2 sts, 33 rec (15.4), 3Y. **Decori Birmingham** PS#77RB.

TE JASON PETERS SO. 6-5 306 PS#51DL. 3 sts at TE LY, 3 rec (15.0). Marcellus Poydras (6-5 256 Sr) 6 sts in 2000. 3 sts LY, 8 career rec. James Toussaint (6-5 264 Sr) PS#105JC.

C Josh Melton Sr. 6-5 288 **PS#75.** Last 8 sts at C as rFr. 12 sts at C in 2000. 2 sts in 2001. Caleb Perry (6-4 291 Jr) 2 letters. Kyle Roper (6-3 255 rFr) PS#114TE.

RG MARK BOKERMANN JR. 6-5 300 **PS#38OL.** 5 games as rFr (inj'd). 11 sts in 2001, 2 at RT and 9 at RG. Jim Peters (6-3 290 Jr) **PS#79OL**, 400 bench, 2 letters.

LG Scott Davenport Jr. 6-2 307 PS#149. 1 st LY. Nathan Ball (6-4 275 Sr) **PS#82OL.** 1 st at LT as true. 9 sts in 2000, 5 at OT, 4 at TE, 4 rec. 10 sts at TE LY, 2 rec (19.5).

RT SHAWN ANDREWS SO. 6-6 330 **PS#12OL.** 10 sts at RT as **true, 2nd Tm SEC,** 46 knockdowns, only 1 sack allowed. Jared Hicks (6-6 240 rFr) PS#225TE, 4.9 speed.

LT Bo Lacy Jr. 6-4 286 PS#144OL. 8 gms as rFr. 8 gms LY including 83 snaps against Mississippi. Jerry Keith (6-3 301 Jr) PS#123DL. Gene Perry is PS#163JUCO.

K BRENNAN O'DONOHOE JR. 6-0 211 **PS#7.** Hit 4 of 7 FG's as true, long of 38. 13 of 18 FG's LY, long of 45, only 1 of 4 from 40+. David Carlton (6-1 184 So) does KO's, 14 TB's of 54 KO's.

DE RAYMOND HOUSE SR. 6-3 260 PS#123. 2 sts in 2000, 30 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts LY, 40 tkls, 3.5 sks, 5 QBH. Justin Scott (6-2 248 Jr) PS#161, 7 tkls LY. Wesley O'Neal (5-10 218 Sr).

DT James Johnson rFr. 6-6 285 PS#61DL. Pervis Osborne (6-4 267 Sr) PS#250. 16 tkls until inj LY. Scott Summers (6-0 285 Sr) PS#48LB. Pat Winn (6-4 297 So) PS#129OL.

NG JERMAINE BROOKS SR. 6-3 295 **PS#13.** 21 tkls, 6 tfl in '99. 26 tkls in 2000. 8 sts, 59 tkls, 12 tfl LY. Arrion Dixon (6-4 277 So) PS#52DL, 3 tkls LY. Charles Walker is PS#131DL.

DE Elliott Harris So. 6-4 266 PS#124DL. 1 tkl, 1 QBH, 7 games LY. Jayson Johnson (6-3 310 Jr) PS#57DL. Keith Turner (6-3 245 Jr) acad inelig LY, should return in fall.

WLB TONY BUA JR. 5-11 207 3 sts as rFr, 48 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC,** 117 tkls, 10 tfl. Lerinezo Robinson (6-0 185 rFr) **PS#56.** Michael Robinson (6-2 200 rFr) PS#95WR.

MLB Jeb Huckeba So. 6-4 230 **PS#14WR.** 24 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu as true at 204 lbs and has added 26 lbs TY. Clarke Moore (6-2 230 rFr) **PS#35LB.** Pierre Brown (6-0 215 rFr) was **PS#60DL.**

SLB CALEB MILLER JR. 6-3 213 PS#119. 27 tkls, 5 tfl in 2000. 12 sts LY, 109 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Gavin Walls (6-2 217 Sr) PS#110JUCO, 28 tkls, 2 tfl. Marcus Whitmore PS#45JUCO.

CB LAWRENCE RICHARDSON JR. 5-10 174 **PS#6.** 10.19 in 100m. 12 sts, #1 in SEC w/20 pbu, 53 tkls, 3 int LY. Marvin Jackson (5-9 165 Sr) **PS#2JC,** 11 tkls LY. Bo Mosley (5-10 157 Jr) PS#35.

CB AHMAD CARROLL SO. 5-11 190 "Batman" **PS#8,** 10.38 in 100m. 6 sts as **true,** 1 int, 13 pbu. **Eddie Jackson** (6-0 186 Jr) PS#48. 10 sts, 2 int, 7 pbu in 2000. 12 sts, 68 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu LY.

ROV Jimarr Gallon Jr. 5-11 195 PS#120JC. 4 sts here LY, 32 tkls, 3 tfl. Jimmy Beasley (5-11 191 Jr) PS#133QB. 1 st, 32 tkls, 2Y. Harold Harris (5-11 191 Sr) PS#45, 57 tkls, 4Y.

FS KEN HAMLIN JR. 6-2 197 PS#241. 12 sts in 2000 #1 w/113 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. 12 sts LY, 126 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu. Shelton Parker (5-9 173 Jr) PS#105. Vickiel Vaughn is **PS#7.**

P RICHIE BUTLER SR. 6-1 210 PS#49K. 30 punts as true, 40.0 avg. 72 punts in 2000, 43.2 avg 19 inside the 20, 36.7 net, **2nd Tm SEC.** 75 punts LY, 42.3 avg and **net of 39.0!**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DB	Vickiel Vaughn 6-1 180 PS#7
WR	Chris Baker 6-1 185 PS#25
RB	Dedrick Poole 5-11 180 PS#29
DL	Chase Pressley 6-5 275 PS#32
LB	Lucas Jackson 6-1 220 PS#31
OL	Tony Ugoh 6-5 270 PS#44
LB	Marcus Whitmore 6-1 220 PS#45JC
WR	John Johnson 5-11 180 PS#64
WR	David Thompson 6-3 175 PS#72
QB	Rhett Lashlee 6-3 200 PS#53
DL	Reggie Banks 6-5 270 PS#103
WR	John Jackson 5-11 195 PS#96
QB	Cedric Washington 6-1 180 PS#78
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ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Arkansas plays all their games on grass for a 7th straight season. Hogs are 3-7-1 ATS their last 11 vs SMU. Razorbacks are 10-2 ATS their last 12 as a home dog.
Aug. 31								
Sep. 7	Boise St	G						Razorbacks are 14-24 ATS their last 38 lined September games. Arkansas is 10-20 ATS the last 30 vs non-SEC teams but 5-2 ATS L3Y.
Sep. 14	S Florida (Little Rock)	G						Could apply: Arkansas is 10-21 ATS as a home favorite of 7' or more. Arkansas is 5-2 ATS in the last 7 prior to a bye.
Sep. 21								
Sep. 28	Alabama	G						Arkansas is 21-26 ATS off a SU win the L8Y, but 6-1 ATS LY in that role. The home team has won and covered the last 4 years.
Oct. 5	at Tennessee	G						Arkansas is 1-8 ATS in the first of back to back away games since 1994. The Vols have won 8 of the last 9 meetings SU but UA is 4-1 ATS L5Y.
Oct. 12	at Auburn	G						Lance Allworth's alma mater is 5-3 ATS in the 2nd of back to back AG's. The home team is 7-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 19	Kentucky	G						Hogs have had Nutt'n but a good time as a HF L4Y with a 10-5 ATS mark. Arkansas is 8-19-1 ATS their last 28 as a DD favorite but 5-2 the L3Y.
Oct. 26	Mississippi	G						Pending prior results, Hogs are 23-16-1 ATS their last 40 SEC games. The favorite is 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.
Nov. 2	Troy St (Little Rock)	G						Razorbacks are 7-2 ATS in their 3rd straight home game since 1991. Pending 9/14: Hogs are 11-0 SU and 7-3 ATS the last 11 at War Memorial.
Nov. 9	at S Carolina	G						Pending LW, the Hogs are 12-7-1 ATS in their last 20 November games. The favorite has covered 7 of the last 8 in this series.
Nov. 16	Louisiana-Lft	G						Arkansas is 4-1 SU but 2-3 ATS in non-conf November games S/'92. Hogs have won 8 of their last 13 sandwiched home games ATS.
Nov. 23	at Mississippi St	G						The underdog is 9-1 ATS in this series since 1992. Razorbacks are 11-5 ATS in their final road game since 1986.
Nov. 29	LSU (Fri) (Little Rock)	G						Arkansas is 11-7 ATS in home finales since 1984. The underdog is 6-3 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.

HOUSTON NUTT (Career 66-40)

5th Year at Arkansas

Nutt's records AT ARKANSAS

30-18	Straight Up	10-5	Home Favorite
24-18	Vs The Spread	7-2	Home Underdog
6-6	Off A S/U Loss	2-7	Away Favorite
18-14	Vs Conference	5-4	Away Underdog
		6-4	Vs Non-Conf

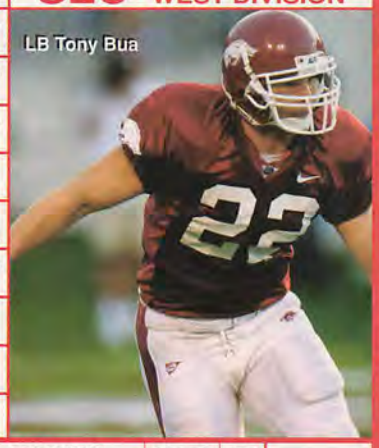
2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (26,21,5)
Lost: 14 (5,8,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 60,705

SEC - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: RAZORBACK (72,000) WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK 53,727)

PLAYING SURFACES: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	4-7	4-7	9-2	7-4	6-5	7-4	45-33
ATS	5-7	3-8	5-5-1	7-4	6-5	5-5	6-4	37-38-1
Home Fav	1-3	2-2	0-2	4-1	4-1	1-1	1-2	13-12
Home Dog	1-1	0-3	3-1	1-0	1-0	2-2	3-0	11-7
Away Fav	2-1	0-0	0-1	1-3	1-4	0-0	0-0	4-9
Away Dog	1-2	1-3	2-1-1	1-0	0-0	2-2	2-2	9-10-1
Favorite	3-4	2-2	0-3	5-4	5-5	1-1	1-2	17-21
Dog	2-3	1-6	5-2-1	2-0	1-0	4-4	5-2	20-17-1
Grass	4-6	3-8	5-5-1	7-4	6-5	5-5	6-4	36-37-1
Artificial	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	5-4	2-6	5-2-1	6-2	3-5	4-4	5-3	30-26-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	0-3	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-1	7-12
Off SU Win	3-5	0-4	1-3	6-2	3-4	2-3	6-1	21-22
Off SU Loss	2-1	3-3	4-1-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	0-2	15-11-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Fred Talley	175	831	34	797	4	4.6
Matt Jones	89	666	51	615	5	6.9
Cedric Cobbs	104	401	62	339	7	3.3
Brandon Holmes	57	210	18	192	3	3.4
Decori Birmingham	26	97	15	82	1	3.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zak Clark	191	90	47.1	1013	6	5
Ryan Sorahan	51	29	56.9	274	0	3
Matt Jones	28	12	42.9	275	4	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
George Wilson	41	575	14.0	3	33
Richard Smith	38	383	10.1	5	23
Mark Pierce	9	81	9.0	0	36
Sparky Hamilton	7	176	25.1	2	61

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Richie Butler	75	3172	42.3	–	39.1	0	18

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brennan O'Donohoe	8-9	4-5	1-4	0-0	13-18	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jermaine Petty	150	1.5	12.5	3	1
Ken Hamlin	126	0.5	2	10	3
Tony Bua	117	2	8	3	2
Caleb Miller	109	1.5	6	8	4
Eddie Jackson	68	1	0	12	1
Jermaine Brooks	59	3.5	8.5	2	0
Carlos Hall	54	1.5	5	3	0
Corey G. Harris	54	1	3	3	1
Lawrence Richardson	53	0	2	20	3
Curt Davis	52	2	6	1	0
Ahmad Carroll	47	0	0	13	1
Raymond House	40	3.5	2	1	0
Jimarr Gallon	32	1	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marvin Jackson	29	268	9.2	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lawrence Richardson	19	440	23.2	1
Decori Birmingham	12	263	21.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Carquest	+2	N Carolina	10-20	L
98	Citrus	+3	Michigan	31-45	L
99	Cotton	+5'	Texas	27-6	W
00	Las Vegas	+1	UNLV	14-31	L
01	Cotton	+13	Oklahoma	3-10	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARKANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	24.5	17	166	3.7	136	48.0	12.3	+4	2001	8	23.3	18	139	3.7	223	55.8	15.6
4	23.2	18	147	3.9	175	50.0	13.9	-8	2000	5	24.1	16	149	3.9	158	48.6	12.8
6*	29.4	18	141	4.3	231	54.8	12.6	+5	1999	7	17.8	17	92	2.7	203	53.8	16.5
10*	32.5	20	148	3.8	242	51.5	12.0	+12	1998	9	18.9	18	105	2.9	213	52.5	16.8
6	16.5	15	57	1.8	216	47.8	16.6	-6	1997	7	25.8	19	132	3.5	219	54.6	13.6
7	15.8	18	154	3.5	143	48.3	18.8	-5	1996	4	24.3	18	103	3.0	228	55.4	13.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UNLV	5	26-25	1.0	12-32	89	1	11	54-258	4.8	4-16	40	2	0
Tennessee	5	26-19	0.7	8-16	73	2	20	55-183	3.3	13-17	136	3	-1
at Alabama	21	46-106	2.3	22-40	209	7	11	34-116	3.4	9-16	133	1	-2
at Georgia	18	34-85	2.5	17-32	212	0	27	43-161	3.7	20-38	298	0	0
Weber St	22	44-322	7.3	8-18	129	1	23	33-112	3.4	28-48	315	3	0
S Carolina	14	48-162	3.4	8-20	62	0	12	28-113	4.0	12-32	159	1	+2
Auburn	19	43-148	3.4	11-16	149	3	20	31-238	7.7	22-40	254	3	+3
at Mississippi	32	80-370	4.6	12-26	161	0	28	50-145	2.9	27-42	312	1	-1
UCF	17	47-238	5.1	9-16	129	2	21	25-65	2.6	22-44	304	0	0
Mississippi St	23	58-329	5.7	10-19	134	0	13	30-65	2.2	17-31	192	3	+1
at LSU	22	42-146	3.5	16-33	266	3	22	37-159	4.3	19-33	359	0	+3
†Oklahoma	6	42-37	0.9	2-13	13	9	11	34-56	1.6	24-32	175	4	-1
TOTALS	204	536-1987	3.7	135-281	1626	28	219	454-1671	3.7	217-389	2677	21	+4
AVERAGES	17.0	45-166	3.7	11-23	136	2.3	18.3	38-139	3.7	18-32	223	1.8	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NE Louisiana	-22	28-16	L
at SMU	-6'	9-31	L
at Alabama	+19'	17-16	W
Louisiana Tech	-11	17-13	L
at Florida	+36	7-56	L
S Carolina	+1'	13-39	L
Auburn	+16'	21-26	W
at Mississippi	+10	9-19	T
Tennessee	+25	22-30	W
Mississipppi St	+5'	17-7	W
at LSU	+19	21-31	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Louisiana	-32	38-17	L
SMU	-9	44-17	W
Alabama	+3	42-6	W
Kentucky	-4	27-20	W
at Memphis	-17'	23-9	L
at S Carolina	-7	41-28	W
at Auburn	-3'	24-21	L
Mississippi	-9	34-0	W
at Tennessee	+9	24-28	W
at Mississippi St	-3	21-22	L
LSU	-6'	41-14	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-14	26-0	W
UL Monroe	-35	44-6	W
at Alabama	-2	28-35	L
at Kentucky	-8'	20-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-35'	58-6	W
S Carolina	-22'	48-14	W
Auburn	-7'	34-10	W
at Mississippi	-1	16-38	L
Tennessee	+8	28-24	W
Mississippi St	-7	14-9	L
at LSU	-11	10-35	L

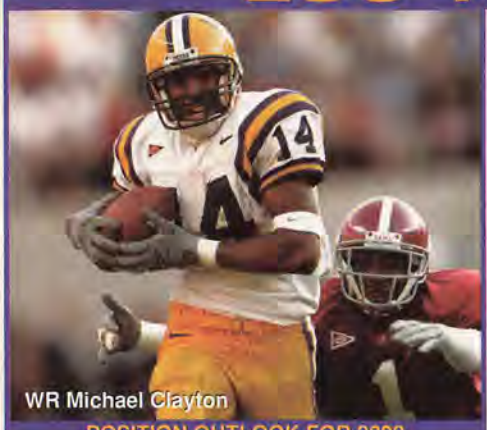
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	38-0	–
Boise St	-13'	38-31	L
Alabama	+2'	28-21	W
Georgia	+3'	7-38	L
UL Monroe	-34'	52-6	W
at S Carolina	+7	7-27	L
at Auburn	+9'	19-21	W
Mississippi	+1'	24-38	L
at Tennessee	+13'	20-63	L
at Mississippi St	+17	17-10	W
LSU	+3	14-3	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-5	14-10	L
Tennessee	+13	3-13	W
at Alabama	+10	10-31	L
at Georgia	+10	23-34	L
Weber St	NL	42-19	–
S Carolina	+9	10-7	W
Auburn	+1	42-17	W
at Mississippi (7OT)	+6	58-56	W
UCF	-5'	27-20	W
Mississippi St	-7'	24-21	L
at LSU	+9'	38-41	W

LSU TIGERS


WR Michael Clayton

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Rohan Davey was a part-time starter in 1999 and 2000. In 2000 he was hampered by injuries, but he led the team to upsets of Tennessee and Georgia Tech and threw for 751 yards with an impressive 10-1 ratio. Davey, at 248 lbs, is a mountain of a QB and very tough for opposing DL's to tackle. In my mind Davey was clearly the best QB on the roster in both 1999 and 2000. Last year, in his first full year as the starter, he proved it. Davey began the 2001 season with a streak of 125 consecutive passes without an interception. He returned from a knee injury suffered vs Florida and threw for 383 yards vs Kentucky, the 3rd best total in school history, but then topped that with 528 yards against Alabama. Davey set the single season school record for passing yards with 3,791, blowing away Tommy Hodson's total of 2,655 yards set in 1989. Davey topped it off by setting a Sugar Bowl record with 444 yards passing. He finished the year with a 21-10 ratio and completed 59%. He departs (#4DC of NE) and will definitely be missed. Matt Mauck (PS#77) was his backup last year and when Davey went down he hit just 5 of 15 for 67 yards while rushing for 43 in the SEC Championship but led the team to the crucial win. He originally signed at Mich St with Saban, but decided to play baseball for the Cubs organization for 3 years following HS. Rick Clausen (6-2 180 rFr) was PS#38. Marcus Randall (6-2 217 So, PS#143) is very athletic with a strong arm. He got in 2 passes last year, but tore his ACL in this year's spring game. Perrin Rittner (6-4 210 rFr) was PS#80. This year's top QB signee is Lester Ricard (PS#26). Naturally with the huge loss of a talent like Davey, this unit looks much weaker in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year everyone basically was back except for their super blocking FB Tommy Banks (275 lbs). The unit was so deep that Saban experimented by moving Domanik Davis (5-10 211 Sr) to safety and Devery Henderson to WR during the spring. Henderson (PS#32) is a member of the LSU track team and moved back to RB in the fall and rushed for 327 yards (5.5) and he is the fastest athlete ever at LSU. Their FB's last year were all in the 220 lb range. LaBrandon Toefield, who led the team in rushing in 2000 with 760 yards (4.1), rushed for 992 yards (4.3) and had 19 TD's, tying an SEC record. Injuries plagued him as he missed most of the first Tennessee game and was not 100% vs Florida. He tore his ACL in the SEC Title game and missed the bowl. With Davis at safety, true frosh Joseph Addai (PS#17) was the 2nd string TB in the fall camp but he rushed for just 27 yards, getting a medical redshirt and should have a much bigger impact. Davis ended the DB experiment at the end of the year, and rushed for 78 yards in the SEC Title game and set a Sugar Bowl record with 4 rushing TD's gaining 122 yards. With Toefield out in the second half against Ole Miss, Davis compiled 266 all-purpose yards, the 5th best in school history. This year they add true frosh Justin Vincent (PS#9) and Ryan Gilbert (5-10 195 rFr, PS#39). The only loss from this group is Joe Domingeaux who had 4 starts at FB last year and 4 more starts at TE. I list the FB's below. Once again this unit is extremely deep and could even top last year's outstanding production.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 Josh Reed was a backup RB who moved to WR for the final 3 games. He had 2 incredible years as a wideout (see "Hardcore Fans" on page 306). Last year it appeared that everyone returned to this unit but the team did lose starter Reggie Robinson (35 rec in 2000) over the summer as well as a couple of backup WR's. Reed, who Rohan Davey said "got unbelievable separation from coverage" had a storybook season, winning the Biletnikoff Award and was 1st Tm AA. He was the Team Off MVP two straight years, and his records included 239 yards receiving in the Sugar Bowl, 19 rec's and 293 yards (both SEC single game records) vs Alabama, and an SEC record 1,979 rec yards in a season. In just two full-time years as a starter, Reed finishes as the SEC's all-time leading receiver which is impressive considering that Florida is in the SEC as is Tennessee which is known as 'WR U'. Much was made of the signing of true frosh WR Michael Clayton (PS#2) and he ended up starting 5 games and was #2 receiver with 55 (15.9). Jerel Myers started 13 games at WR and was #3 with 43 (11.9). This year they do lose Reed who left early for the NFL (#2DC of BUF) as well as TE Robert Royal (#5DC OF WAS, 13 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 20 rec, 12.0), but basically everyone else returns and I list the 2 deep below with 3 VHT's at the TE position. While Clayton will be the feature WR and they do have a lot of talent returning, it will be almost impossible to top last year's production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Tigers had to replace two full-time starters (including 2 DC's) and 2 others who combined for 6 starts and had 4 players returning with starting experience. After rushing for just 2.9 ypc in 1999 the unit improved to 3.5 in 2000, trimming the sacks from 21 to 12. Last year LSU rushed for 4.0 ypc, the best in the Saban era, while the O-line allowed 26 sacks. They signed a great class of true frosh OL's with PS#1, #8 and #14 last year. One of the 3 true frosh who played last year is Ben Wilkerson (PS#1) who started the last 9 games at C, taking over for Rob Sale. I list a very talented 2 deep below with SEVEN VHT's. The only losses this year are RG Dwayne Pierce (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Jason Baggett (13 sts, 2nd Tm SEC) and backup T Terry Phillips. With 7 of the top 10 back and a lot of talent, this unit is even stronger in 2002.

DEFENSIVE LINE - LSU ran a 3-4 defense prior to Saban's arrival but he has switched it to a 4-3. He had 7 of the top 9 DL's back in his first year and the D allowed 3.9 ypc rushing but overall recorded just 14 sacks. Last year he had 7 players back who started 5 games or more including all 4 starters. He also brought in 2 VHT true frosh and a JUCO. The Tigers dropped their defensive ypc to 3.7 and were more active up front, getting 27 sacks, but still not enough pressure for Saban's liking. This year the losses are heavier. Three players who started the final 5 games all depart. Gone are DE Kyle Kipps (8 sts, 30 tkls, 6 tfl), DE Jarvis Green (#4DC OF NE, 13 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 52 tkls, 4 sks, 25 hurries), DT Howard Green (#6DC OF HOU, 5 sts, 41 tkls, 3 sks) and DT Muskingum Barnes (4 sts, 21 tkls, 6 tfl). Only 3 players return with starting experience but they do have those 2 true frosh from 2001, DE Marquise Hill (PS#8) and Marcus Spears (PS#3) who should be much improved in their soph seasons. Also look for a bigger impact from JUCO Torran Williams who coaches promised would see significant playing time, but he was injured after playing only 2 games. I like the talent level here and they have 4 VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below. I think the unit will put more pressure on opposing QB's but it is a less experienced group.

LINEBACKERS - In Saban's first season he inherited a veteran LB corps but for one reason or another many players left prior to the year and just two players with starting experience returned. Last year all 3 starters and all 3 backups were back and only one was a senior. MLB Trev Faulk (13 sts, 126 tkls, 5 tfl, 2nd Tm AA) left early for the NFL and ended up undrafted. WLB Bradie James (PS#4) was 1st Team SEC but turned down his chance to turn pro and his return is a big plus. James moved to MLB in spring. The only other loss from this unit is backup WLB Walter Moreham (15 tkls). I list the 2 deep below including some talented freshmen. Despite having 4 of the 6 LB's returning, this group is not quite as experienced and will probably be down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Six players returned with starting experience in 2000, but they did have to replace a #2 DC. Saban's first secondary finished at #27 in my pass D rankings. Last year the Tigers had to only replace one starter, a 2nd Tm SEC player. The LSU secondary was hit hard by injuries during the season and in the SEC Title game true frosh Travis Daniels was forced to take off his redshirt and had a key pbu late to seal the victory. This year they must replace SS Lionel Thomas (7 sts, 39 tkls, 2 int), FS Ryan Clark (13 sts, 93 tkls, 5 tfl, 10 pbu), CB Erin Damond (3 sts, 21 tkls, 3 int's, 9 pbu) and CB Robert Davis (1 st, 8 tkls). While Thomas had 7 starts at SS, Norman LeJeune took his spot over the final 6 games so I will list 3 returning starters. Overall LSU finished #48 in my pass D rankings, allowing a whopping 281.2 ypg and 30 TD passes, but they did lead the SEC in int's with 19. Against Kurt Kittner in the bowl game, they forced him into a 1 for 13 start before the Tigers built up a big lead. There are plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below and with last year's secondary toasted often, I think this year's will show improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Saban plays a lot of starters on the special teams unit and in his final season at Mich St they finished #20 in my special teams rankings. In his first season here they moved up to #52 (#98 in 1999) and last year had explosive returnman Domanick Davis back in the fold as well as their kicker, punter and plenty of VHT's in the group. Illinois Coach Ron Turner said after the bowl game, "just look at their coverage team, they look like a team of world class sprinters." In the 2001 offseason P Donnie Jones worked with ex-NFL punter Greg Montgomery and greatly improved, with a 43.7 average (39.4 net). Davis, who averaged 10.5 on PR's in 2000, increased that to 13.4 but his KR average dropped from 23.4 to 20.0. Devery Henderson averaged 25.3 on 7 KR's. Davis was injured vs Utah St and Josh Reed and Ryan Clark combined to fumble 3 punts and had -11 yards in returns. Their KR defense is outstanding, allowing just 15.4 ypr showing the strength of their coverage team. This year their punter, kicker and all the top returnmen are back and after finishing #8 in my special teams rankings last year, they are a contender for #1 in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gerry DiNardo led LSU to a 26-9-1 record during his first 3 years but went just 7-15 in his final 2. Nick Saban inherited a 3-8 team that was -7 in turnovers and had 17 returning starters and after a 3-3 start the team won 5 of its last 6 including a bowl win over Georgia Tech. Expectations were soaring last year as the team lost just 14 lettermen and once again had 17 starters returning. Despite the fact they were the only SEC West team to draw both Florida and Tennessee, I called for the Tigers to win the SEC West. For the second straight year a slow start had things not looking too good. After a home loss to Mississippi, they stood just 2-3 in conference play but managed to win their final 3 and saw the other contenders fall by the wayside. Not only did they get to the SEC Title game, they knocked Tennessee out of the Rose Bowl and won their first outright SEC Title since 1986. Making that SEC Championship win over Tenn even more amazing was the fact that QB Davey and RB Toefield both were injured and out for the 2H. By winning their final 6 games the team finished #7 in the AP final poll, their highest finish since 1987. Nick Saban has not a losing season in his 8 years. Interestingly, the replacements for the last 4 coaches fired by LSU have led the team to 2 straight bowl games but have had troubles after that. Last year the team had 5,418 regular season yards, the first time in LSU history they topped the 5,000 yard barrier, led by QB Davey. This year they have just 5 offensive starters back and must break in a new QB. While there is talent on that side of the ball, I cannot see them matching last year's 32.2 ppg or impressive 463 ypg. Surprisingly LSU's athletically talented defense allowed 407 ypg in SEC play which was the 3rd weakest. Still DC Gary Gibbs did a fine job last year and his departure will be felt. They have 7 starters back and just 9 lettermen lost from that side of the ball. LSU will probably yield less yards in 2002. Last year LSU proved capable of winning on the SEC road, beating Kentucky, Miss St and Alabama by an average of 20 ppg on the road last season. This is a team very capable of defending its SEC West crown and should easily achieve a 3rd straight winning season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Matt Mauck So. 6-2 216 PS#77. 224 yds (44%) 0-2 ratio, 98 rush LY, MVP of SEC Title Game. Rick Clausen (6-2 180 rFr) PS#38. 3361 yds, 38 TD's as Sr in HS.

RB LaBRANDON TOEFIELD JR. 6-0 225 **PS#20**. 11 sts, 760 yds (4.1) in 2000. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 11 sts 992 yds (4.3), 19 TD's, 13 rec (11.4). **Domanick Davis** PS#7. 1272 career rush yds.

FB Solomon Lee Sr. 6-1 229 PS#140. 3 games as rFr. 11 games LY, 3 rec (4.7). Ryan O'Neal (6-0 225 So) PS#89LB. 26 tkls, 30 games, 3Y. Elice Parker (5-11 229 Sr).

WR JEREL MYERS SR. 5-11 180 PS#45. 10 sts, 64 rec (13.3) as true. 12 sts in '00, 33 rec (12.0). 13 sts LY, 43 rec (11.9). Shyrone Carey (5-7 180 So) PS#22RB. Bennie Brazell was PS#45.

WR Michael Clayton So. 6-4 185 **PS#2**. 5 sts as **true**. #2 w/55 rec (15.9). Reggie Robinson (6-2 194 Sr) PS#32. 3 sts, 21 rec (14.7) as true. 5 sts, 25 rec in 99. 12 sts, 35 rec (13.0) in '00.

TE Eric Edwards Jr. 6-5 260 **PS#3TE**. 7 rec (22.7), 4 TD's, 2Y. David Jones (6-4 240 rFr) PS#4. Kory Hebert (6-4 225 rFr) PS#7. Jacob Guidry (6-3 225 rFr) PS#126.

C BEN WILKERSON SO. 6-4 275 **PS#1**. Last **9 sts** as **true**, All SEC Frosh Tm. Jonathan Autrey (6-3 275 Jr) PS#141OL. 3 games in 2Y. Jimmy Courtenay (6-2 285 Jr).

RG Rob Sale Sr. 6-2 310 **PS#107OL**. 3 games as rFr. L/6 sts at LG in 2000. 7 sts LY (4 at C, 3 at G). John Young (6-3 295) PS#115, 15 games, 3Y, 2L. Brian Johnson is PS#40.

LG STEPHEN PETERMAN JR. 6-4 300 PS#105. 8 tkls at DE as true. 12 sts at LG in 2000 (inj in 1). Kade Comeaux (6-6 310 So) PS#27OL, 10 gms LY. Rudy Niswanger (6-5 275 rFr) **PS#14**.

RT Brad Smalling Sr. 6-7 305 PS#15OL, enrolled at 390 lbs. 1 st in '99. 5 sts at RT in 2000. 10 games LY, 3L. **Andrew Whitworth** (6-7 315 rFr) **PS#8**. Garett Wibel is PS#39.

LT RODNEY REED JR. 6-4 288 PS#62. 8 sts as rFr (2 at G, 6 at T). 13 starts at LT in 2001. Steve Arflin (6-4 320 rFr) PS#90. Nate Livings (6-5 300 Fr) is PS#104.

K JOHN CORBELLO SR. 5-11 220 **PS#4K**. 9 of 12 FG's, long of 43 in '99. 12 of 20 with long of 49 in 2000. 14 of 23 FG's and long of 47 LY. 6 of 11 from 40-49, 0 of 2 from 50+.

DEFENSE

DE KENDERICK ALLEN SR. 6-6 300 **PS#2**. 1 st, 20 tkls, 4 tfl in '98, RS '99. 4 sts, 33 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 5 sts, 17 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Brandon Washington (6-4 275 rFr) PS#42. Bryce Wyatt (6-4 258 Jr).

DT Byron Dawson Sr. 6-2 291 PS#103. 3 sts, 23 tkls in '99. 3 starts, 16 tkls in 2000. 5 sts, 21 tkls, 1 sk LY. Torran Williams (6-4 285 Jr) PS#292JC. Inj'd LY. Kyle Williams is PS#24.

DT CHAD LAVALAIS JR. 6-3 270 PS#101LB. 4 sts, 24 tkls, 2 sks as true. 12 sts, 54 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl LY. Brandon Hurley (6-3 275 rFr) PS#82OL. Doug Planchard is PS#57.

DE Marquise Hill So. 6-7 285 **PS#8DL**. 390 bench, 10 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl as **true**. **Marcus Spears** (6-5 280 Sr) **PS#3DL**. 8 tkls, 1 sk, 4 QBH as **true**. Jarvus Ryes PS#58LB LY.

SLB JEREMY LAWRENCE SR. 6-3 236 PS#165. 5 sts in 1999, 36 tkls, 6 tfl, 10 sts in 2000, 45 tkls, 4 tfl. 10 sts LY, 41 tkls, 1 int. Dave Peterson (6-3 240 Sr) PS#80JC. Cameron Vaughn is PS#24.

MLB BRADIE JAMES SR. 6-3 238 **PS#4**. 11 sts, 157 tkls, 13 tfl, in '99-00. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 116 tkls, 8 tfl, 9 QBH. Jason LeDoux (6-3 233 Jr) PS#64, A&M trans. **Donovan Grayson** (6-4 230 rFr) **PS#33**.

WLB Lionel Turner So. 6-2 242 PS#47. 7 tackles in 2001. **Adrian Mayes** (6-1 205 Jr) **PS#12**. 23 tackles in 2 years. Philip Maxwell (6-2 218 rFr) was PS#126.

CB DEMETRIUS HOOKFIN SR. 5-11 174 **PS#17**. 7 sts in 2000, 24 tkls, 1 int. 13 sts, 55 tkls, 1 int, 13 pbu, top cover CB LY. Randall Gay (5-11 177 Jr) PS#134RB, 1 st, 27 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu LY.

CB Travis Daniels So. 6-1 175 PS#47DB. 2 pbu, 2 games as true. Brandon Williams (6-0 202 rFr) PS#32DB. Ronnie Prude (6-0 190 So) PS#27QB. Blair Irvin is PS#34.

SS DAMIEN JAMES SR. 5-11 191 PS#9QB. 2 sts at DB in 2000, 55 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. 10 sts LY (8 at CB), 53 tkls, **5 int**, 5 pbu. Travis Moses (6-1 192 Jr) PS#145. 1 st, 28 tkls, 2 pbu, 2Y.

FS NORMAN LeJEUNE SR. 6-1 180 PS#79. 5 sts as **true**, 67 tkls, 2 int. 17 tkls in 2000. 7 sts at SS LY, 62 tkls, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. Jack Hunt (6-1 189 Jr) 6 rec (11.5) L2Y. Move from WR in spg.

P DONNIE JONES JR. 6-3 217 PS#22K. 43.4 average in HS. 65 punts 38.5 average as rFr, 34.2 net. 55 punts in 2001, big improvement to 43.7 average & **net of 39.4**.

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OL	Garett Wibel	6-4 300 PS#39
OL	Brian Johnson	6-4 300 PS#40
QB	Lester Ricard	6-4 195 PS#26
RB	Jason Spadoni	6-0 210 PS#48
DB	Blair Irvin	6-0 170 PS#34
DL	Tory Collins	6-2 255 PS#56
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DL	Terrell McGill	6-4 320 PS#66
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LSU TIGERS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score LSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 1	at Virginia Tech (Sun)	G						Tigers are 6-0 ATS as a dog of 20 or more since 1991. LSU is 6-2 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1993. The Tigers are 3-8-1 ATS the week after playing Alabama.
Sep. 7	The Citadel	G						VT is just one of six 2001 bowl teams on the Tigers schedule this year. LSU is 4-7 ATS the last 11 seasons in their first lined game.
Sep. 14	Miami (Oh)	G						The Citadel finished with a 3-7 record LY & is a member of the Southern Conf. LSU is 2-0 SU in NL games since 1987, outscoring their foes 115-6.
Sep. 21								The last meeting between these 2 schools was back in 1990. The Tigers won 35-7 SU but failed to cover as 35 point favorites.
Sep. 28	Mississippi St	G						Bonus: LSU is 2-8 ATS prior to a bye week.
Oct. 5	Louisiana-Lft	G						The Tigers have covered 8 of their last 10 SEC openers. LSU is 9-1 SU and ATS vs Mississippi St.
Oct. 12	at Florida	G						LSU is 1-10 SU but 5-6 ATS in their last 11 games vs Florida. The Tigers are 14-24-1 ATS in their last 39 October games.
Oct. 19	S Carolina	G						Tigers came into 2002 with a 9-5 ATS mark in sandwiched away games. The visiting team is 15-6-1 ATS the last 22 in this series.
Oct. 26	at Auburn	G						Louisiana St is 1-8-1 ATS after playing Florida. These 2 teams have not met S/'95's 20-20 SU tie. LSU is 1-3 ATS L/4.
Nov. 2								Baton Rouge brigade is 8-4 ATS in this Tiger tussle. Pending earlier results, LSU has covered 7 of their last 10 as an AD.
Nov. 9	at Kentucky	G						Pending the 9/28 result, LSU is 7-14-1 ATS the week after a bye. LSU is 3-10-1 ATS vs Kentucky since 1988.
Nov. 16	Alabama	G						Pending LW: The Tigers are 13-19-1 ATS in November since 1992. The visitor is 13-3 ATS in the last 16 series meetings.
Nov. 23	Mississippi	G						Tigers are 3-9 ATS in their last 12 home finales. The home team is 5-13 ATS in the LSU/Ole Miss series.
Nov. 29	at Arkansas (Fri)	G						Coming into 2002, LSU was 4-10-1 ATS when the line was between +4 & -4. LSU is 6-2 SU vs the Hogs and the underdog has won SU 2 of the L3Y.

NICK SABAN (Career 61-33-1)
3rd Year at LSU

Saban's records AT LSU

18-7	Straight Up	4-6	Home Favorite
11-11	Vs The Spread	2-1	Home Dog
3-3	Off A S/U Loss	1-2	Away Favorite
9-8	Vs Conference	4-2	Away Dog
		2-3	Vs Non-Conf

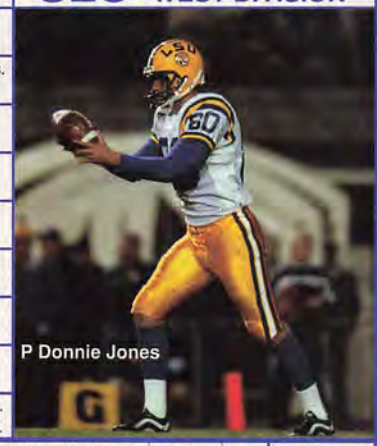
2001 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (20,15,5)
Lost: 16 (7,9,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,491

SEC - WEST DIVISION


P Donnie Jones

STADIUM: TIGER STADIUM (91,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-4-1	9-2	8-3	4-7	3-8	7-4	9-3	46-31-1
ATS	6-5	5-5-1	6-5	3-7-1	5-6	5-5	6-6	36-39-2
Home Fav	4-0	2-4-1	2-4	1-5	1-3	2-2	2-4	14-22-1
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-2	2-0	0-1	5-4
Away Fav	0-2	2-0	3-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	7-6
Away Dog	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1-1	3-1	1-2	3-0	10-7-1
Favorite	4-2	4-4-1	5-5	2-6	1-3	2-3	3-5	21-28-1
Dog	2-3	1-1	1-0	1-1-1	4-3	3-2	3-1	15-11-1
Grass	6-4	5-5-1	6-4	3-7-1	5-6	5-5	5-6	35-37-2
Artificial	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2
vs Conf	4-4	4-3-1	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-4	28-28-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-2-1	1-2	1-1	1-2	8-11-1
Off SU Win	3-2	4-4	3-4	1-3	1-1	3-4	4-4	19-22
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-0-1	2-1	2-3-1	4-4	2-1	1-2	15-12-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LaBrandon Toefield	230	1060	68	992	19	4.3
Domanick Davis	103	541	13	528	9	5.1
Devery Henderson	60	334	12	327	1	5.5
Matt Mauck	20	98	25	73	2	3.7
Rohan Davey	39	136	149	-13	0	-0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rohan Davey	420	248	59.0	3791	21	10
Matt Mauck	41	18	43.9	224	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Josh Reed	108	1979	18.3	9	49
Michael Clayton	55	874	15.9	6	67
Jerel Myers	43	512	11.9	1	34
Robert Royal	20	239	12.0	2	29
LaBrandon Toefield	13	148	11.4	0	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Donnie Jones	55	2369	43.1	–	39.4	1	16

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Corbello	5-5	3-5	6-11	0-2	14-23	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Treverance Faulk	126	2	3	2	0
Bradie James	116	3	5	3	0
Ryan Clark	93	1	4	10	3
Norman LeJeune	62	0	3	4	0
Demetrius Hookfin	55	0	2	13	1
Chad Lavalais	54	2	3	3	0
Damien James	53	1	3	5	5
Jarvis Green	52	4	3	3	0
Howard Green	41	3	2	1	0
Jeremy Lawrence	41	0	0	4	1
Lionel Thomas	39	0	4	1	2
Kyle Kipps	30	3	3	1	0
Randall Gay	27	1	0	5	3
Byron Dawson	21	1	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Domanick Davis	22	299	13.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Domanick Davis	26	521	20.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Independence	-6'	Michigan St	45-26	W
96	Peach	-6'	Clemson	10-7	L
97	Independence	-6'	Notre Dame	27-9	W
00	Peach	+8'	Georgia Tech	28-14	W
01	Sugar	-2	Illinois	47-34	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LSU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	32.2	23	153	4.0	309	58.0	14.4	+4	2001	10	23.2	20	112	3.7	281	56.0	16.9
9*	26.7	19	128	3.5	249	52.4	14.1	+4	2000	8	19.6	19	135	3.9	213	54.4	17.8
6	20.3	18	82	2.9	219	49.4	14.9	-7	1999	7	23.5	19	152	3.7	197	54.0	14.8
7*	30.6	21	169	4.3	216	59.1	12.6	+1	1998	8	25.4	21	133	3.5	276	62.8	16.1
8*	31.1	20	257	5.4	146	59.9	13.0	+13	1997	7	15.7	19	117	3.3	222	50.3	21.6
8*	27.9	19	205	4.6	187	53.7	14.0	-5	1996	6	17.5	17	157	3.9	159	47.8	18.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Tulane	25	50-232	4.6	21-31	262	0	21	26-48	1.8	25-47	343	1	+1
Utah St	20	43-275	6.4	13-24	229	2	20	24-91	3.8	30-52	235	2	+1
at Tennessee	18	20-29	1.5	21-43	356	3	21	49-139	2.8	18-28	309	4	+1
Florida	23	41-137	3.3	18-39	286	8	28	26-128	4.9	26-41	504	1	-1
at Kentucky	22	38-132	3.5	27-38	383	3	20	24-127	5.3	23-42	286	0	0
at Mississippi St	18	37-138	3.7	18-29	280	2	19	34-74	2.2	18-42	248	4	+4
Mississippi	18	39-188	4.8	9-23	183	2	21	34-129	3.8	28-44	249	0	-2
at Alabama	30	30-83	2.8	35-44	528	1	18	39-174	4.5	15-28	209	2	-2
Mid Tenn St	23	32-145	4.5	26-37	318	1	20	29-177	6.1	22-30	195	2	+1
Arkansas	22	37-159	4.3	19-33	359	0	22	42-146	3.5	16-33	266	4	-3
Auburn	23	42-188	4.5	17-35	243	0	15	30-116	3.9	13-27	177	3	+1
†Tennessee	20	42-134	3.2	14-35	151	3	17	18-50	2.8	27-43	332	1	+2
†Illinois	32	44-151	3.4	31-53	444	1	14	21-61	2.9	15-36	302	3	+1
TOTALS	294	495-1991	4.0	269-464	4022	26	256	396-1460	3.7	276-493	3655	27	+4
AVERAGES	22.6	38-153	4.0	21-36	309	2.0	19.7	30-112	3.7	21-38	281	2.1	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-37	55-3	W
at Mississippi St	-10	24-9	W
Auburn	-4'	28-31	L
Akron	-42	56-0	W
at Vanderbilt	-16	7-6	L
Florida	+16'	28-21	W
Mississippi	-16	21-36	L
at Kentucky	-6'	63-28	W
at Alabama	-6	27-0	W
Notre Dame	-11	6-24	L
Arkansas	-19	31-21	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-43	42-6	L
at Auburn	-5	31-19	W
Idaho	-34	53-20	L
Georgia	-8'	27-28	L
at Florida	+12'	10-22	W
Kentucky	-9'	36-39	L
Mississippi St	-8	41-6	W
at Mississippi (OT)	-10	31-37	L
Alabama	-8	16-22	L
at Notre Dame	+2'	36-39	L
at Arkansas	+6	14-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-27	29-21	L
N Texas	-34	52-0	W
Auburn	-8'	7-41	L
at Georgia	+9	22-23	W
Florida	+14	10-31	L
at Kentucky	+4'	5-31	L
at Mississippi St	+15'	16-17	W
Mississippi	+4'	23-42	L
at Alabama	+20	17-23	W
Houston	-3	7-20	L
Arkansas	+11	35-10	W

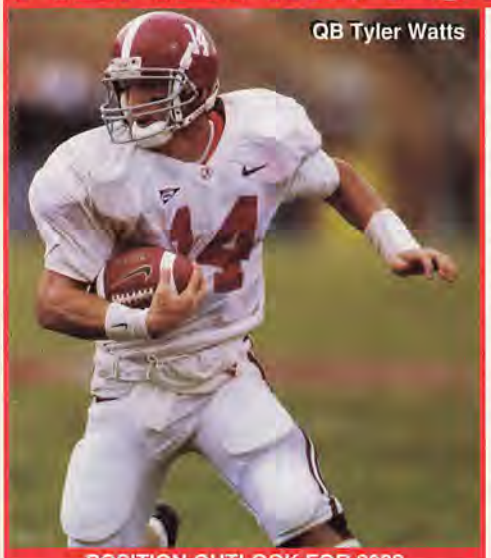
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Carolina	NL	58-0	–
Houston	-13	28-13	W
at Auburn	+6'	17-34	L
UAB	-16'	10-13	L
Tennessee (OT)	+9'	38-31	W
at Florida	+14'	9-41	L
Kentucky	-4'	34-0	W
Miss St (OT)	+6	45-38	W
Alabama	-3	30-28	L
at Mississippi	+2'	20-9	W
at Arkansas	-3	3-14	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-21'	48-17	W
Utah St	-23'	31-14	L
at Tennessee	+10	18-26	W
Florida	+13'	15-44	L
at Kentucky	-16'	29-25	L
at Mississippi St	-3	42-0	W
Mississippi	-9'	24-35	L
at Alabama	+5	35-21	W
Mid Tenn St	-17	30-14	L
Arkansas	-9'	41-38	L
Auburn	-7	27-14	W

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE


QB Tyler Watts

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Bama has been embroiled in a QB controversy the last three years. In 1998 Andrew Zow surprised everyone and took over the starting job as a rFr, guiding the Tide to a 5-3 SU record in the last 8 games. He threw for 2,193 yards (56%) with a 12-10 ratio, becoming only the 5th Bama QB to top 2,000 yards in a single season. The Tide also had VHT Tyler Watts (PS#4) and as a rFr in 1999 Watts and Zow alternated. Watts, the better runner, passed for 533 yards with a 2-5 ratio while rushing for 116. Zow, the better passer, threw for 1,855 yards (56%) with a 13-9 ratio. The two alternated again in 2000 and there were rumors that the team was split along racial lines. Watts got in 4 starts early, throwing for 303 yards (55%) and rushing for 207, but tore his ACL and was lost for the season. Zow started 7 games and became Bama's all-time leader in pass attempts and completions but while he threw for 1,561 yards he completed just 48.2% with a poor 6-14 ratio. He did have 12 straight completions vs Ole Miss, setting a school record, which is surprising because Bama has had some outstanding QB's like Joe Namath and Ken Stabler. Last year Watts won the starting job because he adapted better to the new offense and started the first 9 but injured his groin in the 1Q vs Miss St and Zow took over. Zow threw for 773 yards (57.8%) with a 7-3 ratio with the highlight coming when he hit 22 of 29 for 221 yards vs Auburn. Watts ran the option at times rushing for 668 yards and throwing for 1,325 yards (54.7%) with a 10-3 ratio. Watts became the first QB in school history to rush for 100 yards in 3 straight games. Zow departs but Watts returns. Coaches like to use their own recruits and there is a possibility Franchione will go with Brodie Croyle (PS#2) who enrolled early and participated in spring last year. Spencer Pennington (6-4 215 rFr) was PS#72. I think that if he wins the job, Croyle can put up better stats than what Zow and Watts combined for last year and this unit could even be improved.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 the Tide had to fill the large shoes of Shaun Alexander who rushed for 1,544 yards (4.7) in 1999. There were high hopes for PS#24 Brandon Miree, but he suffered an injury and ended up with 456 yards. Ahmaad Galloway (PS#50) led the team in rushing with 659 yards (4.8). Santonio Beard (PS#45) redshirted and all 3 were expected to return for the 2001 season. Miree ended up quitting after 2 games due to lack of playing time. Beard was injured early and had just one attempt in the first 3 games. Beard rushed for 141 yards vs Tenn, averaging a school record 14.1 ypc. He had 95 yards against Miss St and then vs Auburn rushed for 199 yards as the fans clamored for him to be the starter. The Auburn game was his first and only start even though he averaged an amazing 8.0 ypc on the year. Unfortunately he was arrested for a DUI after the Auburn game and missed the season finale. Galloway started 11 and led the team with 971 yards (5.1). Beard and Galloway are both back but will have to fight Shaud Williams for carries (PS#30). In 1999 and 2000 Williams had 11 starts at RB for Texas Tech with 899 yards rushing (5.3) and 58 rec's (6.0). Franchione created the A-Back position which will take advantage of Williams' receiving skills. Ray Hudson (5-11 197 So, PS#117DB) also returns. FB Donnie Lowe missed the first two games last year but after Marvin Brown suffered 2 fumbles and a dropped TD pass against Ark, Lowe started the rest of the season. Brown has moved to LB. Marquez Dupree (6-0 215 rFr) was PS#81 and is Marcus' son. This unit led the SEC in rushing last year and returns almost everyone and has added talent.

RECEIVERS - Freddie Milons set a school record with 69 receptions in 1999 but only had 32 in 2000 and, while leading the team last year, still only had 39 (16.9). He does leave (#5DC OF PHI) as the school's all-time leading pass receiver. Also departing is TE Terry Jones (#5DC of BAL, 10 sts, 14 rec, 14.3) and WR Jason McAddley (#5DC of ARZ, 2 sts, 20 rec). I list the 2 deep below and 4 players have starting experience including a couple of VHT WR's. Some of this year's signees could also have an immediate impact. Not listed below are Leslie Williams (6-5 201 Jr, PS#24DL), Tarry Givens (6-5 206 So, PS#79), Brandon Greer (6-1 192 Jr, PS#78), Brandon Brooks (5-4 160 rFr, PS#122) and Thurman Ward (6-1 174 So, PS#63DB) who played 215 snaps and had 11 tackles last year. This group is less experienced than it was heading into last year and is clearly weaker.

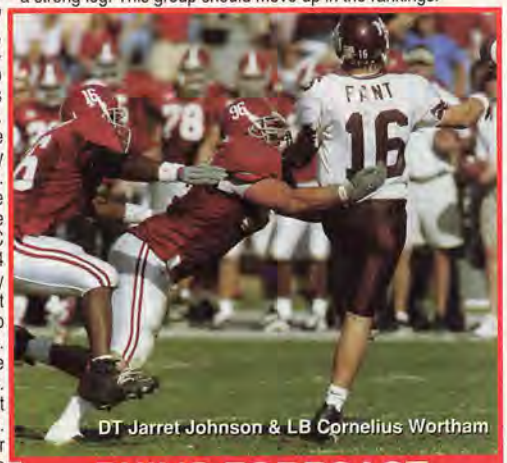
OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Tide had 4 starters returning to the front wall and they called themselves the "Pancake Posse" but they struggled all season and the team averaged just 3.9 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and then starting RT Dante Ellington lost his job to rFr Evan Mathis. Over the last 8 games the unit featured 3 rFr starters but the Tide was still able to lead the SEC in rushing and the unit paved the way for 5.2 ypc while allowing 24 sacks. That was the first year in the new system and this year not only do all 5 starters return but so do all 5 backups. There are 6 VHT's that I list in the 2 deep below and this shapes up as one of the SEC's top O-lines and one of the best in the country & averages 6-5, 310 lbs.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Tide had to replace one full-time starter who was a #3 DC and 3 backups who combined for 5 starts. They did have 2 full-time starters and 3 part-timers returning plus got the addition of Kindal Moorehead who missed 2000 with injury. Overall, the Tide allowed 3.3 ypc rushing and had 30 sacks. This year the majority of the unit is back. The only losses are DE Aries Monroe (9 sts, 47 tkls, 3 sks, 485 snaps) and NT David Daniel (38 tkls, 3.5 tfl, 356 snaps). Three full-time starters return as well as three others who have earned starts and I list the 2 deep below. Keep your eyes on Antwan Odom who was PS#5DL and suffered from sleep apnea. Last year he corrected that problem and he increased his bench to 440 lbs and DC Carl Torbush compared him favorably to DE Greg Ellis. Odom was injured last year (shoulder). He has added another 25 lbs of muscle this year. This year Atlas Herrion (6-4 299 Sr PS#55JC), who played in 9 games on the OL last year, moves over to the DL. Including true frosh, they have 11 VHT's and I did not put the frosh in the 2 deep (see Top Newcomers). This is one of the best DL's in the country but still needs to add a little size at DT.

LINEBACKERS - The Tide had 2 starters returning last year including their top LB Saleem Rasheed and overall they had 4 players with starting experience back. One of the returning starters, Victor Ellis, lost his job after 3 games to Cornelius Wortham. This year they must replace SLB Ellis (3 sts, 28 tkls, 350 snaps), ROV Adam Cox (11 tkls, 65 snaps), MLB Darius Gilbert (16 tkls) and their biggest loss, MLB Rasheed (#3DC of SF), who was 1st Team SEC and the team's #1 tackler. I list the 2 deep below and rFr Freddie Roach and JUCO Derrick Pope bring in additional talent, along with ex-RB Marvin Brown. This looks like a very talented group but with the loss of their top player, I'll call them down a notch.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tide traditionally finishes high in my pass D ratings, including Top 5 finishes in 1995 and 1996. In 2000 they had their worst finish at #51 and last year had to replace 3 starters including a #2 DC. The unit was a weak spot once again last year, plummeting all the way to #84. They gave up 254.8 ypg (58%) and only int'd 6 passes. During the year many lineup changes were tried and 7 different players earned starts. This year the only losses are FS Reggie Myles (7 sts, 65 tkls, 5 pbu, 467 snaps) and SS Shontua Ray (1 st, 25 tkls, 231 snaps). They do add 3 rFr and a JUCO and after last year's poor performance, this group should be solidly improved in 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year the Tide looked to be in good shape in this area with practically everyone back from the #28 rated unit of 2000 (their highest finish in the last 6 years). Freddie Milons averaged 18.7 on PR's in 2000 but avg'd just 4.0 early last year, and lost his job to Antonio Carter (6.9). Milons did average 23.4 on KR's and will be missed. In Lane Bearden's second year as a punter, his net average dropped from 38.4 to 36.8. Bearden also handled KO's, but short KO's were a problem for the Tide. Kicker Neal Thomas did a solid job, hitting 15 of 21 FG's but with a long of only 36. After blocking 2 punts in 2000, Bama did not block a punt until the bowl game. Overall the Tide finished #61. They bring in a new kicker in Mike McLaughlin (PS#1). I look for improvement in the net punting and PR's and potentially in the kicking as McLaughlin has a strong leg. This group should move up in the rankings.


DT Jarret Johnson & LB Cornelius Wortham

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year Dennis Franchione inherited a talented team that had been just 3-8 the year prior in a season where everything that could go wrong went wrong. As expected, the Tide turned and finished the season 7-5 but nearly had another losing record as they had to win their final 3 regular season games to get to a bowl. Ten of Bama's 11 opponents last season played in bowls in 2000. The 2001 season was a strange one as Bama outgained UCLA 458-291, S Carolina 516-359, led Mississippi 24-14 in the 4Q and yet lost all 3 games. However they were fortunate when Vanderbilt missed a 37 yard FG which would have tied that game. Arkansas had a 21-11 FD edge on them, S Miss had a 218-73 yard edge at the half, and Iowa St had a 456-269 yard edge in the bowl and yet the Tide won those 4. They also posted their most lopsided victory over Auburn since 1977 with a 31-7 pasting. Ironically this Bama team, which was put on a 2 year post season ban (no bowl), and is limited to just 80 scholarship players, is turning to its rival for inspiration. Auburn was hit with sanctions in '93 (no bowl) and rallied around that fact and finished the year 11-0. Bama clearly has the talent to replicate that type of season as overall I rate them the 3rd most talented team in the SEC. However, it is extremely tough to determine how the Tide will fare this season. First of all, with a 2 year bowl ban there is a possibility that over the summer the Tide will lose some key players as they are able to transfer to other schools to play immediately. Alabama is appealing its bowl ban and the outcome is unknown at the time of this writing. They have some tough road games this year (Okla, Ark, Tenn, LSU) but have 17 starters back (if none transfer), making them the most veteran unit in the SEC. Provided there is not a loss of key players in the offseason, I think the Tide should easily match or beat last year's 7 win total.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB TYLER WATTS SR. 6-3 217 **PS#4**. 6 sts in '99 & 2000, 836 yds (55%), 3-6 ratio, 323 rush. 9 sts LY, 1325 pass (55%), 10-3 ratio, 668 rush. **Brodie Croyle** (6-2 198 rFr) PS#2.

RB SANTONIO BEARD JR. 6-1 207 PS#45. 1 st LY, 678 yds (**8.0**). **Ahmaad Galloway** (6-1 228 Sr) PS#50. #1 in 2000 w/659 (4.8). 11 sts LY, #1 w/971 yds (5.1). 8 rec in 2Y.

FB DONNIE LOWE JR. 6-2 247 PS#82LB. 9 sts LY, 299 snaps, 112 ttl yds. **A-back Shaud Williams** (5-8 175 Jr) PS#30. 11 sts in 2Y at T Tech, 899 yds rush (5.3), 58 rec (6.0).

WR ANTONIO CARTER SR. 5-9 195 **PS#7**. 2 sts, 33 rec (9.6) as true. 7 sts in 2000, 45 rec (13.0). 9 sts LY, 32 rec (13.4). Triandos Luke (6-0 190 Jr) PS#55. 15 rec (10.1) LY.

WR Sam Collins Sr. 6-1 181 PS#17. 7 sts in '99 & 2000, 20 rec (7.4). 2 sts, 20 rec (14.0) LY. **Zach Fletcher** is PS#60JC, 45 rec (23.5) at JC LY. Dre Fulgham (6-1 214 Jr) PS#47.

TE Theo Sanders Sr. 6-3 248 PS#168DL. 10 gms in '99, 0 in 2000. 3 sts LY, 439 snaps, 1 rec. Clint Johnston (6-4 235 rFr) PS#49. Donald Clarke (6-6 260 Jr) PS#201JC.

C ALONZO EPHRAIM SR. 6-4 295 PS#45. 29 snaps as true. 10 gms, 186 snaps in 2000. 12 sts, 708 snaps, 118 KD's, **1st Tm SEC** in 2001. JB Closner (6-4 290 rFr) PS#368.

RG MARICO PORTIS SR. 6-3 308 PS#58. 2 sts at LG, 137 plays in '99. 12 sts, 701 snaps, 118 KD's LY. Dennis Alexander (6-6 339 Jr) PS#106, **7 sts**, 483 snaps in 2000. 139 snaps LY.

LG JUSTIN SMILEY SO. 6-4 292 PS#48. 12 sts as rFr, 701 snaps, 133 KD's, 420 bench, 32.5" VL. Danny Martz (6-4 300 So) PS#169. Matt Lomax (6-2 284 So) PS#19. Inj'd LY.

RT DANTE ELLINGTON SR. 6-6 354 PS#20. 13 sts as true, 865 snaps. 11 sts in 2000, 702 plays. 3 sts LY, 328 snaps (lost job). **Evan Mathis** (6-5 288 Sr), 9 sts LY, 462 snaps, 76 KD's.

LT WESLEY BRITT SO. 6-8 304 PS#28. 12 sts, 636 snaps, 107 KD's as rFr LY. Lannis Baxley (6-7 314 Sr) 2 career sts. MIP OL in spg TY. Von Ewing (6-5 297 rFr) PS#24.

K Mike McLaughlin rFr. 6-1 190 **PS#1K**. Strong leg. 12 of 16 FG's as senior, 234 career points (#3 nationally). Brian Bostick (5-11 187 So). Michael Ziifle is PS#58.

DEFENSE

DE Nautyn McKay-Loescher Jr. 6-4 244 PS#43. Canadian. 3 tkls as true. 3 sts, 422 snaps, 32 tkls, 3 sks LY. Todd Bates (6-1 236 So) PS#208, 1 st as true, 26 tkls. Gerard Clark (6-6 257 So) PS#61.

DT JARRET JOHNSON SR. 6-4 281 PS#16. 11 sts in 2000, 64 tkls, 14 tfl. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 12 sts, 60 tkls, 10 sks. Derek Sanders (6-5 283 Sr) PS#48. Ahmad Childress (6-7 345 Jr) PS#98JC.

NT KENNY KING SR. 6-5 277 **PS#3**. 11 sts as true, 53 tkls, 19.5 tfl. 7 sts 2000 (inj). 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 533 snaps, 49 tkls. Anthony Bryant (6-3 349 Jr) PS#6. 755 squat, 20 tkls LY.

DE KINDAL MOOREHEAD SR. 6-4 293 **PS#1LB**. 9 sts as true. 13 sts in '99, 40 tkls, **23.5 tfl**. Inj in 2000. 11 sts LY, 47 tkls, 6.5 sks, **2nd Tm SEC**. Antwan Odom (6-5 280 So) PS#5, 2 sts, 2Y.

ROV BROOKS DANIELS JR. 6-2 204 PS#19. 14 tkls, 273 snaps as true. 12 sts LY, #2 w/110 tkls, 2 tfl. Jason Rawls (6-0 220 So) PS#111RB. 9 gms 2Y, 10 tkls. Juwan Garth is PS#102.

MLB Freddie Roach rFr. 6-2 237 PS#33DL. Almost took off RS LY. Marvin Brown (6-0 259 Sr) PS#67RB. 466 plays L/3Y at FB moved to LB in spg. Mark Anderson (6-6 220 rFr) PS#361DL.

SLB CORNELIUS WORTHAM JR. 6-1 225 PS#51RB. 14 tkls as true. L/9 sts LY, 60 tkls, 5 tfl, 396 snaps. **Derrick Pope** (6-0 223 Jr) PS#7JC. Juke King (6-2 205 rFr). Track speed.

CB HIRCHEL BOLDEN SR. 6-0 196 PS#37. 3 sts in 1999 & 2000, 30 tkls. 12 sts LY, 754 snaps, 54 tkls, 9 pbu. Anthony Madison (5-9 180 So) PS#56WR. Partial Qualifier last year.

CB GERALD DIXON SR. 5-11 182 PS#68. 13 sts in '99-00, 65 tkls. 11 sts LY, 696 snaps, 64 tkls, 10 pbu. Roberto McBride (5-9 177 Jr) PS#111. 26 tkls. Charlie Peprah (5-11 195 rFr) PS#108.

SS WAINE BACON SR. 5-10 195 42" VL (tm record). 11 sts LY, 73 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. Carlos Andrews (6-0 200 Jr) PS#23. 75 snaps, 2Y (inj). David Scott is PS#31JC, 7 int at JC LY.

FS Charles Jones Jr. 6-0 175 PS#76. 5 sts LY, 310 snaps, 32 tkls, 3 pbu. Chris James (6-0 181 So) PS#245. 155 snaps, 6 tkls, 11 gms LY. Roman Harper (6-1 180 rFr) PS#233.

P LANE BEARDEN SR. 6-2 198 Handled KO's in 99, 11 TB's. 60 punts in 2000, 40.7 avg, **net 38.4!** 57 punts LY, 39.6 avg net of 36.8, 17 inside 20 and also handled KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL Kyle Tatum 6-6 260 PS#17
RB Kenneth Darby 5-11 190 PS#36
DB David Scott 6-0 180 PS#31JC
DL Chris Harris 6-6 230 PS#39
DL Henry Smith 6-4 290 PS#48
OL Grant Dickey 6-5 300 PS#61
DB Chauncey Malone 6-0 183 PS#55
DB Titus Ryan 6-2 195 PS#60
LB Chris Browder 6-4 215 PS#78
LB Greg McLain 6-3 230 PS#88
LB Earnest Nance 6-3 210 PS#98
LB Juwan Garth 6-3 190 PS#102
DL Jeremy Clark 6-3 275 PS#127
QB Brandon Avalos 6-2 180 PS#87

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Aug. 31	Mid Tenn St (Birm)	G					
Sep. 7	at Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 14	N Texas	G					
Sep. 21	S Mississippi	G					
Sep. 28	at Arkansas	G					
Oct. 5	Georgia	G					
Oct. 12							
Oct. 19	Mississippi (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	at Tennessee	G					
Nov. 2	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 9	Mississippi St	G					
Nov. 16	at LSU	G					
Nov. 23	Auburn	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Crimson Tide is 11-2 SU but only 8-5 ATS in home finales.
Alabama is 1-8 ATS in their 3rd straight home game.
The Tide is 3-4 SU, 4-2-1 ATS overall vs Florida.

Alabama is 2-8 ATS in their 1st lined game of the season.
Bama is 10-15 ATS in Birmingham since 1992.

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Franchione is 4-5 ATS his last 9 as an away dog, but was 2-0 here LY.

Pending the L2W: the home team in Bama games is 35-52 ATS the L8Y.
Tide is 5-9 ATS in the first of 2 or more home games.

Alabama is 9-1 SU but 5-5 ATS the last 10 meetings with S Miss, with the Tide going 4-1 ATS the last 5 .

The HT has covered 4 in a row but dropped (ATS) the 4 gms from '94-'97.
Crimson Tide is 2-10 ATS in their last 12 SEC openers.

Tide has rolled to a 39-13-1 SU and 31-21 ATS mark in October since '88.
Alabama is 8-3 ATS prior to a bye week the last 8 years.

Alabama is 9-3-1 ATS after a bye since 1994.
Crimson Tide is 13-4 ATS the last 17 and 39-8-2 SU all-time vs Ole Miss.

Strange but true: Alabama is 12-4 ATS away off 2 or more home games.
Bama is 10-6 ATS their last 16 vs Tennessee, but 1-4 the last 5 years.

Alabama is 26-13 SU but 19-20 ATS in the month of November since '90.
Crimson Tide is 21-1 SU vs Vandy since 1981, but 2-8 ATS since 1992.

Alabama is 18-5 SU and 6-15-1 ATS since 1979 vs Mississippi St and...
The Tide is 2-9 ATS their last 11 vs the Bulldogs.

The home team is just 3-13 ATS the last 16 in this series.
Bama is 2-10 ATS prior to playing Auburn the last 12 years.

Franchione's teams have covered 5 of their last 6 season finales.
Crimson Tide has covered 9 of the last 12 vs Auburn.

Bonus: The Tide's 31-7 win last year was the largest margin of victory in this series since Bama beat Auburn 48-21 in 1977.

DENNIS FRANCHIONE (Career 145-70-2)

2nd Year at Alabama

Franchione's records AT ALABAMA

7-5 Straight Up	3-3 Home Favorite
5-6 Vs The Spread	0-1 Home Dog
1-4 Off A S/U Loss	0-2 Away Favorite
3-5 Vs Conference	2-0 Away Dog
2-1 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (21,20,2)
Lost: 24 (11,11,2)

2001 AVG ATTENDANCE IN TUSCALOOSA: 83,818
2001 AVG ATTENDANCE AT LEGION FIELD: 78,461

SEC - WEST DIVISION

RB Ahmaad Galloway

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091) BRYANT-DENNY (83,818)
PLAYING SURFACE: LEGION-GRASS (P.A.T.) BRYANT-GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	9-3	4-7	7-4	10-2	3-8	6-5	47-32
ATS	5-6	5-6-1	5-6	7-4	8-4	3-8	5-6	38-40-1
Home Fav	2-4	2-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	3-3	17-21
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-6
Away Fav	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-2	7-10
Away Dog	1-0	2-0-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	1-2	2-0	11-3-1
Favorite	4-5	3-6	4-4	3-3	5-3	2-5	3-5	24-31
Dog	1-1	2-0-1	1-2	4-1	3-1	1-3	2-1	14-9-1
Grass	5-3	5-6	4-6	7-4	7-4	3-8	5-6	36-37
Artificial	0-3	0-0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-3-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-3-1	3-5	5-3	6-3	3-5	3-5	29-28-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-3	2-1	9-12
Off SU Win	3-5	4-4-1	1-3	3-3	6-3	1-2	4-1	22-21-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-1	3-3	3-1	2-0	2-5	1-4	14-14

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ahmaad Galloway	190	1010	39	971	6	5.1
Santonio Beard	85	685	7	678	4	8.0
Tyler Watts	111	668	104	564	5	5.1
Ray Hudson	38	209	3	206	1	5.4
Andrew Zow	40	157	94	63	1	1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tyler Watts	172	94	54.7	1325	10	3
Andrew Zow	102	59	57.8	773	7	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Freddie Milons	39	658	16.9	3	71
Antonio Carter	32	428	13.4	1	78
Jason McAddley	20	269	13.5	2	45
Sam Collins	20	280	14.0	4	58
Terry Jones, Jr.	14	200	14.3	3	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Lane Bearden	57	2259	39.6	–	36.8	0	–

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Neal Thomas	9-10	6-7	0-2	0-2	15-21	36

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Saleem Rasheed	124	2	8	5	0
Brooks Daniels	110	1	1	3	0
Waine Bacon	73	0	1	8	1
Reggie Myles	65	0	1	5	1
Gerald Dixon	64	0	2	10	0
Jarret Johnson	60	10	5	1	0
Cornelius Wortham	60	1	4	1	0
Hirchel Bolden	54	1	1	9	0
Kenny King	49	1.5	1	2	1
Kindal Moorehead	47	6.5	6.5	4	1
Aries Monroe	47	3	2.5	1	0
David Daniel	38	0.5	3	0	0
Nautyn McKay-Loescher	32	3	2	0	0
Charles Jones	32	0	0	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Carter	20	138	6.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Freddie Milons	16	374	23.4	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Citrus	-3'	Ohio St	24-17	W
96	Outback	E	Michigan	17-14	W
98	Music City	+5	Virginia Tech	7-38	L
99	Orange	-1	Michigan (OT)	34-35	L
01	Independence	-6	Iowa St	14-13	L

ALABAMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.5	19	220	5.2	178	55.2	15.0	+3	2001	7	19.3	19	114	3.3	255	58.5	19.1
9*	20.7	16	138	3.9	172	49.2	14.9	-8	2000	8	22.4	19	125	3.3	212	55.5	15.1
8*	29.2	19	179	4.3	192	56.6	12.7	+5	1999	7	20.4	16	72	2.6	233	54.9	14.9
3	20.9	18	110	3.1	222	55.6	15.9	0	1998	4	23.9	21	153	3.8	209	54.3	15.1
6*	22.4	17	151	3.9	174	50.8	14.5	+6	1997	3	22.6	19	137	3.9	227	53.7	16.2
8	24.3	18	174	3.9	174	49.8	14.3	+2	1996	7	15.0	13	95	2.8	173	43.1	17.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UCLA	17	46-159	3.5	15-25	299	2	13	38-168	4.4	8-22	123	1	-2
at Vanderbilt	17	43-229	5.3	10-17	128	1	20	35-143	4.1	17-35	253	1	+1
Arkansas	11	34-116	3.4	9-16	133	1	21	46-106	2.3	22-40	209	7	+2
at S Carolina	30	58-285	4.9	20-25	231	2	17	23-68	3.0	19-34	291	1	-1
UTEP	27	53-360	6.8	15-26	228	3	7	29-133	4.6	8-19	99	3	+2
at Mississippi	15	38-227	6.0	7-24	136	1	22	39-105	2.7	22-41	325	3	0
Tennessee	13	31-163	5.3	10-23	165	3	23	45-187	4.2	21-28	293	1	0
LSU	18	39-174	4.5	15-28	209	2	30	30-83	2.8	35-44	528	1	+2
Mississippi St	22	46-228	5.0	13-27	173	1	16	32-117	3.7	19-37	183	2	-1
at Auburn	25	44-328	7.5	22-30	221	3	15	28-41	1.5	16-24	231	5	+1
S Mississippi	16	40-221	5.5	7-19	90	1	22	37-47	1.3	23-36	239	3	0
†Iowa St	15	39-150	3.8	11-19	119	4	23	32-172	5.4	25-42	284	2	-1
TOTALS	226	511-2640	5.2	154-279	2132	24	229	414-1370	3.3	235-402	3058	30	+3
AVERAGES	18.8	43-220	5.2	13-23	178	2.0	19.1	35-114	3.3	20-34	255	2.5	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	-14'	42-17	W
at Vanderbilt	-12	20-0	W
Arkansas	-17'	16-17	L
S Mississippi	-6'	27-13	W
at Kentucky	-6'	34-40	L
Tennessee	+8'	21-38	L
at Mississippi	E	29-20	W
Louisiana Tech	-20	20-26	L
LSU	+6	0-27	L
Mississippi St	-3	20-32	L
at Auburn	+11	17-18	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
BYU	-4'	38-31	W
Vanderbilt	-19'	32-7	W
at Arkansas	-3	6-42	L
Florida	+17	10-16	W
Mississippi (OT)	-5'	20-17	L
E Carolina	-9	23-22	L
at Tennessee	+17'	18-35	W
S Mississippi	+3	30-20	W
at LSU	+8	22-16	W
at Mississippi St	+3	14-26	L
Auburn	-4	31-17	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	-14	28-17	L
Houston	-13'	37-10	W
Louisiana Tech	-13'	28-29	L
Arkansas	+2	35-28	W
at Florida (OT)	+16	40-39	W
at Mississippi	-3	30-24	W
Tennessee	+3	7-21	L
S Mississippi	-1'	35-14	W
LSU	-20	23-17	L
Mississippi St	-6	19-7	W
at Auburn	-3'	28-17	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCLA	-7	24-35	L
Vanderbilt	-21'	28-10	L
S Mississippi	-6'	0-21	L
at Arkansas	-2'	21-28	L
S Carolina	-9'	27-17	W
Mississippi	-4'	45-7	W
at Tennessee	+3	10-20	L
UCF	-18'	38-40	L
at LSU	+3	28-30	W
at Mississippi St	+7	7-29	L
Auburn	+1	0-9	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCLA	-2'	17-20	L
at Vanderbilt	-11	12-9	L
Arkansas	-10	31-10	W
at S Carolina	+6	36-37	W
UTEP	-21	56-7	W
at Mississippi	-8	24-27	L
Tennessee	+2	24-35	L
LSU	-5	21-35	L
Mississippi St	-11	24-17	L
at Auburn	+3	31-7	W
S Mississippi	-7	28-15	W

AUBURN TIGERS

RB Carnell Williams

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Tigers had to replace Ben Leard who was 1st Team SEC and #2 in school history in completion percentage (60.6%). They had a pair of VHT's battle for the starting job in Jason Campbell (PS#2) and Daniel Cobb (PS#9). Cobb originally signed at Georgia and threw for 2,315 yards at JUCO in '99. He earned playing time in 3 games at Auburn in 2000. Campbell, who is a more dangerous runner, missed the final week of the spring so Cobb was #1 heading into fall. Campbell came on strong in August and ended up starting the opener and led the team to a 4-1 record in his first 5 starts. Campbell struggled against Miss St (7 of 13 for 79 yards) and the team had -9 yds offense in the first 3 series vs Florida. That brought Cobb off the bench and he guided them to their huge upset of UF and won the starting job for the next 4 games. Cobb set a school record with 5 TD passes vs LA Tech but also had 4 int's. In the Alabama game with Auburn getting blown out, Campbell came off the bench to hit 7 of 7 in mop up duty. Perhaps looking to the future, Tuberville installed Campbell as the starter the last two games, and he also played most of the bowl until he was injured with 5:31 left. Cobb came off the bench and while he threw an int, he also led the team on a 20 yard TD drive in the losing bowl effort. He was granted a sixth year of eligibility and those two will battle it out for the starting spot again along with super frosh signee Brandon Cox (PS#20). Wesley Hill is PS#149 and is a frosh who worked 3rd string in spring. New OC Bob Petrino has made a name for himself by tutoring QB's including Chris Redman, Jake Plummer and John Freisz in his previous college stops. Campbell actually finished with the 3rd best completion percentage in a single season for an Auburn QB at 63.1%. This group has more experience and with additional talent I look for stronger play from this position.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Auburn was last in the SEC in rushing and their leading rusher had just 330 yards. Rudi Johnson (PS#1JC) came in and simply rushed for 1,652 yards (4.7) in 2000 and was drafted by Cincinnati. Casinious Moore was the only 100 yard rusher in the first 7 games last year (160 vs Miss St), and led the team with 60 against Florida. Moore (547 yards, 4.7 PS#59), however, lost 3 fumbles and started seeing less time down the stretch. Moore had 104 yards in the 1Q against Miss St making him the first RB here at Auburn to rush for 100 yards in a quarter since Bo Jackson in 1985. Unfortunately Moore has decided to give up football because of chronic leg injuries. Ronnie Brown (PS#78) was moved to FB at times and got in 5 starts, rushing for 358 yards (4.0). He started the first 3 at TB but slightly separated his shoulder and went back to FB. Last year much was expected of true frosh Carnell Williams (PS#4) and he lived up to his Bo Jackson-type expectations despite missing two games due to an ankle injury. "Cadillac" led the team in rushing against LT with 78 and then reeled off 177 yards vs Arkansas. The next week he set an Auburn record with 41 rush attempts against Georgia. Williams has bulked up to 200 lbs this year and not only has speed but is a tough runner as he got 49% of his 344 yards vs Arkansas and Georgia after contact. He had just 5 attempts against Alabama before being lost for the rest of the season with a broken collarbone. Brown started vs LSU and Chris Butler started the bowl game. Butler, a transfer from Nebraska, was the fastest of the non-Cadillac TB's here. I list the 2 deep below. Tre Smith is also a top-notch frosh signee. Provided Williams stays healthy this year, I expect him to top Rudi Johnson's numbers from 2000 and become one of the SEC's premiere RB's.

RECEIVERS - The Tigers had to replace their leading receiver last year as well as two other WR's who combined for 17 starts and 44 receptions. They did return two solid TE's. Deandre Green (PS#10) didn't practice last spring, but rejoined the team in July, and was the 2nd leading receiver with 32 (10.6). Green was suspended for the bowl and opted to transfer following the season. The team also loses its fastest WR in Tim Carter (#2DC of NYG) who was on the indoor track team and led the team with 36 rec (16.4). Marcel Willis was #2 with 32 rec in 2000 but suffered through an injury plagued 2001 season with just 5 starts and 17 rec (9.4). The team is very deep at TE with 5 HT's in the mix including 3 who were among the top 27 TE's coming out of high school. I list the 2 deep below and besides Diamond and Johnson, Cooper Wallace (6-3 252 rFr PS#40) was one of the leading receivers in spring scrimmages which allowed Jay Ratliff to move to DE. Since they lose their top two wideouts, some of this year's true frosh signees will play right away including the tongue tying combo of Obomanu and Aromashodu. This unit has as much experience as last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers had four starters returning last year from a unit that paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed just 18 sacks in 2000. The starters played the majority of the time last year and in fact four OL's played all 71 snaps against Ole Miss and only six OL's played against Miss St. Surprisingly, the numbers slipped, as the line paved the way for 3.6 ypc rushing and allowed 33 sacks. This year they must replace three starters in RG Mike Pucillo (#7DC of BUF, 12 sts, 4 yr st'r), LG Hart McGarry (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and super LT Kendall Simmons (#1DC of PIT, SEC's top OL award). Simmons actually played every snap last year so the replacements for those three are lightly tested. I list the 2 deep below. There is a spattering of HT's and VHT's in the group and they brought in a couple of VHT's this year who could contend. While I believe last year's line underachieved a bit, this year's group is nowhere near as experienced and clearly looks weaker, but does average a hefty 6-4 312 per man.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers had a very inexperienced D-line in 2000 that had to replace all four starters including three NFL DC's. Surprisingly they allowed just 3.4 ypc and put good pressure on QB's. Last year practically everyone was back but they generated a poor pass rush and allowed 3.9 ypc rushing. The Tigers generally use a 4 man rotation at both DT and DE. Three of the top 4 DE's are gone including both starters in Javor Mills (12 sts, 34 tkls, 8 tfl, 13 hurries) and James Callier (12 sts, 22 tkls, 4.5 tfl) as well as backup DE Alton Moore (19 tkls, 3.5 sks). Reggie Torbor did start all 11 games in that 2000 season but lost his job to Callier last year. He still led the team in QB hurries with 15 and will man one of the DE spots as will Jay Ratliff who had 2 starts at TE last year (PS#20TE). Three DT's return with starting experience and the only loss there is Marcus White (4 sts, 15 tkls, 4 tfl). Both backup DT's, Wayne Dickens (PS#25) and Donte Booker (who only played one year of football in high school but is a great athlete) should push for starting jobs. Not listed below at DT is Dexter Murphy (6-2 269 Jr) who started 3 games with 6 tackles and 2 QB hurries. Although this group is not quite as experienced as last season, I like the talent level.

LINEBACKERS - Under their old defensive system, Auburn used a WHIP and ROV which were hybrid DB/OLB players but have switched the terminology under new DC Gene Chizik and use MLB/WLB/SLB as their 3 man LB corps. Last year they had to replace two starters but had four players returning with starting experience. This year they must replace MLB Tavarreus Pounds (8 sts, 70 tkls, 5.5 tfl) and LB Phillip Pate (1 st, 7 tkls). Last year's LB corps was decimated by injuries at midseason with Pounds missing two games and not starting two others, Mark Brown missing 3 full games, Dontarrious Thomas not starting 2, and Pate being lost for the season vs Arkansas. This forced a lot of youngsters into playing time. Thomas was not highly recruited out of high school, but is extremely athletic and was by far the team's #1 tackler with 132, almost double the #2 man. I list the 2 deep below and four players have starting experience and it wouldn't surprise me to see Lemarcus Rowell (PS#4) take over a starting job. The NCAA messed up last year by ruling Rowell ineligible but then said they erred so he comes back as a true frosh. This is a very deep group and should have better health than they did last year. It is also more experienced and should be one of the SEC's stronger LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tigers finished #45 in my pass defense rankings in 2000 and last year had to replace both starting CB's due to graduation and then their starting FS moved to LB so they had just one starter returning. Surprisingly, with the inexperienced CB's Auburn moved up to #18, allowing 53.7% with a 15-16 ratio vs an extremely tough slate of opposing QB's. This year practically everyone is back with the lone loss being SS Ronaldo Attimy (5 tkls). No less than 8 players return with starting experience and CB Roderick Hood is said to be just as fast as WR Tim Carter was. FS Stanford Simmons lost his job to Donnay Young (6-0 194 So) at midseason and has yet to live up to his VHT billing. This is an extremely experienced group with good talent and should be one of the SEC's top secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tuberville's teams at Ole Miss always ranked in the upper half of the NCAA in my final special teams rankings. In his first year here they were #33 thanks to the net punting of Damon Duval. His FG kicking was erratic that year and they signed Philip Yost (PS#5) who had 87% of his KO's go for touchbacks and a career long 52 yard FG in high school despite not using a tee. Duval hung on to the job and improved on his FG accuracy, hitting 14 of 19 with a long of 49 and regularly hit 60 yard FG's in practice. I called for them to be a clear Top 20 candidate last year. They rose up to #18 thanks to another solid year from Duval who was actually a finalist for the Ray Guy Award for punting as well as the Lou Groza for kicking. He hit 17 of 27 FG's with a long of 51 including game winners against Vandy, Miss St and Florida. He also managed an amazing net punt average of 39.9 last year. Roderick Hood was the top KR (17.9) and PR (8.2). Joe Walkins had 109 yards in PR's against Ball St (the team had 219 in 2000) and possesses 4.43 speed. The team blocked one punt and did not allow any and in Tuberville's tenure has now blocked 5 punts. Duval, and an improved return game makes them a candidate for the #1 spot in my special teams rankings in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tommy Tuberville inherited a team that went 3-8 and after just missing out on a winning season in his first year made it to the SEC Title game in 2000. Last year Auburn appeared on its way to the SEC Title game once again with a 2 game lead in division play but lost 3 of the final 4 SEC games and ended up in the Peach Bowl where they lost to N Carolina. Last year's team was as high as #17 in the polls and at one point stood 6-1 including an upset of then #1 Florida before their season ending collapse which included an embarrassing 31-7 loss to rival Alabama. This team has not won an overall SEC Title since 1989 and their 5 SEC wins last year were all by 7 points or less. In fact, despite their 5-3 SEC record, the team was actually outscored 193-152 in league play and outgained by an average of 32.0 ypg. While most of Tuberville's wins have been over weak foes and by close margins (only 1 of their past 11 wins has been by more than 10 pts) their losses are usually by double digits and 11 of his 15 losses here were by 10 or more. Last season, despite their overall 7-5 record, Auburn was outscored by 27 points on the year. Prior to last season one of the things attributed to Tuberville's success was the fact that he kept his coaching staff basically together with his OC and DC following him from Mississippi. This year he fired OC Mazzone and brings in Bobby Petrino from the Jacksonville Jaguars and the brand-new offense relies on the QB's to have a better mental grasp of the game. That should make for an interesting competition against Campbell and Cobb but they have 6 starters back on that side of the ball and should score more than the 21.2 ppg they did last year. Defensively they yielded 23.4 ppg last season and have 8 starters back this year. I rate them the #20 overall on defense this year. They are shifting back to a 4-3-4 defense which is more of what Tuberville ran when he was a DC at both Miami, Fla and Texas A&M and says that this unit has a lot more speed. New DC Gene Chizik spent 4 years at UCF where he took a defense previously ranked #81, and led the team to a #16 ranking in the NCAA last year. Overall they have 52 lettermen returning. I rate all 6 teams in the SEC West as having a great shot at winning the division and Tuberville has surprised me many times in his head coaching tenure. The Tigers have another shot at a winning season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JASON CAMPBELL SO. 6-4 220 **PS#2**. 8 sts as rFr, 1191 yards (63.1%), 4-5 ratio, 247 rush. Daniel Cobb (6-4 229 Sr) PS#9 in 97. 4 sts here LY, 1236 (57%) 8-8 ratio.

RB CARNELL WILLIAMS SO. 5-11 200 **PS#4**. "Cadillac". 2 sts as true, 614 yards (5.1), 13 rec (10.8) til injury. Chris Butler (5-11 212 Jr). Trans from Neb. 111 yds (3.8), started bowl LY.

FB BRANDON JOHNSON JR. 6-0 233 PS#150. 3 sts LY, 90 total yards. Ronnie Brown (6-1 222 So) PS#78, 5 sts, 358 yds (4.0). Michael Owens (6-0 228 Sr) PS#38, 21 games in 3Y.

WR Silas Daniels So. 6-0 186 PS#42. Military academy in 2000. 11 rec (9.6) as true LY. Joe Walkins (5-8 180 So) PS#107, 2 sts, 14 rec (10.0) LY. Ben Obomanu is PS#23.

WR Marcel Willis Sr. 6-1 185 PS#136. 32 rec (13.2) in 2000. 5 sts LY (inj plagued), 17 rec (9.4). Jeris McIntyre (6-0 210 Jr) 2 sts, 19 rec, 2Y. Devin Aromashodu is PS#27.

TE ROBERT JOHNSON JR. 6-6 270 **PS#12**. 7 sts, 29 rec (13.6) in 2Y. Lorenzo Diamond (6-3 258 Sr) PS#27. 13 sts in 99-2000, 29 rec (11.4). 11 sts LY, 12 rec (10.2).

C BEN NOWLAND SR. 6-3 298 1 st as true but inj'd, RS. Backup in 99. 10 sts in 2000 til inj. 11 sts in 2001 (miss 1 inj). Danny Lindsey (6-2 297 So) PS#128, 1 start as a true.

RG MONREKO CRITTENDEN JR. 6-5 338 PS#247. Backup T in 2000. 10 sts at RT in 2001, 2 letters. Moved to G. Taylor Bourgeois (6-5 292 rFr) PS#123, missed spring 2002.

LG Nate French So. 6-1 311 PS#40DL in 2000. 3 games as rFr after move to OL. Added 14 lbs. David Walker (6-2 311 rFr) PS#83DL, added 16 lbs in redshirt year.

RT Ryan Broome So. 6-6 300 PS#288 in 2000. 12 games on special teams as rFr, 2nd string OT LY, limited action. Rich Trucks (6-8 318 So). Marcus McNeill is PS#10.

LT Mark Pera Jr. 6-6 312 PS#91. 2 letters. 5 games as bkup OT in 2000. 2 starts at RT in 2001, 11 games, added 17 pounds. Steven Ross (6-5 272 rFr) PS#143.

K DAMON DUVAL SR. 6-1 187 **PS#11**, 9 of 15 FG's L/47 as rFr. 14 of 19 FG's, L/49, 1st Tm SEC in 2000. 17 of 27 FG's, L/51, 3 game winning FG's in 2001, **1st Tm AA**.

DEFENSE

DE Jay Ratliff So. 6-5 256 PS#20TE in 2000, Hargrave. 2 sts at TE as true, 3 rec (12.7), 4 tkls. Steven Bouldin (6-4 222 rFr) PS#59QB. Anthony Mix PS#21 in 2001.

DT DeMARCO McNEIL JR. 6-2 303 **PS#12DL**. 13 sts as rFr, 73 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl. 8 sts LY, 38 tkls, 5 tfl, 13 hurries. Wayne Dickens (6-1 282 rFr) PS#25. Ron Samuel is PS#177.

DT SPENCER JOHNSON JR. 6-3 281 PS#42LB. 29 tkls, 3 sks as a true. 9 starts LY, 54 tkls, 1.5 sks, 3.5 tfl. Dante Booker (6-3 273 Sr), 11 tkls, 1 sk, 24 years old, quick and strong.

DE Reggie Torbor Jr. 6-3 248 PS#96RB. 11 sts as rFr, 29 tkls, 4 sks, 8 hurries. 31 tkls in 2001, 2.5 sks, 15 hurries. Bret Eddins (6-5 254 So) PS#74DL, 1 tkl in 6 games LY.

SLB KARLOS DANSBY JR. 6-5 218 PS#97, PQ in 2000. 9 sts LY, 66 tkls, 9.5 tfl, **6 int**, 7 pbu. Travis Williams (6-1 202 rFr) PS#113. Antarrioius Williams (5-11 198 rFr) PS#103.

MLB Mark Brown Sr. 6-2 243 PS#212. 4 sts in 2000, 36 tkls, 1 tfl. 2 sts LY, 55 tkls. **Lemarcus Rowell** (6-3 217 Fr) PS#4 in 2001. Jake Slaughter (6-2 232 rFr). PS#240.

WLB DONTARRIOUS THOMAS JR. 6-4 223 3 sts as rFr, 68 tkls, 4 tfl. 10 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 132 tkls, 10 tfl. Mayo Sowell (6-1 219 So) PS#63, 3 sts as rFr, 31 tkls. Derrick Graves (6-1 201 So) PS#61RB.

CB RODERICK HOOD SR. 5-10 193 44 tkls, 5 pbu in 2000. 10 sts LY, 30 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int, 2 pbu. **Rashaud Walker** (5-10 202 Sr) PS#60. 13 sts in 2000, 51 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 10 sts LY, 33 tkls, 9 pbu.

CB CARLOS ROGERS SO. 6-1 184 PS#171WR. Hargrave in 2000. 9 sts LY, 64 tkls, 12 pbu. Dee Durham (5-11 193 rFr) PS#90. Horace Willis (6-0 201 Sr) JUCO transfer, 7 tkls here LY.

SS JUNIOR ROSEGREEN SO. 6-0 187 PS#106. 1 start (bowl) last year as rFr, 25 tkls, 2 pbu. Roshard Gilyard (5-10 202 Jr) PS#54. 7 sts in 2000, 3 LY, 42 tkls, 6 pbu, 2 years.

FS TRAVARIS ROBINSON SR. 5-10 193 PS#63. 6 sts at CB, 30 tkls. **Donnay Young** PS#115. St'd L/4 as rFr, 25 tkls. **Stanford Simmons** (6-2 197 Sr) PS#6, 16 career sts, 98 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu.

P DAMON DUVAL SR. 6-1 187 57 punts 42.9 average, 38.1 net as rFr. 68 punts in 2000, 43.2 average (#2 SEC), 37.7 net, 60 punts LY, 44.8 avg, 39.9 net! Ray Guy finalist.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL	Marcus McNeill 6-7 315 PS#10
WR	Ben Obomanu 6-3 185 PS#23
WR	Devin Aromashodu 6-2 185 PS#27
RB	Tre Smith 5-11 190 PS#27
QB	Brandon Cox 6-3 190 PS#20
OL	Tim Duckworth 6-4 292 PS#28
WR	Montavis Pitts 6-1 180 PS#37
TE	Justin Bruce 6-8 250 PS#18
DB	Cavari Daily 6-1 195 PS#62
DB	Brandon Williams 6-1 195 PS#66
DL	Doug Morris 6-4 265 PS#84
LB	Kevis Burnam 6-2 226 PS#75
OL	Jonathan Palmer 6-5 311 PS#100
DB	Kevin Sears 6-4 220 PS#92

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	at USC (Mon)	G							Tigers are 3-7 ATS their last 10 vs Tennessee. War Eagle are 1-7 ATS in their last 8 home finales. Auburn is 17-28 ATS off a SU win since 1995.
Sep. 7	W Carolina	G							Auburn is 8-1 SU and 5-2 ATS since 1993 in their season opener. Tigers are 8-16 ATS as an underdog since 1998.
Sep. 14	Vanderbilt	G							Auburn is 22-1 SU in their home opener since 1979. Last year the Catamounts were 7-4 and finished 4th in the Southern Conf.
Sep. 19	at Miss St (Thur)	G							War Eagle are 6-14 ATS in their 2nd straight at Jordan-Hare. Tigers are 9-0 SU since 1978 but 4-2-1 ATS since 1986 vs Vandy.
Sep. 28	Syracuse	G							Pending L2W: Tigers are 29-6 SU in Sept S/'93 & 17-13 ATS in that span. The favorite has covered 7 of the last 10 series meetings.
Oct. 5									Could apply: Auburn is 3-8 ATS as a home dog since 1995. Auburn is just 1-10 ATS since 1995 prior to a bye week.
Oct. 12	Arkansas	G							Tigers have been tamed in Oct, as they are 8-19 ATS the L/27 (1-7 L2Y). The road team is a dismal 1-7 ATS the last 8 in this series.
Oct. 19	at Florida	G							Tigers are 2-9 SU and ATS their last 11 at "The Swamp." Counting the post season, Auburn is 5-14 ATS vs the Gators.
Oct. 26	LSU	G							Tigers are 1-5 ATS when hosting the LSU Tigers. Auburn is 8-4 ATS since 1988 vs LSU.
Nov. 2	at Mississippi	G							Tigers are 8-14 ATS in their last 22 November games. Auburn has won 12 of the last 14 meetings SU vs Ole Miss, 6-3 ATS L/9.
Nov. 9	UL Monroe (HC)	G							War Eagle are 11-4 ATS in the 1st game of a 2(+) homestand. Auburn is 2-6 ATS when favored by 20 or more points.
Nov. 16	Georgia	G							The underdog is 8-2 ATS in the last 10 series meetings. Auburn is 15-6 ATS their last 21 vs the Bulldogs.
Nov. 23	at Alabama	G							Tigers are 3-9 ATS the last 12 years vs their arch rival. The underdog is 15-8 ATS in the Iron Bowl since 1979.
Nov. 30									

TOMMY TUBERVILLE (Career 46-35)
4th Year at Auburn

Tuberville's records AT AUBURN

21-15	Straight Up	7-8	Home Favorite
14-19	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
3-7	Off A S/U Loss	1-2	Away Favorite
11-14	Vs Conference	4-7	Away Underdog
		3-5	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (24,24,4)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,448

SEC - WEST DIVISION

P/K Damon Duval

STADIUM: JORDAN-HARE STADIUM (86,063)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	9-3	3-8	5-6	9-3	7-4	48-31
ATS	3-7	5-5	7-5	3-8	4-6	6-6	4-7	32-44
Home Fav	2-3	2-4	2-3	1-1	1-2	4-3	2-3	14-19
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-4	1-2	0-0	1-0	3-8
Away Fav	1-3	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	6-6
Away Dog	0-0	1-1	3-0	1-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	9-11
Favorite	3-6	4-4	4-4	1-1	1-2	5-3	2-5	20-25
Dog	0-1	1-1	3-1	2-7	3-4	1-3	2-2	12-19
Grass	3-7	5-5	6-5	3-8	4-6	6-5	4-6	31-42
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-5	2-6	3-5	5-4	3-5	24-34
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-2	8-10
Off SU Win	1-5	3-4	4-4	0-3	2-3	5-4	2-5	17-28
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-1	2-1	3-4	2-3	0-2	1-2	11-15

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Carnell Williams	120	655	41	614	6	5.1
Casinious Moore	116	577	30	547	4	4.7
Ronnie Brown	90	386	28	358	2	4.0
Chris Butler	29	125	14	111	2	3.8
Jason Campbell	54	247	174	73	2	1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Daniel Cobb	168	95	56.5	1236	8	8
Jason Campbell	160	101	63.1	1191	4	5
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Tim Carter		36	591	16.4	3	72
Deandre Green		32	339	10.6	2	32
Robert Johnson		17	225	13.2	3	44
Marcel Willis		17	159	9.4	0	47
Jeris McIntyre		13	195	15.0	0	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Damon Duval	60	2688	44.8	-	39.9	0	17

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Damon Duval	2-5	9-10	5-8	1-4	17-27	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dontarrious Thomas	132	1.5	8.5	2	1
Tavarreus Pounds	70	2.5	3	2	0
Karlos Dansby	66	1	8.5	7	6
Carlos Rogers	64	0	1	12	0
Mark Brown	55	0	0	0	0
Spencer Johnson	54	1.5	3.5	0	0
DeMarco McNeil	38	1	4	3	1
Javor Mills	34	2	6	2	0
Stanford Simmons	34	0	1	3	2
Rashaud Walker	33	1	2	9	0
Reggie Torbor	31	2.5	2	2	0
Mayo Sowell	31	0	1	2	1
Roderick Hood	30	1	2	2	3

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roderick Hood	22	180	8.2	0
Joe Walkins	15	167	11.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roderick Hood	18	323	17.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Outback	+2'	Penn St	14-43	L
96	Independence	-7'	Army	32-29	L
97	Peach	-4'	Clemson	21-17	L
00	Citrus	+7'	Michigan	28-31	W
01	Peach	+2	N Carolina	10-16	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AUBURN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	21.2	18	141	3.6	202	59.2	16.2	-1	2001	6	23.4	17	137	3.9	207	53.7	14.7
8*	24.3	18	158	4.1	209	60.4	15.1	-1	2000	4	20.5	17	103	3.4	212	56.0	15.4
8*	21.2	16	68	1.9	227	58.4	13.9	+6	1999	7	21.5	20	103	3.2	260	56.7	16.9
4	15.1	15	94	2.6	176	45.8	17.9	-2	1998	8	21.4	15	119	3.3	188	56.7	14.4
7*	26.2	18	77	2.5	270	51.4	13.3	+4	1997	8	19.2	17	110	3.2	219	53.9	17.1
5	33.2	22	156	3.9	244	55.6	12.0	+13	1996	9	23.1	20	142	3.5	232	53.4	16.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Ball St	18	37-142	3.8	19-33	243	1	5	34-60	1.8	5-17	32	4	+1
Mississippi	19	52-194	3.7	15-19	142	1	17	23-50	2.2	24-39	265	0	+2
at Syracuse	20	40-182	4.6	13-23	172	4	18	52-226	4.3	6-15	74	0	-5
at Vanderbilt	13	28-107	3.8	17-24	247	2	18	37-168	4.5	20-43	162	1	0
Mississippi St	16	48-214	4.5	7-13	79	3	13	34-109	3.2	12-25	176	1	+1
Florida	13	41-79	1.9	13-27	160	1	18	18-(-36)	-2.0	25-42	364	1	+3
Louisiana Tech	29	40-173	4.3	28-48	381	0	25	25-152	6.1	27-52	381	1	+2
at Arkansas	20	31-238	7.7	22-40	254	3	19	43-148	3.4	11-16	149	3	-3
at Georgia	21	62-179	2.9	15-25	196	7	16	27-73	2.7	16-34	302	2	+1
Alabama	15	28-41	1.5	16-24	231	5	25	44-328	7.5	22-30	221	3	-1
at LSU	15	30-116	3.9	13-27	177	3	23	42-188	4.5	17-35	243	0	-1
†N Carolina	12	32-31	1.0	18-28	145	3	12	40-174	4.4	13-21	114	6	-1
TOTALS	211	469-1696	3.6	196-331	2427	33	209	419-1640	3.9	198-369	2483	22	-1
AVERAGES	17.6	39-141	3.6	16-28	202	2.8	17.4	35-137	3.9	17-31	207	1.8	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia	-4'	28-17	W
Mississippi	-20'	19-9	L
at LSU	+4'	31-28	W
UCF	-16	41-14	W
at S Carolina	-7'	23-6	W
Louisiana Tech	-24	49-13	W
Florida	+7'	10-24	L
at Arkansas	-16'	26-21	L
Mississippi St	-17	0-20	L
at Georgia	+5'	45-34	W
Alabama	-11	18-17	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	+1	0-19	L
at Mississippi	+3	17-0	W
LSU	+5	19-31	L
Tennessee	+6'	9-17	L
at Mississippi St	+1	21-38	L
at Florida	+19	3-24	L
Louisiana Tech	-6'	32-17	W
Arkansas	+3'	21-24	W
UCF	-5'	10-6	L
Georgia	+6	17-28	L
at Alabama	+4	17-31	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	22-15	–
Idaho	-11	30-23	L
at LSU	+8'	41-7	W
Mississippi (OT)	-4	17-24	L
at Tennessee	+19	0-24	L
Mississippi St	+3	16-18	W
Florida	+16	14-32	L
at Arkansas	+7'	10-34	L
UCF	-10'	28-10	W
at Georgia	+10	38-21	W
Alabama	+3'	17-28	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-12'	35-21	W
at Mississippi	+4'	35-27	W
LSU	-6'	34-17	W
N Illinois	-23'	31-14	L
Vanderbilt	-14	33-0	W
at Mississippi St	+1	10-17	L
at Florida	+8'	7-38	L
Louisiana Tech	-32	38-28	L
Arkansas	-9'	21-19	L
Georgia (OT)	-2'	29-26	W
at Alabama	-1	9-0	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-21	30-0	W
Mississippi	-5'	27-21	W
at Syracuse	+2'	14-31	L
at Vanderbilt	-5	24-21	L
Mississippi St	-2'	16-14	L
Florida	+23'	23-20	W
LA Tech (OT)	-12'	48-41	L
at Arkansas	-1	17-42	L
at Georgia	+7'	24-17	W
Alabama	-3	7-31	L
at LSU	+7	14-27	L

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

DE Mario Haggan

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Much was expected of Wayne Madkin, who came into last season already holding MSU's record for career completions and passing yards and also had a nifty 23-10 SU record as a starter including 14-1 at home on Scott Field. Unfortunately, with a young receiving corps that dropped far too many passes as well as an injury plagued season, MSU was just 2-6 in Madkin's starts before he was lost for the season to a broken toe suffered vs Alabama. Madkin completed 55% as a junior. Unfortunately last year the numbers dropped as he threw for 1,012 yards (50.3%) with a 5-7 ratio while rushing for 124 yards. Despite only getting in 3 starts, Kevin Fant (PS#23) led the team in passing with 1,352 yards (55.3%) with an 8-9 ratio. Fant clearly improved as the season went on as he had a 0-5 ratio in his first 4 games and an 8-4 ratio after that. Over the last 5 games he had a pass efficiency rating of 155.01. Fant also rushed for 91 yards. He became an "Elite Iron Dawg" last spring with a 365 bench, 4.54 speed and a 32" vertical leap. When Madkin went out true frosh Kyle York (6-0 190, PS#103) became the 2nd string QB over the final 3 games but still kept his redshirt. Ray Ray Bivines lined up at QB periodically but MSU only ran out of those formations. Sherrill signed 3 HT QB's this year including Ken Topps (PS#43) who set a Mississippi HS record with 3790 yards passing as a soph. While Madkin departs, Fant probably will provide MSU with a stronger pass attack than they have had in recent years.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 MSU had 2 healthy, talented RB's in Dicenzo Miller (PS#43) who finished #4 in the SEC in rushing and became just the 5th MSU RB to top 1,000 yards while averaging a nifty 6.2 ypc and Dontae Walker (PS#2) who had 938 yards (5.7) and MSU led the SEC in rushing. Both were back last year but Miller suffered an ankle sprain in the 2Q vs S Carolina and was not really himself the rest of the season. Also, starting FB Justin Griffith (PS#54) was injured vs Troy St and lost for the season. MSU struggled to establish the run and was dead last in the SEC in rushing ypc, averaging just 3.6 ypc. They did improve some down the stretch (thanks in part to facing the weak rush D's of Mississippi and BYU) and Miller had two 100 yard games in the final 2 outings. This year they do lose their top RB in Miller who rushed for 676 yards and an RB best 5.1 ypc. Walker, who had 548 yards (4.0), has not quite lived up to his PS#2 billing, but could be ready for a breakthrough year. He's backed by Coco Hodge (6-1 235 rFr, PS#42), Fred Reid (5-9 180 So, PS#202) who had 108 yards rushing and 67 receiving, and Elmore Wonsley (5-10 205 Sr) who is an "Elite Iron Dawg". I list the top 2 FB's below and Griffith returns with his 4.5 speed. Also in the mix at FB is Jeff Billings (6-2 254 rFr) who was PS#131LB. The big news is the addition of TWO VHT RB's in Jerious Norwood (PS#6) and Nick Turner (PS#12). The unit missed Miller most of last year and was banged up at times so I look for better production out of the running corps especially with the infusion of talent and the return of FB Griffith.

RECEIVERS - Last year MSU had the majority of their key receivers returning and some excellent additions, and looked to have their most formidable receiving corps ever under Sherrill. Unfortunately, dropped passes were the key most of the season and WR Coach Stump said it was the most frustrating season ever in his coaching career. The dropped passes did become less of a factor at the end of the season when Fant was the starting QB. This year the unit actually has 2 VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below. TE Donald Lee is All-SEC caliber and is backed by PS#25 Aaron Lumpkin and Tommy Ferrill (6-4 238 Jr). The top 2 receivers last year were Justin Jenkins (42, 15.7) and Terrell Grindle (40, 11.6). They return and are backed by a pair of VHT soph's in Antonio Hargro (PS#20) and Bivines (PS#27), both of whom have blazing speed. They combined for just 17 rec's last year but should be much more productive this year. McKinley Scott (6-0 190 So) was PS#153 and missed the 2001 season after suffering a torn ACL. Will Prosser (6-3 205 Fr) was PS#324DB and resigned this year. They add two HT true frosh this year. As long as the dropped passes are a thing of the past, this unit should be far more productive than the 2001 version and is probably Sherrill's best group of receivers here yet.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Jackie Sherrill always likes big O-lines and they should have yet another one this year with the 5 projected starters averaging 306 lbs. In 2000 the unit had to replace two starters but had some top-notch JUCO's coming in and had a tremendous year, paving the way for the SEC's best rush attack with 4.7 ypc and they allowed just 24 sacks. Last year 4 players returned with significant starting experience although they had to replace two starters. The unit was banged up during the season and LG Courtney Lee (10 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Kenric Fairchild (8 sts, 3 yr st'r) both played on gimpy legs for the majority of the season. Those two depart along with C/RT Tommy Watson (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backup G Kyle Wallace (2 games). Due to the injuries the unit underperformed last year, averaging just 3.6 ypc rushing, allowing 24 sacks. Five players return with starting experience and there are 5 VHT's listed in the 2 deep below. Despite the loss of some talented players, I think Sherrill will put together a solid front wall that will probably outperform last year's injury plagued group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulldogs play a 5 man defensive front but generally their DE's average over 250 lbs so it's usually a legitimate 5 man front. This year the DE's are more like LB's with only one topping 245 lbs. Last year the team had to replace 3 starters (including a pair of NFL draft picks) and 2 top reserves. The defense, with a veteran front 5 in 1999, allowed just 1.9 ypc, but in 2000, having to replace 4 starters, it rose to 3.1 and last year they allowed 3.9 while the team recorded just 23 sacks. This year they must replace DE Conner Stephens (11 sts, 61 tkls, 4 sks), DE Dwayne Robertson (4 sts, 30 tkls) and DT Dorsett Davis (#3DC of DEN, 10 sts, 55 tkls, 5 tfl). Mario Haggan started 7 games at DE and 3 at LB last year and was 2nd Team SEC. In the spring he is listed at LB but I project him to move back to DE. They have also transferred two other LB's to the DE position in Kamau Jackson and Jason Clark (PS#22) and those two combined for 5 starts last year. The unit gets a big boost with the addition of DE Corey Brown who was PS#16JC and played in just one game before suffering a season ending injury last year. I list a very talented THREE deep below and six of the players have starting experience and there are even a couple of VHT's in the group. This unit should provide a formidable front for the 2002 season.

LINEBACKERS - I consider MSU operating as a 2 man LB corps including the LDOG position as one of the LB's. Last year the unit had both Mario Haggan and Pig Prather returning but Haggan moved to DE with the emergence of TJ Mawhinney who started 8 games (injured 3 gms). This year the unit definitely has some losses as gone are Pig Prather (11 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 1 of 12 Thorpe Award semifinalists) and 3 backup LB's as Kamau Jackson and Jason Clark move to DL and Ivan Billie (10 tkls, 2 tfl) departs. Mawhinney is back and they have a pair of VHT's that I list as 2nd string below that could have an impact. With the loss of a talent like Prather, this unit is weaker in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulldogs always fare well in my pass efficiency D rankings, finishing #25 in 1997, #21 in 1998, #9 in 1999, #15 in 2000 and last year, despite a 3-8 record, they finished a still respectable #49 allowing 54.7% and a 21-13 ratio vs an extremely tough slate of opposing QB's. Last year's secondary had to replace 3 starters including super CB Fred Smoot. Sherrill brought 3 JUCO's into the secondary, 2 of which became the starting CB's, but only one of the top 3 CB's participated in spring. Korey Banks could have led the SEC in int's if he grabbed every ball he got his hands on but unfortunately his butter fingers allowed him to grab just 4. He could have a monster year in 2002. FS Josh Morgan earned 2nd Tm SEC honors. Last year Sherrill signed 6 DB's and said they were as good a group of DB's as he had ever signed. Those players should have a bigger impact. The only losses are RDOG Shawn Byrdsong (11 sts, 66 tkls, 6 tfl), DOG Anthony Bryant (5 tkls), CB Julius Griffith (13 tkls) and CB Eugene Liger (28 tkls). Banks, Wright and Morgan should anchor a top-notch secondary which has a couple of VHT's in reserve. I look for the Bulldogs to head back to the top of the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jackie Sherrill has always put an emphasis on special teams and they finished #7 in my special teams rankings in 1996, #6 in 1997 and #4 in 1998. After a rare #45 finish in 1999, they went up to #22 in 2000. Last year they had to replace their super K who was a Lou Groza semifinalist, their punter (37.9 net), and their top PR (8.8). John Michael Marlin (PS#25) took over at K but hit only 8 of 16 FG's with a long of 43 and was just 2 of 7 from 40+. He handled the KO's as a true with 13 TB's and did so once again last year (allowed just 19.8 and 19.7 on KR's L/2Y). They have also added two super kickers in Scott Shurden (PS#10) and Keith Andrews (PS#17) who had 50 of 55 KO's go for TB's in high school. Jared Cook and Robert Wallis battled for the punting job with Cook winning out (40.7). Top KR man Pig Prather (22.8) must be replaced but top PR Bivines (10.4) is back and could be one of the most dangerous in the SEC. MSU had blocked 12 punts the previous 3 years but only got one last season while allowing one. Look for them to be on the plus side in the TD/Blk category this year. Last year the Bulldogs fell to a new low for Sherrill at #55, but you can look for them to once again contend for Top 25 honors.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Jackie Sherrill is doing a great job here and they played for the SEC Title in 1998 and also won 6 SEC games for the first time ever in that season. Coming into last season they had the best record of all the SEC West schools over the previous 4 years. Despite massive graduation losses in 2000 in part to being +10 in turnovers. Interestingly, both times in Sherrill's tenure, that his team has benefitted from double digit turnovers, the next season his squad finished just 3-8. That was the case last season. While they finished just 2-6 in SEC play and were outgained by an average of 66.9 ypg and outscored by an average of 12.1 ppg, they did have 3 tough SEC losses, losing by 3 points or less. This year they have the most lettermen returning in the SEC with 55. The offense struggled last year, going from averaging 32.5 ppg in 2000 to just 17.8. They will be much more effective with an experienced Kevin Fant at QB. I look for their running game, which surprisingly tailed off from averaging 198 ypg in 2000 to just 129 last season, to return closer to the 2000 form despite having just 2 starters back on the O-line. Joe Lee Dunn is one of the best DC's in the game but has had just 3 and 5 starters returning the last 2 seasons. This year he has 7 back on that side of the ball and should have a much stingier unit than last season's which allowed an unheard-of (for them) 397.9 ypg in SEC play. I think all 6 teams in the SEC West are capable of winning the division or finishing in 6th place. At this point it looks like the Egg Bowl on Nov 28th will likely determine whether or not MSU has a winning season and gets to a bowl, but the Bulldogs should at least double last year's victory total.

PHIL STEELE'S INNER CIRCLE LINE

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Kevin Fant Jr. 6-2 212 PS#23. 6 gms as rFr, 210 yds (53%), 1-1 ratio. 3 sts LY, 1352 yds (55%), 8-9 ratio. Kyle York (6-0 190 rFr) PS#103. Ken Topps PS#43. Justin Tyler PS#49.

RB Dontae Walker Sr. 5-10 225 PS#2. 402 rush (4.7) as true. 938 yards (5.7) in 2000. 2 sts, 548 yds (4.0) LY. 24 career rec. **Jerious Norwood is PS#6. Nick Turner is PS#12.**

FB JUSTIN GRIFFITH SR. 5-11 231 PS#54. 197 rush, MSU RB rec for catches (39) in 99. 393 tot yds in 2000. 3 sts, 158 ttl yds (inj) LY. Darnell Jones (5-11 247 So) PS#135, 7 sts, blk'r.

WR JUSTIN JENKINS JR. 6-1 214 PS#101. 4.43, 7 rec (22.9), 46 yds rush as rFr. 8 sts LY, 42 rec (15.7). **Antonio Hargro** (6-3 185 So) PS#20. NCAA track qual in 200m, 3 rec (12.3) as rFr.

WR TERRELL GRINDLE SR. 5-10 191 PS#66. 5 sts as true, 14 rec (15.5). 12 sts in 2000, #1 w/31. 11 sts LY, 40 rec (11.6). **Ray Ray Bivines** (5-11 172 So) PS#27, 14 rec (12.1) as rFr also **QB.**

TE DONALD LEE SR. 6-4 248 PS#88. 3 sts as true, 5 rec (10.8). 9 sts in 2000, 21 rec (11.1). 9 sts LY, 16 rec (12.3). Aaron Lumpkin (6-4 260 Jr) PS#25, 20 games, 3 rec, 2Y.

C BLAKE JONES JR. 6-2 291 PS#379. 4 games as rFr. Started L/6 in 2001, 8 games. **Chris McNeil** (6-3 284 rFr) **PS#49**. Kyle Watson (6-1 278 Sr) PS#130LB in 1998.

RG Brad Weathers So. 6-5 320 PS#455 in 1998, 2 yr mission. 2 games as "true" LY. Michael Allen (6-3 367 Sr) **PS#24JC**, 10 games here LY. Manuel Dickson (6-4 290 Jr) PS#154JC.

LG Donald Tucker Jr. 6-4 332 **PS#46**. 4 gms as rFr. 6 sts LY, 11 gms, 11 pancakes. Will Rogers (6-5 314 So) PS#270, 1 gm @ NG LY. Johnny Wadley (6-2 379 rFr) PS#393.

RT David Stewart So. 6-6 294 PS#109, 6 games as rFr incl 3 starts. Eric Thompson (6-6 320 Jr) PS#57OL. Zero games due to injuries. Richard Burch is **PS#38.**

LT DERRICK THOMPSON JR. 6-6 294 **PS#16TE**. 5 sts @ RT as rFr, 10 sts @ LT in 2001, top grade on OL. Carl Hutchins (6-5 306 Sr) PS#191OL, 16 games in 3Y, 1 start.

K JOHN MICHAEL MARLIN JR. 5-8 155 PS#25. Did KO's as true, 13 TB's. Hit 8 of 16 FG's LY, long of 43 only 2-7 from 40+. Scott Shurden is PS#10. Keith Andrews is PS#17.

DE Kamau Jackson Jr. 6-4 244 PS#92JUCO. 11 games, 1 st @ LB here LY, 49 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 5 QBH. Corey Brown (6-0 226 Jr) **PS#16JUCO**, inj LY RS. Robert Spivey PS#96, 19 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Lennie Day (6-3 261 Jr) PS#27TE, 14 games, 12 tkls, 2Y. Jadice Moore (6-3 293 So) PS#63DL.

DT KAHLIL NASH SR. 6-4 281 PS#186JUCO. 8 sts here LY, 41 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl.

NG Ronald Fields So. 6-2 286 PS#253, Hargrave in 2000. 3 sts as true, 22 tkls, 3 tfl. Deljuan Robinson is **PS#9LB**. Dannie Snyder (6-1 290 Sr) PS#171 in 99, JC, 9 tkls in 5 gms (inj) LY.

DT TOMMY KELLY JR. 6-6 306 PS#162 in '99, JC. 7 sts LY, 50 tkls, 8 tfl, 7 QBH. Michael Oyefesobi (6-1 298 Sr) PS#377JC LY, 18 tkls, 9 gms. Demotto Youngblood (6-4 240 So) PS#245.

DE MARIO HAGGAN SR. 6-3 253 PS#117, 11 sts at LB in 2000, #1 w/141 tkls, 11 tfl. 10 sts LY (7 at DE, 3 at LB), 95 tkls, 12 tfl, **2nd TM SEC**. Jason Clark (6-1 236 Jr) **PS#22LB**, 4 sts, 32 tkls LY.

LB TJ MAWHINNEY JR. 6-1 235 Trans from Charleston Southern. 8 sts here LY, #2 w/93 tkls, 4 tfl (3 inj). Marvin Byrdsong is **PS#11LB**. Brandon Downing (6-0 246 rFr) PS#234.

LDOG Clarence McDougal rFr. 6-1 205 **PS#29DB**, knee inj LY. Gabe Wallace (5-11 196 So) PS#380. 9 tkls as rFr, 9 games. Milas Randle (6-2 205 Jr) PS#140WR, 21 tkls, 19 games, 2Y.

CB KOREY BANKS SR. 5-11 175 PS#15JC. 11 sts here LY, 48 tkls, 4 int, 14 pbu, many dropped int's. Darren Williams **PS#2DB**. Slovakia Griffith (5-11 186 So) PS#380DB.

CB DEMETRIC WRIGHT SR. 5-10 170 PS#69JC. 13 int, 40 pbu 2Y at JC. 10 sts here LY, 46 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Richard Ball (5-10 181 Sr) PS#200JC. 14 tkls LY. Odell Bradley is PS#97JC.

RDOG Walter Burdett Sr. 6-0 205 55 tkls, 3 int at JC in 2000. 3 tkls, 1 sk, 9 games here LY. **Bryan Shumaker** (5-7 185 So) **PS#28RB**, 2 tkls as true, inj. Rico Bennett (6-0 197 rFr) PS#101.

FS JOSH MORGAN SR. 6-1 199 PS#199QB. 1 st, 34 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in 2000, #2 w/100 tkls, 7 tfl, 7 pbu. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 79 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu. Jonathan Bell (5-10 184 So) PS#53WR.

P JARED COOK SO. 5-10 175 PS#78, 45.6 avg as Sr in HS. 60 punts here as rFr 40.7 avg team net of 34.6. Robert Wallis (5-10 180 Jr) 3 punts (37.0). Andrews PS#17, 41.6 avg in HS.

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OL Richard Burch 6-5 290 PS#38
WR Brandon Wright 5-9 168 PS#39
QB Ken (Robert) Topps 6-0 165 PS#43
DL Markell McKinley 6-3 275 PS#71
QB Justin Tyler 6-4 218 PS#49
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WR Tee Milons 5-11 170 PS#103
LB Kenny Kern 6-1 229 PS#91
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Sep. 14	Jacksonville St	G					
Sep. 19	Auburn (Thur)	G					
Sep. 28	at LSU	G					
Oct. 5	at S Carolina	G					
Oct. 12	Troy St (HC)	G					
Oct. 19	at Memphis	G					
Oct. 26							
Nov. 2	Kentucky	G					
Nov. 9	at Alabama	G					
Nov. 16	Tennessee	G					
Nov. 23	Arkansas	G					
Nov. 28	at Mississippi (Thur)	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

MSU is 16-4 ATS in the 1st of back to back away games.
Bulldogs are 24-10 ATS as away dogs their last 34 tries.
Including the post season, MSU is 12-5-1 ATS their last 18 on artificial turf.

Bulldogs have won 8 straight openers SU, average margin of 19 ppg.
MSU is 11-3 ATS overall, 8-3 ATS for Sherrill in road openers.

The Gamecocks went 5-6 LY as a member of the Div IAA Southland Conf.
Bulldogs are 7-0 in non-lined games since 1984.

Miss St was 2-13 SU & 7-8 ATS vs Auburn from '82-'96, but since 1997 the
Bulldogs are 4-1 SU & ATS & have outscored Aub 107-63 in that span.

The home team is 4-2 SU the last 6 but 2-5 ATS the last 7 in this series.
Bulldogs are 3-11 ATS the last 14, 1-9 ATS the last 10 vs the Tigers.

Miss St came into 2002 with a 24-16 ATS off their last 40 SU losses.
Mississippi St is 6-3 ATS vs the Gamecocks.

Troy St Trojans beat up on the Bulldogs 21-9 LY as 24 pt underdogs.
Miss St is 7-2-1 SU and 5-5 ATS when favored by 20 (+) points.

Pending prior results, MSU is 25-15 ATS vs non-SEC foes.
Mississippi St is 4-7 ATS vs Memphis under Sherrill.

MSU is 15-7 ATS after a bye under Sherrill, but 1-4 ATS last 3 years.
The road team has covered 4 straight meetings but is 1-3 SU in that span.

Pending last week's result, MSU is 22-12 ATS in their last 34 Nov contests.
The visitor is 11-5 ATS in this series since 1986.

Miss St is 6-3 ATS in the first of back to back home games since 1997.
MSU is 2-5 SU but 4-3 ATS vs Tennessee since 1986.

The underdog is 9-1 ATS in the last 10 series meetings.
Bulldogs are 2-6 ATS in their last 8 Starkville finales.

HT has won SU & ATS L2Y but is only 3-5 SU, 2-6 ATS in this Golden Egg Battle.
The favorite is 2-5 ATS the last 7 contests.

JACKIE SHERRILL (Career 175-101-4)
12th Year at Mississippi State

Sherrill's records AT MISSISSIPPI ST

70-56-2	Straight Up	22-27	Home Favorite
67-54	Vs The Spread	11-6	Home Dog
28-20	Off A S/U Loss	12-12	Away Favorite
49-39	Vs Conference	22-10	Away Dog
		18-15	Vs Non-Conf

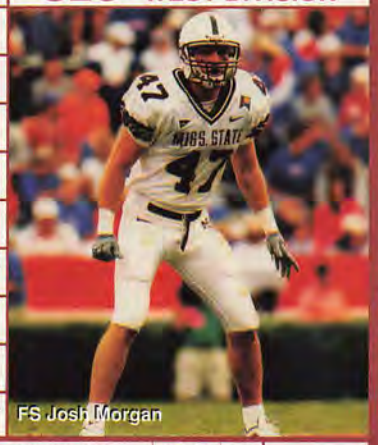
2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (23,28,4)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,351

SEC - WEST DIVISION



FS Josh Morgan

STADIUM: SCOTT FIELD (52,884)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	7-4	8-4	9-2	7-4	3-8	42-36
ATS	4-7	6-5	5-6	8-3	4-7	6-5	6-5	39-38
Home Fav	1-5	1-2	2-3	3-0	2-5	2-2	1-3	12-20
Home Dog	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	6-4
Away Fav	0-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-3	0-0	7-7
Away Dog	3-2	2-0	2-1	3-2	1-1	0-0	3-1	14-7
Favorite	1-5	3-3	2-4	4-1	3-6	5-5	1-3	19-27
Dog	3-2	3-2	3-2	4-2	1-1	1-0	5-2	20-11
Grass	3-7	6-5	5-6	7-2	4-7	6-5	6-5	37-37
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-4	8-1	3-5	4-4	4-4	30-27
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	9-11
Off SU Win	1-2	0-4	4-3	4-3	3-5	4-3	2-1	18-21
Off SU Loss	3-4	5-1	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-2	3-4	17-14

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dicenzo Miller	132	700	24	676	4	5.1
Dontae Walker	**136**	**595**	**47**	**548**	**5**	**4.0**
Fred Reid	**25**	**116**	**8**	**108**	**0**	**4.3**
Wayne Madkin	45	124	120	4	0	0.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Fant	**170**	**94**	**55.3**	**1352**	**8**	**9**
Wayne Madkin	185	93	50.3	1012	5	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Justin Jenkins	**42**	**661**	**15.7**	**8**	**76**
Terrell Grindle	**40**	**463**	**11.6**	**0**	**45**
Dicenzo Miller	19	337	17.7	3	51
Donald Lee	**16**	**197**	**12.3**	**0**	**62**
Ray Ray Bivines	**14**	**170**	**12.1**	**1**	**30**
Justin Griffith	**10**	**118**	**11.8**	**0**	**27**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Cook	**60**	**2445**	**40.7**	**–**	**34.6**	**1**	**–**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Michael Marlin	**5-5**	**1-4**	**2-4**	**0-3**	**8-16**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mario Haggan	**95**	**4**	**8**	**1**	**0**
TJ Mawhinney	**93**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Josh Morgan	**79**	**0**	**5**	**9**	**3**
Pig Prather	71	2	1	1	1
Shawn Byrdsong	66	3	3	5	1
Conner Stephens	61	4	3	7	0
Dorsett Davis	55	1	4	2	0
Tommy Kelly	**50**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Kamau Jackson	**49**	**0.5**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Korey Banks	**48**	**0**	**2**	**14**	**4**
Demetric Wright	**46**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**
Kahlil Nash	**41**	**2**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Jason Clark	**32**	**0.5**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ray Ray Bivines	**12**	**125**	**10.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Pig Prather	25	569	22.8	0
Dontae Walker	**9**	**184**	**20.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Peach	-1'	N Carolina	17-21	L
94	Peach	-6	NC State	24-28	L
98	Cotton	+6'	Texas	11-38	L
99	Peach	+3	Clemson	17-7	W
00	Independence	+1'	Texas A&M (OT)	43-41	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MISSISSIPPI STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	17.8	17	129	3.6	215	52.7	19.3	-4	2001	5	26.2	20	157	3.9	215	54.7	14.2
6*	32.5	18	198	4.7	182	54.8	11.7	+10	2000	3	25.5	19	107	3.1	233	49.2	13.3
2*	21.3	17	102	3.0	217	51.7	15.0	+4	1999	7	13.0	15	68	1.9	168	50.9	18.2
8*	26.9	16	165	4.2	155	46.0	11.9	+3	1998	4	19.7	19	154	3.5	170	51.3	16.5
6	20.6	16	159	4.0	156	48.0	15.3	-2	1997	6	19.6	19	111	3.3	227	57.4	17.3
7*	22.6	17	159	3.9	168	45.7	14.4	0	1996	5	20.8	18	126	3.1	219	53.3	16.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Memphis	17	41-179	4.4	12-22	174	2	10	46-86	1.9	10-17	76	4	-2
S Carolina	23	34-119	3.5	27-46	261	1	15	46-238	5.2	7-16	60	1	-2
at Florida	13	28-44	1.6	18-37	170	4	35	30-133	4.4	29-49	507	1	-1
at Auburn	13	34-109	3.2	12-25	176	1	16	48-214	4.5	7-13	79	3	-1
Troy St	19	47-128	2.7	13-34	144	4	11	33-82	2.5	10-26	130	1	+1
LSU	19	34-74	2.2	18-42	248	3	18	37-138	3.7	18-29	280	1	-4
Kentucky	19	45-221	4.9	17-32	207	2	18	17-2	0.1	26-46	320	5	+1
at Alabama	16	32-117	3.7	19-37	183	2	22	46-228	5.0	13-27	173	1	+1
at Arkansas	13	30-65	2.2	17-31	192	3	23	58-329	5.7	10-19	134	0	-1
Mississippi	21	45-199	4.4	14-21	263	1	22	41-137	3.3	17-37	211	1	+3
BYU	19	27-160	5.9	20-28	346	1	28	43-139	3.2	23-32	390	5	+1
TOTALS	192	397-1415	3.6	187-355	2364	24	218	445-1726	3.9	170-311	2360	23	-4
AVERAGES	17.5	36-129	3.6	17-32	215	2.2	19.8	40-157	3.9	15-28	215	2.1	-0.4

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-10	13-10	L
Kentucky	-5'	35-27	W
LSU	+10	9-24	L
S Carolina	+3	37-17	W
at Georgia	+11	0-47	L
NE Louisiana	-17	24-10	L
UCF	-4'	35-28	W
at Auburn	+17	20-0	W
at Alabama	+3	32-20	W
at Arkansas	-5'	7-17	L
Mississippi	-1	14-15	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Vanderbilt	-12'	42-0	W
at Memphis	-10'	14-6	L
at Oklahoma St	+1	23-42	L
at S Carolina	+2'	38-0	W
Auburn	-1	38-21	W
E Tenn St	NL	53-6	–
at LSU	+8	6-41	L
at Kentucky	+7'	35-37	W
Alabama	-3	26-14	W
Arkansas	+3	22-21	W
at Mississippi	-6	28-6	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn St	-33'	40-7	L
Memphis	-13'	13-10	L
Oklahoma St	-3	29-11	W
S Carolina	-13'	17-0	W
at Vanderbilt	-5'	42-14	W
at Auburn	-3	18-16	L
LSU	-15'	17-16	L
Kentucky	-6'	23-22	L
at Alabama	+6	7-19	L
at Arkansas	+7'	9-14	W
Mississippi	-3'	23-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-5	17-3	W
at BYU	-2	44-28	W
at S Carolina	-1	19-23	L
Florida	+7	47-35	W
Auburn	-1	17-10	W
at LSU (OT)	-6	38-45	L
Mid Tenn St	-27'	61-35	L
at Kentucky	-6'	35-17	W
Alabama	-7	29-7	W
Arkansas (OT)	-17	10-17	L
at Mississippi	-5'	30-45	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-18'	30-10	W
S Carolina	-3	14-16	L
at Florida	+18	0-52	L
at Auburn	+2'	14-16	W
Troy St	-24	9-21	L
LSU	+3	0-42	L
Kentucky	-7'	17-14	L
at Alabama	+11	17-24	W
at Arkansas	+7'	21-24	W
Mississippi	+3	36-28	W
BYU	+4	38-41	W

MISSISSIPPI REBELS

QB Eli Manning

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Romaro Miller left Ole Miss as the career leader in passing yards and TD's after the 2000 season but the Rebels were in good hands with Eli Manning taking control. Manning played in 7 games as a rFr and threw for 337 yards, with most of those coming in the bowl vs W Virginia after the Rebels trailed 49-16. Manning was PS#12 and had 2 full years to learn the offense and he also hit the weights last year, bulking up from 195 to 215. He set 13 school records in his first full year as a starter and hit 1,000 passing yards faster (4th game) than any other Rebel QB. Manning had some great 4Q's early on in 2001 and finished the season throwing for 2,948 yards (63.5%) with a super 31-9 ratio while adding 96 yards rushing. Manning had just 3 int's heading into the Egg Bowl but was intercepted 3 times in the 4Q and 3 more times in their season finale. His backup last year was David Morris (6-1 180 Sr) who was PS#145 and got in one start as a true frosh in 1998. Morris had thrown 41 career passes playing in 12 games here with 135 yards passing. The backup this year could be Mike Spurlock (PS#42). While Spurlock threw for 3,348 yards in HS he also rushed for 1,161 and would be a change of pace from Manning (who is not as mobile). Seth Smith (6-2 196 rFr) was PS#74 and was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in baseball. He spent half of the spring playing baseball which put him behind. This group has even more talent and Manning is already one of the top QB's in the SEC.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Joe Gunn actually led the team in rushing with 978 yards (5.2) and when teamed with Deuce McAllister they averaged 181 ypg and 4.6 ypc. The next year McAllister was hyped for the Heisman Trophy and Gunn was upset by that. McAllister led the team in rushing but he missed 9Q's due to injury and the team's production dropped to 143 ypg and 3.9 ypc. Last year they still had to replace McAllister and Gunn was even benched vs Ark St but finished as the team's leading rusher with 870 yards (4.3). He leaves as the team's #2 career leading rusher (#1 in rush att's). Last year the Rebels' averages were almost identical to 2000 with 144 ypg and 3.8 ypc. Not only does Gunn depart, so does NFL caliber FB Charles Stackhouse (330 yds, 4.4). The #3 and #4 rushers return in TB Robert Williams (PS#157, 361 career yds) and FB Toward Sanford (PS#44, 340 career yds). Also in the mix this year is JUCO transfer Ronald McClendon (PS#42, originally signed with Tulane) who has 4.28 speed and was a JCAA in track. McClendon rushed for 1,012 yards at JUCO last year while averaging a nifty 6.6 ypc. He adds much needed speed to the group and was sought after by teams like Nebraska. Vashon Pearson (6-0 209 rFr) was PS#114 and they also have Tremaine Turner (5-10 197 Jr). This team has had just three single season 1,000 yard rushers with McAllister the only one since 1950 to accomplish that feat. I think McClendon has a shot at becoming #4. I list SEVEN players in the two deep below and also watch true frosh Jamal Pittman who has nice size. While they do lose their top 2 guys, I like the talent and this unit could match last year's numbers provided McClendon lives up to his advanced billing.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 this group had to replace their top 2 receivers as well as their starting TE and relied on youth. Last year they again had to replace their top 2 receivers including the career leader in rec's but got some big additions and were actually more experienced. This year 4 of the top 5 receivers are back. They must replace WR Jamie Armstrong (6 sts, 40 rec, 11.8), TE Mitch Skrmetta (3 sts, 8 rec) and WR Omar Rayford (1 st, 19 rec). Five players return with starting experience and 2 VHT frosh from last year are added to the mix in Mike Espy (PS#22) and Taye Biddle (PS#30). TE Zeigler missed the last 2 games due to injury, and remember that's when Manning threw 6 of his int's. Ziegler could be one of the best in the SEC, and the receivers have good speed. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed are TE Bo Hartsfield (6-3 239 So, 2 rec), true frosh TE Lawrence Lilly (PS#27), WR Mario Hill (6-1 195 rFr, PS#129), WR Ross Barkley (6-0 175 Sr, 5 rec) and WR Kerry Johnson (6-3 193 So). Prior to last year Cutcliffe said "this is the fastest set of WR's we've had here at Ole Miss by far. We're faster, more physical." WR Collins was a track star in HS and Biddle is on the Ole Miss track team running in the 60M. Injuries hurt this unit last year and this group is more experienced than the Rebels have been at this position for the last few years and should put up some big numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - LT Terrence Metcalf (PS#4) was good enough to start here as a true frosh. Metcalf earned 1st Tm SEC honors the last 2 years and allowed just 1 sack in the last 3 years. He was a big part of the reason that Ole Miss has allowed the least amount of sacks in the SEC the last 3 years. Last season they gave up just 12 while the unit paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing. After having to replace a #2 and a #5 DC in 2000, last year they had to replace 2 starters and a part-time starter due to graduation. True frosh Chris Spencer (PS#2) was expected to play as a true frosh just like Metcalf, but did not qualify. This year the only losses are Metcalf (1st Tm SEC, #3DC of CHI), RG Augustus Carwell (2nd string) and G/C Matt Koon. Five players with starting experience are back. Spencer is expected to win a starting job this year. It is a fairly talented 2 deep that I list below and even with the loss of their star, this unit could be just as strong as last year's fine group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rebels had a veteran, good sized defensive front in 1999 that allowed just 2.4 ypc while the team recorded 40 sacks. In 2000 they had some significant losses including a #3 DC but did have 5 players returning with starting experience. However, they only averaged roughly 250 lbs across the front and allowed 4.6 ypc with only 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 full-time starters (one was 3rd round DC) and 1 part-time starter. Coming into the year new DC Don Lindsay said, "we don't have very many wide bodies" and vs Miss St the DL starters averaged just 254 lbs across the front and 3 of their 4 starters at the beginning of the year were 235 lbs or less. This year they lose both of their DT's including their biggest linemen in Kenny Jackson (9 sts, 315 lbs, 89 tkls, 4 tfl, 11 hurries) as well as DT Anthony Sims (11 sts, 76 tkls, 6.5 tfl). Injuries did hit the group last year so they now have 6 players returning with starting experience. Cutcliffe stressed size for the defensive front during the year's recruiting period so some of this year's signees (see Top Newcomers) could play. Overall the unit gave up a horrible 5.0 ypc rushing, being overwhelmed by the bigger lines of the SEC, and the Rebels had just 12 sacks. This year's front is more experienced than it was heading into last year and should be larger. I will call them solidly improved in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 the Rebels had to replace 1 starter due to graduation and lost their top LB, Strong, to injury prior to the season. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups who combined for 4 starts but did have 2 full-time starters returning and got the tremendous boost of Eddie Strong back in the fold. Strong simply became the first Rebel since Nate Wayne (now a Packer) in 1996 to top 100 tackles in a season (105). At midseason, DC Lindsay said, "Lanier Goethie may be our best defensive player" despite the fact that he was hampered by a nagging injury all year. Their other starter, LP Spence, missed 3 full games last year due to injury but returned and was SEC Def Player of the Week vs LSU. They also add HT JUCO Ken Bournes (PS#49) and welcome back Ian Bass (PS#75RB), who started some in 2000 but redshirted last year. The only loss this year is LB Kevin Thomas, who was an 11 game starter in 2000 and was awarded Chucky Mullins' jersey last year but did not start (40 tkls). Not even listed below are Justin Wade (6-3 225 Jr) who is PS#265 (17 tkls L/2 yrs), Johnny Ducking (6-4 235 So, PS#87DL), Jamil Northcutt (6-2 225 Jr, PS#187) and Brian Lester (6-2 231 So) who had 12 tackles last year and made the SEC Frosh Team. The Rebels have not been known recently for an outstanding defense but this LB corps should be among the better ones in the SEC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rebels finished #57 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and had to replace 2 starters in 2000 but had 5 players back with starting experience and finished #14. Part of the reason for the improvement was the fact that teams ran for 4.6 ypc on them and did not have to pass. The 2001 version had two starters back, having to replace a #2 NFL DC and a part-time starter as well. SS Syniker Taylor moved to CB so they were solid there but 2 soph's were starting at the safety spots early. Last year they led the SEC in pass defense, giving up just 161.3 ypg, but once again it was because opponents had so much success on the ground. Ole Miss did allow just 49.5% with a 12-12 ratio and finished #22 in my pass D rankings. This year only 2 players depart but they were arguably their top 2 in CB Taylor (11 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 52 tkls, 3 int's, 8 pbu) and CB Justin Coleman (9 sts, 41 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu). I list the 2 deep below and there is some quality talent. Not listed below are Travis Blanchard (5-11 180 Jr) who has 17 tackles in 23 games, Kelvin Robinson (6-1 211 rFr) who was PS#247 and a PQ, and Clifton Collins (6-2 210 Sr) who was PS#372JC. There are 5 players with starting experience returning but it will be tough to match last year's pass efficiency defense mark with teams probably throwing more often due to the tough front and the fact that their top DB, Syniker Taylor, is gone.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This area was a strength under Tuberville with their worst finish in the rankings being #33. Cutcliffe inherited a veteran group but they dropped a little from #44 in 1999 to #55 in 2000. Last year they had to replace their top KR and PR as well as their punter and K. They slipped a little more, down to #71 while relying on frosh to handle the kicking and punting and a JUCO for PR's. Jason Armstead returns after a solid season, averaging 27.6 on KR's (#2 in SEC) and 8.9 on PR's. Cody Ridgeway had an average of 38.8 (32.3 net) but was PS#28K and should greatly improve provided he can hold off JUCO Shae Orrell. Jonathan Nichols (PS#17) hit only 3 of 6 FG's with a long of 39 while Lee Rogers hit 1 of 2 with a long of 37. Long snapper A.J. Kiamie is also back. This should be one of the more improved special teams units in the country and has a shot at moving all the way into the Top 25.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1954 to 1971 Ole Miss went to 17 bowls, including 9 appearances in either the Sugar or Cotton. From 1972 to 1996 they were in just 5 bowls with just one New Year's Day game. This is a team that has won 6 SEC Titles but the last one came in 1963. The team has now been bowl eligible 5 consecutive seasons but their streak of 4 straight bowls was snapped when they were not chosen last year despite a 7-4 record and the presence of Eli Manning at QB. Scholarships were short when Cutcliffe took over but they will be back to the full allotment of 85 this season. Last year's team had just 12 scholarship seniors and this year's will be more experienced as they have 14 more lettermen returning than they had last season and 14 starters return overall. Ole Miss actually stood 6-1 last year before their 7 OT loss to Arkansas. Offensively last year they looked like they were in a tough situation as they had to replace their all-time passing leader, rushing leader and receiving leader in the same season. However, Eli Manning guided the team to almost a TD more per game in offense as they averaged 6.2 ppg more than 2000. Manning guided 4Q comebacks last year vs both Alabama and Vanderbilt in SEC play. This year's offense is clearly one of the best in the SEC with Manning now experienced, super JC RB Ronald McClendon coming in and a solid O-line and receiving corps. They could top last year's outstanding 35.5 ppg. The defense is once again my big concern as they allowed 5.0 ypc rushing and still look a little light on the D-line. Ole Miss changed DC's again with Chuck Driesbach from TCU becoming their 3rd DC in 3 years. They will have a tougher defense than they had last season with 7 starters back and should allow less than the 375 ypg they yielded. The Rebels have been fortunate the last 4 years to avoid both Florida and Tenn out of the SEC East but this year the Gators appear on the schedule but luckily they play them at home. All 4 SEC road games this year are at tough venues. The SEC West is the most balanced division from top to bottom with all 6 teams capable of winning the division and all 6 capable of finishing in 6th place. With a manageable non-conf schedule, Ole Miss has a shot at a 6th straight 7 win season.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB ELI MANNING JR. 6-4 215 PS#12. 7 games as rFr, 337 yds (53%), 3-2 ratio, 11 sts LY, 2948 yds (64%), 31-9 ratio, 96 yds rush. Mike Spurlock (5-11 199 rFr) PS#42.

RB Ronald McClendon Jr. 5-9 185 4.28 spd. PS#2JC. Robert Williams (5-10 192 Sr) PS#157, 361 yds (5.4) 3Y. Vashon Pearson (6-0 209 rFr) PS#114. Tremaine Turner (5-10 197 Jr).

FB Toward Sanford Sr. 5-10 225 PS#44. 7 sts in '99, 3 in L/2Y. 340 career yds (3.7), 23 rec. Rick Razzano (5-11 230 So) PS#120LB, vicious blk'r. Brandon Jacobs (6-1 235 rFr).

WR CHRIS COLLINS JR. 6-2 190 PS#98. 17 rec (13.7) as **true.** 8 sts LY, 54 rec (12.8). Bill Flowers (6-0 180 So) **PS#38**, 2 sts, 28 rec (11.2). Mike Espy (6-0 180 rFr) PS#22WR.

WR Taye Biddle rFr. 6-1 175 **PS#30**. Jason Armstead (5-10 160 Sr) PS#103JC, 32 rec (12.9), 720 ret yds. Trey Fryfogle (6-1 196 So) PS#63, 2 sts, 5 rec (10.6).

TE DOUG ZEIGLER SR. 6-4 254 PS#140QB. 2 sts as rFr. 10 sts in 2000, 17 rec (11.5). 7 sts LY (inj), 21 rec (13.4), **2nd Tm SEC**. Eric Rice (6-3 228 So) PS#171WR, 2 rec as true.

C BEN CLAXTON SR. 6-3 288 12 sts as rFr. 2 sts in 2000 then inj'd. 11 sts at C in 2001, **2nd Tm SEC**. Justin Sawyer (6-3 298 Jr) PS#251DL. Backup C in 2000, 2 letters.

RG Chris Spencer So. 6-4 305 **PS#2OL**, PQ LY. Would have started as true. Marcus Johnson (6-6 320 So). PS#157. 2nd string 5 gms s true, RS. 11 sts as rFr, -30 lbs.

LG DOUG BUCKLES SO. 6-5 290 **PS#13.** 8 sts as a rFr last year. James Campbell (6-5 299 So) PS#61, 2nd string as rFr. Worked at C and T. Jay Kirkland (6-4 295 Fr) is PS#90.

RT BELTON JOHNSON SR. 6-5 290 4 games as rFr. 12 sts in 2000. Added 17 lbs last year, 11 starts, 3 letters. Cliff Woodruff (6-6 296 Jr) PS#198DL. 2 L. 11 games backup LT LY.

LT TRE STALLINGS rFR. 6-4 317 PS#75OL. Bobby Harris (6-4 306 rFr) PS#161. **German Bello** (6-3 313 Sr) PS#121. 1 st in 2000, 3 start last year (missed 3 w/inj), 3 letters.

K JONATHAN NICHOLS SO. 6-0 180 PS#17K. Hit 3 of 6 FG's as rFr with L/39. 47 of 49 on xp's, All SEC Frosh Tm. Lee Rogers (5-11 170 Jr) KO's in 2000, 1 of 2 FG's last year.

DE CHARLIE ANDERSON JR. 6-4 225 PS#134TE. 9 sts LY, 33 tkls, 2.5 sks. Germain Landrum (6-3 231 Sr) PS#84JC, 1 st, 9 tkls LY. **Chris Herring PS#20**. Larrick Womack PS#162JC LY.

DT McKinley Boykin So. 6-2 270 PS#56DL, PQ LY. Daniel Booth (6-4 270 So) PS#144, 7 tkls. Jimmy Brooks PS#117DL (6-4 277 rFr). Mike Gibson (6-2 298 rFr) PS#303OL.

DT Jesse Mitchell Jr. 6-3 271 PS#112, 22 tkls as rFr, 2 sts LY, 45 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. Yahrek Johnson (6-2 263 Sr), 3 sts, 41 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 3Y. Michael Bozeman (6-2 276 rFr) PS#299.

DE CORY ROBINSON SO. 6-4 255 PS#190. 6 sts as rFr, 36 tkls, 1 tfl. Josh Cooper (6-4 230 So), 22 tkls, 9 QBH in 2000. 4 sts, 27 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Justin Blake (6-2 263 Sr) 2 sts in '99, 2.5 sks.

SLB LANIER GOETHIE SR. 6-0 223 9 sts in 2000, 72 tkls, 5 tfl. 10 sts LY & 85 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **Ken Bournes** (6-2 225 Jr) is PS#49JUCO, 4.7 speed, 13 sks at JC in 2 years.

MLB EDDIE STRONG SR. 6-4 245 PS#9. 70 tkls, 7.5 tfl as **true**. 11 sts in '99, 81 tkls, 10.5 tfl. RS in 2000. **2nd Tm SEC**, 2Y, **105 tkls** LY. Rob Robertson (6-2 221 So) PS#148, 2 sts, 24 tkls LY.

WS L.P. SPENCE JR. 6-3 220 PS#43LB in '97. JUCO. 8 starts here LY (inj 3). 45 tkls, 5 sks. Ian Bass (6-0 220 Jr) PS#75RB. 1 st, 21 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000 at LB, RS in 2001.

CB Desmon Johnson Sr. 5-10 160 11 tkls, 3 pbu, 20 gms in '99-00. 3 sts LY, 16 tkls, 2 pbu. Travis Johnson (6-1 181 rFr) PS#165, 11 int's in HS. Bryant Thomas (6-1 185 rFr) PS#95QB.

CB Tavarus Horne So. 6-0 195 PS#36DB. 12 gms, 3 tkls as true. **Chris Knight** (5-11 165 Sr) PS#102JC, 3 tkls LY. Wes Scott (6-1 195 Jr) PS#265DB. 9 tkls in 2000. RS LY.

SS MATT GRIER SR. 6-1 190 PS#68JUCO. 6 sts here LY, #5 w/82 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, 3 tfl. Marcus Woodson (6-0 195 Jr) PS#262. 13 tkls as rFr, 3 sts, 22 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu LY.

FS VON HUTCHINS JR. 5-11 184 PS#222. 11 sts, #3 w/88 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. **Jeremy Ruffin** (6-2 200 Fr) was **PS#25** 11 tkls, 1 pbu in spg gm. Eric Oliver (6-2 207 So) 2 sts as true, 25 tkls.

P CODY RIDGEWAY SO. 6-1 180 PS#28. 41.4 avg in HS. 48 punts here last year and 38.8 avg with a net of 32.3. Shae Orrell (6-2 215 Jr) is PS#86JUCO and will contend.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Ronald McClendon	5-9 185 PS#2JC
LB	Chris Herring	6-2 260 PS#20
LB	Ken Bournes	6-2 225 PS#49JC
TE	Lawrence Lilly	6-4 250 PS#27
DL	Andrew Wicker	6-5 270 PS#81
OL	Jay Kirkland	6-4 295 PS#90
QB	Bryan Brown	5-10 185 PS#66
LB	Dedrick Clark	6-5 240 PS#89
DL	Jayme Mitchell	6-6 275 PS#112
RB	Jamal Pittman	6-2 230 PS#146
DL	Brandon Jenkins	6-5 270 PS#141
DL	Larrick Womack	6-5 265 PS#162JC
OL	James McCoy	6-4 290 PS#193
QB	Ethan Flatt	6-6 197 PS#137

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MISSISSIPPI REBELS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Manning family is 6-2 SU vs Alabama, with Eli winning last year, Archie going 2-1 from 1968-'70 and Peyton going 3-1 from 1994-'97. Eli and Peyton are 3-2 ATS in those 5 games.
Aug. 31	UL Monroe	G						UM is 7-21-1 ATS their last 29 times as double digit chalk. Ole Miss is 37-2 SU in their last 39 non-conference games.
Sep. 7	Memphis	G						Mississippi is 18-9-1 ATS in September since 1993. Rebels are 9-5 ATS their last 14 vs Memphis.
Sep. 14	at Texas Tech	A						Not sure which will apply, but Ole Miss is 11-3-1 ATS since 1994 as an away favorite but 1-3 ATS the last 2 years as an away dog.
Sep. 21	Vanderbilt	G						Rebels are 8-1 SU and 5-3-1 ATS the last 9 years vs the Commodores. Ole Miss is 2-6 SU and 2-5-1 ATS the last 8 prior to a bye.
Sep. 28								
Oct. 5	Florida	G						Rebels are 4-9 ATS their last 13 as home dogs. UM has a 10-20 ATS mark in their last 30 October games.
Oct. 12	Arkansas St (HC)	G						Rebels are 4-0 SU but 1-3 ATS in their last 4 Homecoming games. Ole Miss is 8-0 SU but 1-5 ATS vs ASU since 1987.
Oct. 19	at Alabama	G						UM is 0-5 SU and 1-4 ATS their last 5 visits to Tuscaloosa. Mississippi is 3-8 the last 11 and 4-13 the last 17 ATS vs the Crimson Tide.
Oct. 26	at Arkansas	G						The home team is 5-3-1 ATS the last 9 in this series. The chalk has bitten the dust ATS only twice in 10 meetings (7-2-1).
Nov. 2	Auburn	G						Coming into the 2002 season UM was 13-29-1 ATS in Oxford the last 8 yrs. The road team has won 5 of the last 6 ATS in this series.
Nov. 9	at Georgia	G						Ole Miss is 1-4 ATS vs the Bulldogs since 1996. Pending 10/19 and 10/26, UM is 18-9-1 ATS in their L/28 SEC road games.
Nov. 16								Bonus: Rebels are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 road finales.
Nov. 23	at LSU	G						The visitor is 12-5 ATS the last 17 series games. The team that lost the previous meeting SU is 12-4 ATS the next year.
Nov. 28	Miss St (Thur)	G						Mississippi is 1-7 ATS in their home finale. UM has been an underdog 7 of the last 8 in the Egg Bowl.

DAVID CUTCLIFFE (Career 23-13)
4th Year at Mississippi

Cutcliffe's records AT MISSISSIPPI

23-13	Straight Up	3-11	Home Favorite
13-18-1	Vs The Spread	3-1	Home Dog
5-5-1	Off A S/U Loss	4-3-1	Away Favorite
11-12-1	Vs Conference	3-3	Away Dog
		2-6	Vs Non-Conf

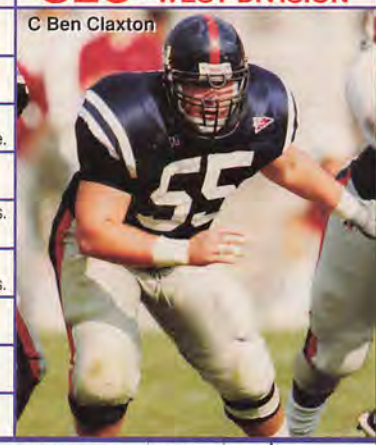
2001 RECORD: (7-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (21,28,4)
Lost: 23 (12,10,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,740

SEC - WEST DIVISION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STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY (60,580)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	7-4	6-5	7-4	7-4	7-4	45-32
ATS	4-6	2-7	7-3-1	6-5	5-6	4-6-1	4-6	32-39-2
Home Fav	0-2	0-1	2-1-1	1-3	0-4	2-4	1-3	6-18-1
Home Dog	1-2	0-3	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	5-9
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	9-3-1
Away Dog	2-2	1-3	4-0	2-1	2-0	0-2	1-1	12-9
Favorite	1-2	1-1	3-1-1	3-3	2-5	3-4-1	2-5	15-21-2
Dog	3-4	1-6	4-2	3-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	17-18
Grass	4-6	1-7	6-3-1	5-5	5-6	4-6-1	4-6	29-39-2
Artificial	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	5-2-1	4-4	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	25-29-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	0-3	1-2	1-1	7-10
Off SU Win	3-2	0-4	4-2	3-3	2-5	2-4	3-3	17-23
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-3	3-0-1	2-2	3-0	1-2-1	1-3	13-13-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Gunn	200	896	26	870	9	4.3
Charles Stackhouse	75	337	7	330	5	4.4
Robert Williams	**42**	**205**	**5**	**200**	**1**	**4.8**
Toward Sanford	**45**	**150**	**5**	**145**	**7**	**3.2**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Eli Manning	**408**	**259**	**63.5**	**2948**	**31**	**9**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Chris Collins	**54**	**692**	**12.8**	**6**	**51**	
Jamie Armstrong	40	470	11.8	2	43	
Jason Armstead	**32**	**413**	**12.9**	**5**	**39**	
Bill Flowers	**28**	**315**	**11.2**	**4**	**29**	
Doug Zeigler	**21**	**281**	**13.4**	**4**	**56**	
Charles Stackhouse	21	172	8.2	2	17	
Omar Rayford	19	281	14.8	4	50	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Cody Ridgeway	**48**	**1861**	**38.8**	**–**	**32.3**	**0**	**10**
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Jonathan Nichols	**1-2**	**2-3**	**0-1**	**0-0**	**3-6**	**39**	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eddie Strong	**105**	**2**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Kenny Jackson	89	2	2	0	0
Von Hutchins	**88**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Lanier Goethie	**85**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Matt Grier	**82**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**2**
Anthony Sims	76	1.5	5	1	0
Syniker Taylor	52	0	2	8	3
Jesse Mitchell	**45**	**3**	**4**	**0**	**0**
LP Spence	**45**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Justin Coleman	41	0	1	3	1
Kevin Thomas	40	0	1	0	1
Cory Robinson	**36**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Charlie Anderson	**33**	**2.5**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Armstead	**22**	**196**	**8.9**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Armstead	**19**	**524**	**27.6**	**1**
Chris Collins	**8**	**176**	**22.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Liberty	-9	Air Force	13-0	W
97	Motor City	-1	Marshall	34-31	W
98	Independence	+9'	Texas Tech	35-18	W
99	Independence	+4	Oklahoma	27-25	W
00	Music City	-3'	W Virginia	38-49	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	35.5	24	144	3.8	271	63.1	11.7	-1	2001	5	28.2	19	214	5.0	161	49.5	13.3
6*	29.3	19	143	3.9	216	54.2	12.2	+5	2000	5	27.4	19	173	4.6	199	48.5	13.5
7*	26.9	18	181	4.6	187	55.7	13.7	+3	1999	9	19.0	19	78	2.4	260	57.8	17.8
6	23.3	21	173	4.1	217	55.6	16.7	-4	1998	5	22.8	17	126	3.6	202	53.4	14.3
5	22.3	20	138	3.8	252	63.7	17.5	-1	1997	7	20.0	18	166	4.5	190	51.1	17.8
7*	18.5	17	102	2.8	172	56.1	14.8	-3	1996	5	24.5	19	158	3.8	209	53.5	15.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Murray St	28	41 - 196	4.8	23 - 31	303	0	15	30 - 126	4.2	14 - 30	126	1	+1
at Auburn	17	23 - 50	2.2	24 - 39	265	1	19	52 - 194	3.7	15 - 19	142	1	-2
at Kentucky	26	42 - 229	5.5	19 - 36	268	2	18	36 - 225	6.3	12 - 33	104	2	0
at Arkansas St	24	40 - 146	3.7	20 - 29	269	0	19	47 - 241	5.1	9 - 15	151	1	-1
Alabama	22	39 - 105	2.7	22 - 41	325	3	15	38 - 227	6.0	7 - 24	136	1	0
Mid Tenn St	27	50 - 221	4.4	25 - 31	257	2	16	30 - 199	6.6	13 - 29	129	0	+1
at LSU	21	34 - 129	3.8	28 - 44	249	0	18	39 - 188	4.8	9 - 23	183	2	+2
Arkansas	28	50 - 145	2.9	27 - 42	312	1	32	80 - 370	4.6	12 - 26	161	0	+1
Georgia	21	20 - 28	1.4	35 - 47	233	2	22	49 - 268	5.5	8 - 14	93	2	0
at Mississippi St	22	41 - 137	3.3	17 - 37	211	1	21	45 - 199	4.4	14 - 21	263	1	-3
Vanderbilt	32	42 - 201	4.8	23 - 40	286	0	19	26 - 119	4.6	23 - 41	286	1	0
TOTALS	268	422 - 1587	3.8	263 - 417	2978	12	214	472 - 2356	5.0	136 - 275	1774	12	-1
AVERAGES	24.4	38 - 144	3.8	24 - 38	271	1.1	19.5	43 - 214	5.0	12 - 25	161	1.1	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF (OT)	-14	24-23	L
SMU	-5	23-15	W
at Auburn	+20'	9-19	W
Vanderbilt	-4	15-3	W
at Tennessee	+26'	17-31	W
at LSU	+16	36-21	W
Alabama	E	20-29	L
Arkansas	-10	19-9	T
at Tulane	E	41-24	W
Georgia	+3'	14-21	L
at Mississippi St	E	15-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-10	30-10	W
Auburn	-3	0-17	L
at Vanderbilt	-7'	30-6	W
at SMU (OT)	-5'	48-41	W
S Carolina	-9'	30-28	L
at Alabama (OT)	+5'	17-20	W
Arkansas St	-26	30-17	L
LSU (OT)	+10	37-31	W
at Arkansas	+9	0-34	L
at Georgia	+12	17-24	W
Mississippi St	+6	6-28	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-13	3-0	L
Arkansas St	-32	38-14	L
Vanderbilt (OT)	-16	34-37	L
at Auburn (OT)	+4	24-17	W
at S Carolina	-6'	36-10	W
Tulane	-12	20-13	L
Alabama	+3	24-30	L
at LSU	-4'	42-23	W
Arkansas	+1	38-16	W
Georgia	-5'	17-20	L
at Mississippi St	+3'	20-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-19	49-20	W
Auburn	-4'	27-35	L
at Vanderbilt	-5	12-7	T
Kentucky	-7	35-17	W
Arkansas St	-26	35-10	L
at Alabama	+4'	7-45	L
UNLV (OT)	-9'	43-40	L
at Arkansas	-1'	38-24	W
LSU	-2'	9-20	L
at Georgia	+7	14-32	L
Mississippi St	+5'	45-30	W

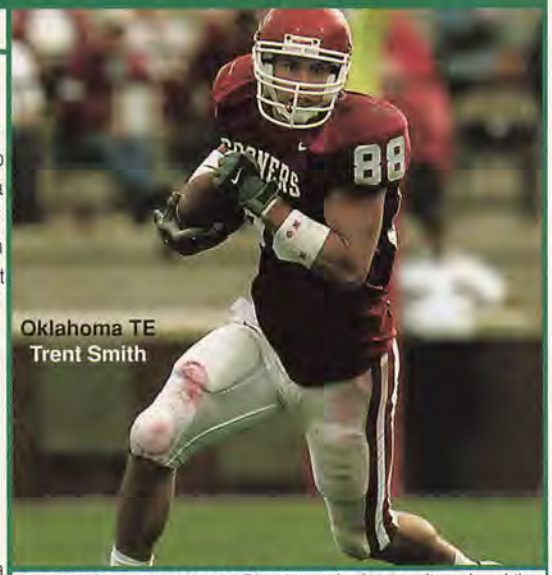
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	49-14	–
at Auburn	+5'	21-27	L
at Kentucky	-8	42-31	W
at Arkansas St	-22	35-17	L
Alabama	+8	27-24	W
Mid Tenn St	-12	45-17	W
at LSU	+9'	35-24	W
Arkansas (7OT)	-6	56-58	L
Georgia	-3	15-35	L
at Mississippi St	-3	28-36	L
Vanderbilt	-16	38-27	L

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 BIG 12 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Chris Simms, Texas	Kliff Kingsbury, Tex Tech	Seneca Wallace, Iowa St	Craig Ochs, Colorado
RB	Cedric Benson, Texas	Chris Brown, Colorado	Feature Running Back, ISU	Reggie Duncan, Kansas
RB	Dahrran Diedrick, Nebraska	Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma	Derek Farmer, Tex A&M	Marcus Houston, Colorado
WR	Roy Williams, Texas	Justin Gage, Missouri	Jamaar Taylor, Tex A&M	Antwone Savage, Oklahoma
WR	Rashaun Woods, Okla St	BJ Johnson, Texas	Anton Paige, Tex Tech	Lane Danielsen, Iowa St
TE	Trent Smith, Oklahoma	Bo Scaife, Texas	Quinn Sypniewski, Colorado	Mickey Peters, Tex Tech
C	A.J. Ricker, Missouri	Wayne Lucier, Colorado	John Garrison, Nebraska	Steve Washington, Kan St
G	Rex Richards, Tex Tech	Taylor Whitley, Tex A&M	Marwan Hage, Colorado	Toby Cecil, Tex Tech
G	Antoine Murphy, Baylor	Derrick Dockery, Texas	Mike Skinner, Oklahoma	Nick Leckey, Kan St
T	Robbie Doane, Texas	Justin Bates, Colorado	Dan Vili Waldrop, Nebraska	Thomas Barnett, Kan St
T	Jami Hightower, Tex A&M	Robert Droege, Missouri	Wes Sims, Oklahoma	Quintin Outland, Baylor
DL	Ty Warren, Tex A&M	Aaron Hunt, Tex Tech	Henry Bryant, KSU	Clayton Harmon, Tex Tech
DL	Tommie Harris, Oklahoma	Chris Kelsay, Nebraska	Jordan Carstens, Iowa St	Keith Wright, Missouri
DL	Marcus Tubbs, Texas	Kevin Williams, Okla St	Demoine Adams, Nebraska	Tyson Smith, Iowa St
DL	Cory Redding, Texas	Jimmy Wilkerson, Oklahoma	Kalen Thornton, Texas	A.C. Collier, Baylor
LB	Ted Lehman, Oklahoma	Brian Gamble, Tex A&M	Barrett Ruud, Nebraska	Demorrio Williams, Nebraska
LB	Jarrod Penright, Tex A&M	Terry Pierce, Kan St	Sean Tufts, Colorado	Sean Doyle, Missouri
LB	Derrick Johnson, Texas	Lawrence Flugence, Tex Tech	John Garrett, Baylor	Leo Etienne, Kansas
CB	Sammy Davis, Tex A&M	Nathan Vasher, Texas	Derrick Strait, Oklahoma	Roderick Babers, Texas
CB	Terence Newman, Kan St	Andre Woolfolk, Oklahoma	DeJuan Groce, Nebraska	Bobby Hart, Baylor
SS	Terrence Kiel, Tex A&M	Chris Massey, Okla St	Rashad Washington, Kan St	Tauras Ferguson, Missouri
FS	Elbert Craig, Okla St	Brandon Everage, Oklahoma	Brandon Barnes, Missouri	Bobby Walker, Kan St
K	Johnny Beck, Kansas	Luke Phillips, Okla St	Josh Brown, Nebraska	Joe Rheem, Kan St
P	Mark Mariscal, Colorado	Tony Yelk, Iowa St	Clinton Greathouse, Tex Tech	Kyle Larson, Nebraska
KR	Chris Massey, Okla St	Antwone Savage, Oklahoma	Ivory McCann, Tex Tech	Josh Davis, Nebraska
PR	Nathan Vasher, Texas	DeJuan Groce, Nebraska	Terrance Davis-Bryant, OSU	Mike Wagner, Iowa St



Oklahoma TE Trent Smith

Big 12 Notes: In 2000 the Big 12 was dominant as it produced the national champ and OU, Nebraska and Kansas St all won by blowouts in January bowl games. Last year the league was just 3-5 in bowls and had two blowout losses in Jan bowl games with Nebraska getting destroyed in the National Title game to Miami. The Big 12 had 25 players selected in this year's draft, the fifth highest among the conferences. The Big 12 actually has FIVE of my Top 10 rated defenses this year. This is a very talented league and FOUR teams rank in my Top 10 in terms of OVERALL talent this year and 7 are in the Top 25. The Big 12 actually has 6 teams capable of contending for the national title and will try to grab their 2nd crown in 3 years. Which team has the best record in league play over the last 3 years? It is a tie with Nebraska and Texas each having a 20-4 record in the regular season although Texas is 0-2 in title games and NU is 1-0 so that gives the Huskers the edge. At one point last year the Big 12 had 3 teams ranked in the AP Top 5, the first time any conference has had that happen since 1975! The Big 12 was also 36-10 vs non-conf teams last year.

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 BIG 12 FORECAST

BIG 12 NORTH 1. KANSAS ST - Long time readers of my magazine will be surprised by this as I rarely pick the Cats ahead of either Nebraska or Colorado. KSU may only have 11 starters back but rarely do they return a lot of starters due to the fact that Snyder uses a lot of JUCO's. They should get vastly improved play out of the QB position and I look for them to be more potent on offense. Defensively they have 7 starters back and should be among the best in the league. The schedule is what really stands out. Big 12 road games against Baylor, Kansas and Missouri are all very winnable leaving just a road trip against Colorado and home games vs Texas and Nebraska as the question marks. They have the talent to win 2 or all 3 of those questionable games and have a shot at Bill Snyder's fifth 11 win season in the last 6 years.

2. NEBRASKA - The Huskers are in a bit of a rebuilding year with just 11 starters back. This is the fewest since 1998 when they had 10 returning and went just 9-4. They also must break in a new QB and replace 25 lettermen overall. The schedule is not easy as they have a road trip to Kyle Field to face Texas A&M where the Aggies are very tough and also to Manhattan to face KSU. Home games vs Texas and Colorado are also tough. Year in and year out Nebraska is very capable of winning the Big 12 North and such is the case this season but due to the schedule, I'll call for them to come up a step short.

3. COLORADO - I was very high on the Buffs last year despite their 3-8 record in 2000. I gave them a shot at winning the Big 12 North, which they accomplished with their season ending victory over Nebraska. The Buffs did have a lot of come-from-behind wins last year as they trailed Texas A&M 14-6, Kansas 16-13, Oklahoma St 19-14 with 6:00 left, Missouri 14-0 and ISU 14-10. The Buffs return 15 starters but lose 13 lettermen on defense. I think they have the 2nd most explosive offense in the league but defense is the question mark as I rate them in the middle of the pack. They have to face both Oklahoma and Nebraska on the road as well as host KSU. NU and KSU also face tough foes this year so 6-2 may be good enough to win the Big 12 North and if it is, the Buffs have a chance.

4. IOWA ST - Hats off to ISU's athletic director for having patience with Dan McCarney who struggled in his first 6 years here. Hats off to Dan McCarney for an incredible 2 year run in which ISU has been practically injury free and has gone to 2 bowl games. They could have had 2 bowl wins but a disputed FG vs Bama cost them last year. Last year's squad had just 9 starters back and had to replace 27 lettermen. This year's squad is in much better shape as they have 12 starters back and only lose 18 lettermen. They did benefit from +13 in turnovers last season but gain confidence each and every year. They host Missouri, Texas Tech and Kansas in league play and will be favored in all 3 but it may be difficult to match last year's 4 wins in conference play. Still the Cyclones, due to their home game against Missouri, rate the shot for 4th place in the Big 12 North.

5. MISSOURI - It would not surprise me to see Missouri pass Iowa St in the standings but I called for the same thing last year. The Tigers, despite outgaining ISU 366-282, came up short at home and now must face the Cyclones on the road. The Tigers have 14 starters back and they are stronger than last year's version. I do think they'll top the 4 wins they put up in 2001. A key game for them in moving up in the standings is clearly November 2nd at ISU and I give them a shot at a win there.

6. KANSAS - The Jayhawks had the worst team in the Big 12 last year being outgained by an average of 219.5 ypg and being outscored by an average of 41.6 to 14.3. They have the fewest amount of returning starters in the league (10) and must learn new schemes on both sides of the ball. Couple that with the fact that most of their winnable games are on the road and it looks like a definite rebuilding year for the Hawks.

BIG 12 SOUTH 1. TEXAS- Yes, the Longhorns disappointed me greatly last year. They had the schedule and the talent to go unbeaten. This year the schedule gets more difficult, whereas last year they were favored in all 13 games. This year they again have to play Oklahoma in Dallas, where they have lost by a combined 77-17 over the last 2 years. They also travel to Kansas St, Nebraska and Texas Tech. The schedule is set for the Horns to lose more games this year than they have the last 2 years combined in Big 12 play. Still, this is a Texas team that outgained its Big 12 foes by an average of 200.7 ypg and keep in mind that both Tom Osborne and Bobby Bowden had the knack of not being able to win the big one until they finally broke through. UT has the best talent in the Big 12 and after getting their first Top 10 ranking since 1983, the Horns have the talent to overcome this tough schedule which makes them a true National Title contender.

2. OKLAHOMA - The Sooners have the talent, schedule and the coach to finish undefeated and win the Big 12 and grab a 2nd National Title in 3 years. They have 15 starters back overall and know how to win the big games. They face Texas at a neutral field and have to travel to Kyle Field but have proven in the last 2 years that they can handle those tasks. It would not surprise me to see Oklahoma go 12-0 in the regular season and they could very well be favored in all 12. The Big 12 South has 3 Top 15 teams at the top and it is very tough to put a National Title contender at #2 in the division.

3. TEXAS A&M - The Aggies have the schedule to contend for the Big 12 South crown. They are very tough at home under RC Slocum and get the benefit of playing both Oklahoma and Nebraska at Kyle Field. The only road game this year in which they will likely not be favored is at Texas. They have 16 starters back this year and I look for them to be much more potent offensively and tougher defensively and that gives them a shot at being the league's best. They only lost 16 lettermen from last year and this could be a special year for the Aggies so it pains me to put them all the way down here at #3. It is quite conceivable that they could be 11-0 when they travel to Texas on November 29th in a game that could very well determine the Big 12 South and overall Big 12 crown.

4. TEXAS TECH - Tech is two games above .500 in the Big 12 over the last 5 years. This looks like Tech's best contingent in years and with Kliff Kingsbury piloting the offense they will be very potent. Defensively they have 9 starters back and should finish in the upper half of the Big 12 which is known for its tough D's. The 17 starters they have back and 76% of lettermen retained are the most in the league. Unfortunately Tech plays in the same division with 3 of the Top 15 teams in the country and faces 2 of them on the road. I look for yet another winning season for Tech but it may be tough to climb much further than 4th place.

5. OKLAHOMA ST - The Cowboys gained a lot of confidence with last year's season ending upset of Oklahoma. This year's team is much stronger on both sides of the ball and is now in the 2nd year of Les Miles' tenure. The Cowboys are fortunate to draw Kansas out of the Big 12 North this year. They have a shot at moving up out of 5th where they finished in each of the last 3 years but will need to beat Texas Tech on the road to accomplish that. I think the Cowboys have a shot at a winning record this year and they should be favored in at least 5 games meaning they just need to pull an upset or two like they did last year to avoid a losing season.

6. BAYLOR - Baylor has lost 29 consecutive Big 12 games and been outscored by an average of 40.9-11 in the last 3+ years. They actually did not finish last in the Big 12 last year in ypg as they were outgained 469.3 to 280.8 (188.5) while Kansas was outgained by an average of 219.5. This year's squad is vastly improved and I will call for them to break their Big 12 losing streak on October 5th vs Kansas and this team could be either 4-1 or 5-0 at that time. The rest of the schedule is tough but to avoid the Big 12 basement South, they only need to upset Oklahoma St on the road and keep in mind they outgained them significantly last year.

2001 BIG 12 VS BIG 12 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
4	Nebraska	38.9	1	485.0	1	351.6	1	6.2	1	133.4	52.5	9	12.5	18	1
7	Texas	36.9	2	403.8	4	166.6	6	4.0	5	237.1	62.7	2	10.9	9	15
10	Colorado	30.4	4	437.1	2	234.4	3	4.9	2	202.8	59.2	4	14.4	14	9
18	Texas Tech	30.5	3	404.5	3	76.0	12	3.2	7	328.5	67.9	1	13.3	13	22
39	Kansas St	26.6	5	361.9	7	235.0	2	4.4	4	126.9	39.8	12	13.6	15	18
45	Oklahoma	25.9	6	329.0	8	90.4	9	2.7	10	238.6	57.1	5	12.7	16	28
49	Iowa St	25.4	7	378.0	5	170.6	4	4.0	6	207.4	60.9	3	14.9	10	12
69	Missouri	22.5	8	365.0	6	170.0	5	4.8	3	195.0	48.4	10	16.2	8	4
78	Texas A&M	16.3	10	271.5	11	104.4	7	3.1	8	167.1	56.1	7	16.7	12	15
87	Oklahoma St	22.4	9	300.5	9	89.3	10	2.7	11	211.3	56.5	6	13.4	16	22
94	Baylor	13.6	12	280.8	10	80.4	11	2.2	12	200.4	52.8	8	20.6	24	23
98	Kansas	14.3	11	242.8	12	108.8	8	2.8	9	134.0	42.7	11	17.0	17	22

2001 BIG 12 VS BIG 12 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
2	Kansas St	20.8	5	287.4	3	110.6	3	3.3	4	176.8	49.8	3	13.8	18	10
3	Oklahoma	15.8	2	272.5	2	89.1	2	2.7	2	183.4	48.0	2	17.3	19	19
5	Texas	9.8	1	203.1	1	64.9	1	2.3	1	138.3	52.0	4	20.8	18	18
15	Texas A&M	19.6	4	316.1	4	121.5	4	3.0	3	194.6	59.4	9	16.1	11	28
17	Nebraska	19.4	3	321.0	5	141.6	6	4.1	7	179.4	43.2	1	16.6	16	24
36	Colorado	23.8	7	367.5	7	141.4	5	3.9	5	226.1	53.5	5	15.5	12	18
44	Iowa St	23.6	6	346.8	6	189.5	9	4.5	10	157.3	57.0	8	14.7	15	11
58	Oklahoma St	30.1	9	415.8	10	162.6	7	3.8	5	253.1	63.8	10	13.8	12	14
59	Texas Tech	26.9	8	386.4	8	178.3	8	4.1	8	208.1	56.7	7	14.4	16	29
69	Missouri	31.1	10	411.8	9	213.1	11	4.4	9	198.6	65.3	12	13.2	10	14
83	Kansas	41.6	12	462.3	11	267.0	12	5.5	12	195.3	53.9	6	11.1	11	12
90	Baylor	41.1	11	469.3	12	200.0	10	4.5	11	269.3	64.5	11	11.4	20	16

Texas A&M LB Jarrod Penright

2001 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Colorado	7	1	243	190	10	2	396	280
Nebraska	7	1	311	155	11	1	449	189
Iowa St	4	4	203	189	7	4	296	231
Kansas St	3	5	213	166	6	5	327	179
Missouri	3	5	180	249	4	7	240	330
Kansas	1	7	114	333	3	8	182	398
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Texas	7	1	295	78	10	2	470	164
Oklahoma	6	2	207	126	10	2	387	166
Texas A&M	4	4	130	157	7	4	220	204
Texas Tech	4	4	244	215	7	4	386	262
Oklahoma St	2	6	179	241	4	7	242	281
Baylor	0	8	109	329	3	8	205	357

2000 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas St	6	2	278	186	10	3	490	213
Nebraska	6	2	338	163	9	2	456	213
Iowa St	5	3	220	242	8	3	306	293
Colorado	3	5	200	222	3	8	252	284
Kansas	2	6	179	308	4	7	261	359
Missouri	2	6	186	253	3	8	255	348
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Oklahoma	8	0	299	133	12	0	441	168
Texas	7	1	301	160	9	2	425	197
Texas A&M	5	3	201	152	7	4	307	196
Texas Tech	3	5	202	212	7	5	303	238
Oklahoma St	1	7	137	249	3	8	202	303
Baylor	0	8	82	343	2	9	139	397

1999 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Nebraska	7	1	304	130	11	1	411	150
Kansas St	7	1	313	137	10	1	433	144
Colorado	5	3	242	176	6	5	343	283
Kansas	3	5	170	242	5	7	294	354
Iowa St	1	7	173	255	4	7	247	272
Missouri	1	7	118	292	4	7	224	371
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Texas	6	3	299	194	9	4	444	268
Texas A&M	5	2	196	172	8	3	318	208
Oklahoma	5	3	284	147	7	4	405	202
Texas Tech	5	3	188	213	6	5	253	282
Oklahoma St	3	5	186	229	5	6	267	274
Baylor	0	8	61	347	1	10	137	414

Kansas St CB Terence Newman

2001 BIG 12 CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Bobby Pesavento, CU	119	70	58.8	3	1054	8.9	7	147.6
Kliff Kingsbury, TT	528	364	68.9	9	3502	6.6	25	136.9
Chris Simms, TX	362	214	59.1	11	2603	7.2	22	133.5
Seneca Wallace, ISU	269	167	62.1	9	2044	7.6	11	132.7
Craig Ochs, CU	166	99	59.6	6	1220	7.3	7	128.1
Eric Crouch, NU	189	105	55.6	10	1510	8.0	7	124.3
Aso Pogi, OSU	296	179	60.5	7	1854	6.3	11	120.6
Nate Hybl, OU	380	222	58.4	13	2234	5.9	14	113.1
Mark Farris, TX A&M	347	203	58.5	9	2094	6.0	8	111.6
Kirk Farmer, MO	285	135	47.4	6	1567	5.5	13	104.4

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Rashuan Woods, OSU	11	80	1023	10	93.0	7.27	12.8
Justin Gage, MO	11	74	920	5	83.6	6.73	12.4
Roy Williams, TX	12	67	836	7	69.7	5.58	12.5
Reggie Newhouse, Baylor	11	61	706	8	64.2	5.55	11.6
Carlos Francis, TT	11	50	703	3	63.9	4.55	14.1
Lane Danielsen, ISU	11	49	694	4	63.1	4.45	14.2
Daniel Graham, CU	12	51	753	6	62.8	4.25	14.8
Ricky Williams, TT	11	92	617	4	56.1	8.36	6.7
Wilson Thomas, NU	11	37	616	3	56.0	3.36	16.6
Wes Welker, TT	11	50	582	5	52.9	4.55	11.6

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Dahrran Diedrick, NU	11	233	1299	5.6	15	118.1
Josh Scobey, KSU	11	240	1263	5.3	15	114.8
Ennis Haywood, ISU	11	258	1169	4.5	14	106.3
Cedric Benson, TX	11	223	1053	4.7	12	95.7
Eric Crouch, NU	12	203	1115	5.5	18	92.9
Chris Brown, CU	12	190	946	5.0	16	78.8
Tatum Bell, OSU	10	197	776	3.9	6	77.6
Bobby Purify, CU	12	157	916	5.8	5	76.3
Reggie Duncan, KU	10	181	739	4.1	3	73.9
Zack Abron, MO	11	157	783	5.0	6	71.2

TFL

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Algie Atkinson, KU	18	96	Ben Leber, KSU	16	54
Jimmy Wilkerson, OU	18	67	Tommie Harris, OU	16	43
Jarrod Penright, TX A&M	17	78	Antwaun Bynum, MO	15	61
Chris Kelsay, NU	17	58	Maurice Gordon, TX	15	61
Aaron Hunt, TT	17	59	Rocky Calmus, OU	15	48

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING			PASSING		TOT OFFENSE	
	G	CAR	NET	ATT	YDS	YDS	YDSPG
Kliff Kingsbury, TT	11	68	-48	529	3502	3454	314.0
Seneca Wallace, ISU	11	114	475	269	2044	2519	229.0
Eric Crouch, NU	12	203	1115	189	1510	2625	218.8
Chris Simms, TX	12	52	-10	362	2603	2593	216.1
Nate Hybl, OU	11	74	46	380	2234	2280	207.3
Kirk Farmer, MO	10	59	379	285	1567	1946	194.6
Mark Farris, TX A&M	11	47	-76	347	2094	2018	183.5
Aso Pogi, OSU	11	70	-8	296	1854	1846	167.8
Ell Roberson, KSU	10	142	643	136	855	1498	149.8
Craig Ochs, CU	9	31	84	166	1220	1304	144.9

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Aaron Hunt, TT	11	76
Jarrod Penright, TX A&M	11	68
Algie Atkinson, KU	10	80
Antwaun Bynum, MO	7	46
Chris Rodriguez, TX A&M	7	55
Kevin Williams, OSU	6	45
Ben Leber, KSU	6	30
AC Collier, Baylor	6	52
Demoine Adams, NU	6	44
Maurice Gordon, TX	6	42

Nebraska RB Dahrran Diedrick

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Mark Mariscal, CU	11	37	1647	44.5
Adam Stiles, Baylor	11	70	3088	44.1
Jeff Ferguson, OU	12	71	3124	44.0
Tony Yelk, ISU	11	45	1973	43.8
Scott Elder, OSU	11	61	2658	43.6
Kyle Larson, NU	11	53	2268	42.8
Cody Scates, TX A&M	11	71	2888	40.7
Chris Tyrrell, KU	10	53	2148	40.5
Clinton Greathouse, TT	11	43	1727	40.2
Brian Bradford, TX	12	56	2032	36.3

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Roma Hollowell, CU	29	522	2	18.0
Nathan Vasher, TX	37	554	1	15.0
DeJuan Groce, NU	33	469	1	14.2
Terrance Davis-Bryant, OSU	22	296	0	13.5
Ben Cornelsen, NU	10	124	1	12.4
Keyuo Craver, NU	22	246	0	11.2
Roger Ross, KU	25	269	0	10.8
Aaron Lockett, KSU	32	344	0	10.8
Michael Wagner, ISU	15	160	0	10.7
Marcus James, MO	19	185	0	9.7

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Luke Phillips, OSU	11	15	17	88.2	52
Robert Treece, TT	11	12	15	80.0	42
Jeremy Flores, CU	11	18	24	75.0	51
Tim Duncan, OU	12	20	28	71.4	47
Josh Brown, NU	11	10	14	71.4	43
Johnny Beck, KU	11	14	20	70.0	59
Dusty Mangum, TX	12	16	23	69.6	51
Brad Hammerich, MO	11	11	16	68.8	51
Cody Scates, TX A&M	11	8	16	50.0	48

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Chris Massey, OSU	15	522	1	34.8
Victor Ike, TX	13	399	0	30.7
Antwone Savage, OU	14	428	1	30.6
Aaron Lockett, KSU	14	397	1	28.4
Ivory McCann, TT	22	606	1	27.5
Josh Davis, NU	25	675	0	27.0
Terrance Davis-Bryant, OSU	17	383	0	22.5
Termaine Fulton, KU	15	331	0	22.1
Roma Hollowell, CU	21	431	0	20.5
Robert Quiroga, Baylor	13	250	0	19.2

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Sean Doyle, MO	11	93	36	129	11.7
Lawrence Flugence, TT	11	70	55	125	11.4
Jamont Robinson, MO	11	80	37	117	10.6
Matt Word, ISU	11	57	53	110	10.0
Dwayne Levels, OSU	11	52	57	109	9.9
Elbert Craig, OSU	10	48	50	98	9.8
Rocky Clamus, OU	12	72	43	115	9.6
Samir Al-Amin, Baylor	11	67	34	101	9.2
Jonathan Hawkins, TT	11	60	41	101	9.2
Kevin Curtis, TT	11	69	29	98	8.9

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Bill Snyder has done a fine job developing QB's and after getting a huge year from Michael Bishop in 1998 his successor Jonathan Beasley left with a 21-4 SU record as a starting QB. Ell Roberson (PS#21) was the fan favorite in the final year of Beasley's career. Roberson, who is a dangerous runner, battled JUCO Marc Dunn, a dropback passer who set the JC National all-time passing record throwing for 4,351 yards in just 11 games in 2000. Most of the KSU QB's under Snyder have been mobile but they did have a pure dropback passer in Chad May who threw for over 5,000 yards in 1993-'94. Last spring Roberson beat out Dunn because he had a better grasp of the system, a stronger arm and was more mobile. Dunn is considered the more accurate passer. After Roberson had a great 2H against Oklahoma, it appeared he would be one of the Big 12's better QB's. On the last series of the next game against Colorado, Roberson sprained his ankle and his mobility was reduced the rest of the year (see "Hardcore Fans" page 306). The two combined for the lowest completion percentage in the Bill Snyder era (42.7%) but they also only averaged 13.9 ypc. Kansas St QB's generally have a completion percentage of lower than 50% but are always at or near the top of the NCAA in ypc as they tend to throw a lot of deep passes. The two basically split time the rest of the way, combining for just 8 TD passes and 18 interceptions, with both having a 4-9 ratio. This spring offensive coordinator Hudson talked about throwing more short passes which would seemingly give an edge to Dunn. Roberson had been expected to miss most of spring due to an injury but didn't miss one practice. Jeff Schwinn (6-2 188 Jr) is a walk-on who was on the scout team the last 2 years. JUCO Cole Ballard (5-11 200 Jr) missed spring with an knee injury. This group is much more experienced than it was heading into last year and I look for one of these 2 capable QB's to emerge and have a solid season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year three of the top five rushers departed. They did have their leading rusher back in Josh Scobey, who rushed for 865 yards (4.4) with 18 TD's in 2000. Scobey proved to be a workhorse with 28 carries against Kansas (204 yards), 32 (172 yds) vs Iowa St and 34 (190 yds) vs Missouri. He ended up setting a KSU record with 1,309 yards, breaking the record set in 1973 by Isaac Jackson (1,137). Scobey also leaves (#6DC of ARZ) as the career TD leader with 31. Also gone is FB Rock Cartwright (#7DC of WAS, 11 sts, 283, 4.0) & Joe Hall (251 yds). Darren Sproles became the first TB to play as a true frosh for Snyder, but suffered a shoulder injury. Daniel Davis is a big-time newcomer who was PS#4 and originally signed at N Carolina in 1999. He had 303 yards rushing as a true frosh at NC and 914 at JC in 2000. He sat out last year and could become the feature back. I list the 2 deep below and Sproles rushed for a team high 7.5 ypc last year. Due to his size (5-7 185) the only question is his durability. Danny Morris (5-11 200 Jr) was PS#116 and has 239 career yds rushing and Carlos Alsup was PS#72. Keep an eye on FB Ayo Saba who was PS#26. Also in the mix is Nick Hoheisel (6-1 230 Jr). I think there is potential in this unit but replacing both starters, including the single season record holder, will make this unit weaker.

RECEIVERS - This was a rather inexperienced group last year, as they had to replace #2 (WR) and #3 (TE) NFL draft picks. The WR (Quincy Morgan) had more than double the yards of the next closest receiver. Aaron Lockett did return with his blazing 4.24 speed and teamed with Ricky Lloyd (4.39 speed) as the starting receivers. WR Brandon Clark (PS#47) suffered through an injury plagued season which limited him to 23 rec's (16.7). Lockett did not quite have the year expected with only 28 rec's (down from 39 in 2000) and he departs (#7DC of TB). TE Nick Warren (12 sts, 18 rec, 12.3, HM Big 12) also departs and the top six receivers (including RB's) are gone. The most experienced returnee had just 2 rec's last year. Lockett leaves as #3 all-time leading receiver here. If you look in the 2 deep you will see two VHT WR's and a VHT TE so there is talent. This year they add in 3 more JUCO's who will arrive in the fall and should play immediately. I list 8 WR's in the 2 deep below and not listed is Antoine Polite (6-2 180 So). With more experienced QB's, this group should put up better numbers but with much less experience this is not as strong of a receiving corps as the Wildcats fielded in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2000 Wildcat OL helped the offense average 4.4 ypc rushing and allowed a minuscule 9 sacks on 365 pass attempts (2.4%). Snyder relies heavily on JUCO's for this unit and last year they had 3 JUCO transfers from 2000 and a VHT frosh to plug in. They did lose 2 starters due to graduation and then starting RT Thomas Barnett missed the season with injury so in actuality just 2 starters were back. They shuffled the line constantly in the first few games due to injuries and ineffectiveness and a decimated OL gave up 6 sacks to Colorado and 5 to Texas Tech. At one point in the season they were playing different positions from quarter to quarter due to injuries. Despite the injuries, the offense averaged 4.5 ypc rushing but allowed 27 sacks. This year, they must replace T/G/C Andy Eby (12 sts, HM B12, 2 yr st'r), LT Matt Martin (9 sts, HM B12), RT Oshin Honarchian (6 sts) and RG John Robertson (4 sts, inj). Barnett was granted a 6th year of eligibility so they have basically 3 full-time starters back plus 4 others who started games down the stretch. This is a unit that goes 3 deep in talent and not listed below is JUCO transfer Aaron Arnold (6-3 290 Jr) and tackle Ray Green (6-7 340 Fr) who was PS#55 last year. I like the talent level of this group as well as the depth and it can only remain healthier.

CB Terence Newman is lightning fast and has 22 pbu's in 2 years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The 2000 defensive front for the Wildcats was highly productive as they accounted for 3 of the top 4 tacklers and had 32 sacks and an additional 34 tfl from the starting front 4. Unfortunately last year all 4 had to be replaced including a couple of NFL DC's and 2 backups. Only 3 lettermen were listed among the DL's top 9 players last year so it was a very young group that, of course, Snyder patched up with JUCO transfers. DE Henry Bryant and DT Tank Reese, the Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year (the 3rd straight year a KSU player has won that award) were both highly productive players. The team played a good portion of the year without starting DE Melvin Williams, who had just 4 starts due to injuries. Overall KSU still allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing but only accounted for 23 sacks as a team. The only loss is DT Jerry Togiai (5 sts, 14 tkls). This year this talented and deep unit is in much better shape as 6 players return with starting experience. This looks like one of the best DL's in the Big 12.

LINEBACKERS - The Cats had to replace 2 players who combined for 11 starts last year so basically there were 2 starters back. However, the leading tackler among the LB's on the 2000 unit was just 6th on the team in tackles. Ben Leber had a solid season, leading the team in tackles, sacks and tfl and was a 3rd Team AA. He departs (#3DC of SD) but they do have 2 full-time starters back in VHT Josh Buhl (PS#28), who did well in his first year as a starter, and Terry Pierce, who benches 500 lbs. Also departing this year is Warren Lott who had 4 tackles in 3 games last year after starting 4 in 2000. This unit has more experience than it did heading into last year and even with the loss of a top-notch player like Leber, could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - KSU plays a lot of players in the secondary. As an example, 8 players earned starts in 2000, and this type of rotation allows them to overcome large graduation losses. In 1999 KSU finished #1 in my pass D rankings with a veteran group. They had 9 of 10 lettermen returning in 2000 and finished #10. Last year, for the first time in 3 years, the losses were heavy as they had to replace 3 full-time starters including 2 NFL DC's. Six players did return who combined for 29 starts. The unit struggled at times as Kliff Kingsbury threw for 409 yards against them, which was the most ever vs a KSU team, and remember KSU had some pretty poor teams prior to Snyder's arrival. Their star FS Jon McGraw did miss a couple of games due to injury as did CB Demarcus Faggins. There are some big losses once again this year as they must replace CB DeRon Tyler (6 sts, 31 tkls, 5 pbu), Faggins (#6DC of HOU, 8 sts, 5 int, 10 pbu, HM B12), SS Milton Proctor (8 sts, 44 tkls, 4 tfl), McGraw (#2DC of NYJ, 10 sts, 4 int's, 8 pbu, 71 tkls) and S Derrick Yates (7 sts, 2 int's, 12 pbu). Snyder said that replacing McGraw was like replacing a QB on defense. They do bring in some JUCO's, have a couple of VHT's projected as starters, and have 4 HT true frosh coming in, so there is talent available including the Big 12's fastest player, CB Terence Newman. Overall KSU finished #8 allowing 47.0% with a 12-19 ratio last year. This year's unit is a little less experienced but should finish near the top once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998 KSU had the highest special teams grade I've ever had in 8 years of the rankings. The 2000 group was led by Aaron Lockett who averaged an amazing 21.9 on PR's (#1 in the NCAA) and kicker Jamie Rheem who hit 17 of 22 FG's. KSU blocked 5 punts in 1999 four in 2000 but had just two last year. The special teams also struggled at times although they still managed to finish #9 in my rankings. WR Jerry McCloud blocked six punts at JUCO and may have a bigger impact this year. K/P Jared Brite looked like he would assume all the duties last year and hit a FG and an XP while averaging 43 ypp in the opener but unfortunately he was injured. The FG kicking became a nightmare as the team actually missed six of its first 16 XP's and hit on just 1 of its first 6 FG's. Three kickers attempted to handle the FG duties but Snyder finally took the redshirt off of Joe Rheem (PS#2) against Texas A&M. He missed his first FG but finished 5 of 8 with two misses from 40+. The team had 4 kicks bounce off the uprights and one off the crossbar, hitting just 8 of 15 FG's overall. Three different punters saw duty with Brite getting in 18 punts (40.7), Travis Brown 20 (44.6) and Mike Ronsick 30 (39.7) handling the bulk of the duties. The 18.4 yards allowed per KR was the worst in 5 years which tells you how effective this unit has been. They must replace punter Ronsick as well as Lockett who averaged a super 28.6 on KR's but Snyder always comes up with quality returnmen (watch for speedsters Newman and Sproles) and this unit is, as always, a top 10 contender.

PHIL'S FORECAST

KSU was arguably the worst football program in major college football when Bill Snyder arrived in 1989, as the Cats were off seasons of 0-21-1 and only had 37% wins in their school history. Snyder parlayed a soft schedule and better recruiting into wins which yielded even better recruiting. The team had 4 consecutive seasons of 11 or more wins heading into last year. They have the NCAA's 5th best home record since 1990 with a 66-8-1 SU mark. The 2001 squad had to replace 27 seniors and had just 10 starters back. Injuries and ineffective QB play hurt this team last year. They had a streak of 108 straight weeks in the AP rankings end after their 3rd straight loss when their injury plagued team was beaten by Texas Tech. They stood just 2-4 at midseason but would rattle off 4 wins in their final 5 games to get to the Insight.com Bowl. Despite their 3-5 record in league play, KSU outgained league foes by an average of 74.5 ypg which was the 3rd best mark in the conference. Due to his heavy reliance on JUCO's, Snyder rarely returns a lot of starters. He has 11 back this season and while that is the second fewest in the Big 12, I will point out that twice in the 4 seasons that they achieved the 11 or more wins, they had just 9 starters returning. This year they have 2 experienced QB's and 4 starters back on offense. With much more effective QB play, I look for them to top the 27.5 ppg they averaged last year which was their worst output since '94. Defensively they have 7 starters back and I rate them as having a top 10 defense once again. Despite last year's 6-6 record, KSU allowed just 260 ypg and 17.1 ppg and could improve upon those numbers this year, especially with non-conf foes like W Kentucky, UL Monroe and E Illinois (will any of those teams score a point?). This team has 8 home games with three toughies (USC, Texas and Nebraska) but KSU is very hard to beat in Manhattan. Should they take care of those they have only 1 tough road game (Colorado). KSU is capable of its 5th season of 11+ wins in the last 6 years and is a national title contender.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MARC DUNN SR. 6-4 205 **PS#1JC**. 23 yrs old. 2 sts here LY, 786 yds (49%), 4-9 ratio, 152 rush. Ell Roberson (6-1 205 Jr) **PS#21**. 1044 yds (37%), 6-11 ratio, 1049 rush yds 2Y.

RB Darren Sproles So. 5-7 185 PS#33. 210 yds (7.5) as true (inj'd). **Daniel Davis** (6-0 215 Jr) **PS#4**. 303 yds (4.4) @NC in 99. 914 yds @JC in 2000. Carlos Alsup (6-1 195 rFr) PS#72.

FB Ayo Saba rFr. 6-0 260 **PS#26RB**. Travis Wilson (6-4 240 Jr) PS#145LB. 4 rec (14.3) @ Michigan St in 2000. Victor Mann (6-2 230 rFr) is PS#137LB.

WR Tony Madison Jr. 6-3 195 PS#41JUCO. Derrick Evans (5-11 175 Jr) PS#129, 2 rec LY. Davin Dennis (6-1 175 rFr) PS#99. John Cooper (6-3 190 Jr) PS#202JC.

WR Lawrence "Taco" Wallace Sr. 6-1 190 **PS#23JC**. Took off RS vs A&M & 2 rec. **LaRoy Bias** (6-0 186 Jr) **PS#29**. Jerry McCloud (5-9 170 Sr) Track tm. **James Terry** (6-5 180 Jr) **PS#114JC**.

TE Thomas Hill Jr. 6-5 260 PS#37. 1 rec LY. **Travon Magee** (6-7 265 Jr) PS#86JC. RS LY. Brian Lamone (6-4 250 Sr) PS#252DL. 1 st LY. **Brian Casey** (6-7 270 So) **PS#13.**

C STEVE WASHINGTON SR. 6-4 315 PS#67. 2nd string in '99-2000. 9 sts @C LY. 3L. **Ryan Schmuecker** (6-5 285 So) **PS#93OL**. **Michael Weiner** (6-5 265 Jr) PS#129JC.

RG Billy Miller Sr. 6-6 275 PS#201JC in 2000, RS. L/3 sts LY (2 @RT, 1 @RG). Mike Johnson (6-4 280 So) PS#259DL. Ben Rettele (6-7 305 Jr). PS#316. 1 st LY, inj.

LG NICK LECKEY JR. 6-4 285 PS#115. 2 sts as **true**, (1st in Snyder era). 12 sts LY, **3rd Tm B12**. Ryan Lilja is PS#169JC, in for spg. Jesse Keaulana-Kamakea is PS#337JC.

RT Dralinn Burks Sr. 6-4 305 PS#162JUCO. 3 starts at RT after moving from DL in the middle of 2001. Peni Holakeituai (6-6 310 Jr) PS#74JUCO. In for spring.

LT THOMAS BARNETT SR. 6-5 290 6 sts as rFr. 10 sts in '99, HM Big 12. 14 sts in 2000. RS LY. **Jon Doty** (6-8 270 So) **PS#16TE**. 5 gms as **true**. **Chris Boggas** (6-5 315 So) **PS#14.**

K JOE RHEEM SO. 6-2 210 **PS#2K**. 11 of 13 FG's, long 55 in HS in 2000. Hit 5 of 8 FG's, long of 38 as true LY in last 7 gms. Wade Waltman (6-0 200 Jr) 0 of 1 FG's LY.

DE HENRY BRYANT SR. 6-1 255 **PS#3JC**. 12 sts here LY, 47 tkls, 3 sks, **3rd Tm B12**, 5 tfl. Tom Houchin (6-3 260 Jr) 2 sts, 19 tkls, 4.5 tfl. **Scott Edmonds** (6-4 248 rFr) **PS#77.**

DT ALLEN "Tank" REESE SR. 5-11 280 PS#70JC. **B12 Def Newcomer of Yr**. 49 tkls, 7 tfl. Corey White (6-3 285 Sr) PS#142JC. 13 tkls, 2 sks LY. Andrew Bulman (6-3 275 Jr) PS#238OL out of HS.

DT JUSTIN MONTGOMERY JR. 6-2 281 PS#215RB. 7 sts LY, 25 tkls, 2 tfl, 11 QBH. Jermaine Berry (6-0 295 Jr) PS#71JUCO. Eric Everley (6-6 300 Sr) PS#94DL. 12 tkls 3 yrs.

DE ANDREW SHULL JR. 6-5 260 **PS#68**. 6 sts LY, 30 tkls, 5 tfl. **Melvin Williams** (6-3 270 Sr) **PS#45**. 4.5 sks in 2000. 4 sts LY (inj'd), 7 tfl. Derek Marso (6-3 279 rFr) PS#97.

SLB Bryan Hickman Jr. 6-3 220 PS#215. 1 st LY, 14 tkls, 1 tfl. **Matt Butler** (6-2 220 rFr) **PS#67LB**. Ted Sims (6-1 230 rFr) PS#164. Andy Klocke (6-2 220 Sr) 27 tkls 3 yrs.

MLB TERRY PIERCE JR. 6-3 250 PS#153LB. **500 lb bench!** 5 sts in 2000, 42 tkls, 6 tfl. 11 sts in 2001, HM Big 12, 68 tkls, 2 sks, 9 tfl. Huston Harms (6-3 230 So) PS#127TE.

WLB JOSH BUHL JR. 6-0 210 **PS#28LB**. 4.4 speed. 12 tkls as rFr. 9 starts LY, 68 tkls, 4 tfl, HM Big 12. Added 10 lbs. Maurice Thurmond (6-2 215 So) PS#124LB, 4 tkls.

CB James Dunnigan Sr. 5-8 180 PS#155JC. 8 sts @Purdue in 99, 39 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. JC. 1 tkl LY. Randy Jordan (6-2 175 Jr) is PS#110JC. 4.4. Louis Lavender (6-0 185 Jr) PS#284JC

CB TERENCE NEWMAN SR. 5-11 185 PS#191. **4.25 spd!** 1 st, 5 pbu in 2000. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm B12**, 51 tkls, 3 int, **17 pbu**. Maurice Mack is PS#67. David Rose (5-10 180 So) JC.

SS Rashad Washington Jr. 6-3 210 **PS#27RB**. 106 yds @RB in 2000. 7 tkls LY. Brandon Solt (6-3 170 Sr) PS#132QB. Neb trans. 6 tkls here. Marcus Patton (6-1 210 So) PS#174RB.

FS Bobby Walker Sr. 6-1 195 **PS#10JUCO.** 11 int @JC. 3 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu 1 tfl here LY. Noah Strozier (6-0 180 Fr) is **PS#51DB**. Jesse Tetuan (6-0 185 rFr) PS#169RB.

P TRAVIS BROWN SR. 6-4 215 55 punts, 38.3 avg in 2000. 20 punts LY, 44.6 avg. Jared Brite (6-2 185 Jr) PS#22K. 18 punts, 40.7 avg. Rick Gerla (6-1 210 Sr) PS#55JC. 43.0 in 2000.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Tony Madison	6-3 195 PS#41JC
DT	Jermaine Berry	6-0 295 PS#71JC
OL	Peni Holakeituai	6-6 310 PS#74JC
LB	Brandon Archer	6-2 215 PS#61
DB	Noah Strozier	6-0 180 PS#51
TE	Rimmon McNeese	6-2 218 PS#30
DB	Maurice Mack	6-0 195 PS#67
DL	Quintin Echols	6-2 300 PS#108
DB	Randy Jordan	6-2 175 PS#110JC
WR	James Terry	6-5 180 PS#114JC
DB	Brandon Grandberry	6-0 175 PS#96
OL	Michael Weiner	6-5 265 PS#129JC
RB	Donnie Anders	5-10 180 PS#133
DB	Justin McKinney	6-2 300 PS#135

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	W Kentucky	A						KSU has not won in Lincoln, NE since '68 & since that time NU's lowest point total had been 35 pts ('74) until the Wildcats "held" them to 31 LY. Wildcats have had 10 straight seasons with a positive turnover ratio.
Sep. 7	UL Monroe	A						Last time KSU played a non-lined foe, they beat Indiana St 66-0 in 1998. KSU has not lost an opener SU since 1989, 7-1-1 ATS in that span.
Sep. 14	E Illinois	A						K-State is 29-14-1 ATS off a SU win since 1997. KSU is 30-7 ATS the last 37 as a favorite of 20 or more.
Sep. 21	USC	A						The Panthers went 9-2 last year and are a member of the Ohio Valley Conf. Won't apply since NL, but KSU is 26-9 ATS vs non-conf foes since 1990.
Sep. 28								Pending L2W: Cats are 24-5 ATS in their last 29 September contests. Wildcats are 22-4 ATS at home vs non-Big 12 foes, pending 9/7.
Oct. 5	at Colorado	G						Bonus: Kansas St is 14-2 ATS in their 2nd straight Manhattan Project. Bonus: DNP TY, but the SU winner is 5-0 ATS in the Texas A&M series.
Oct. 12	Oklahoma St (HC)	A						KSU is 6-2 SU and 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 years in their conference opener. Wildcats are 5-12 ATS their last 17 vs Colorado.
Oct. 19	Texas	A						Kansas St is 14-6 ATS their last 20 conference home games, 2-2 last year. Wildcats are 8-2 SU and 7-2-1 ATS vs Oklahoma St.
Oct. 26	at Baylor	G						Pending the L2W, KSU is 24-14 ATS their L/38 October gms, 1-3 ATS LY. KSU is 67-8-1 SU at home S/'90, 48-21-2 ATS at home under Snyder.
Nov. 2	at Kansas	A						K-State is 5-2 ATS when traveling to the state of Texas since 1996. Pending 10/5: Wildcats are 10-6-1 ATS on grass since 1994.
Nov. 9	Iowa St	A						The favorite is 7-1 ATS in the series, KU was last favored 8 yrs ago. KSU is 9-0 SU the last 9 vs KU, avg win last 4 years by a 49-9 count.
Nov. 16	Nebraska	A						Kansas State is 10-3-1 ATS the game before playing Nebraska. KSU is 5-0 SU the L5Y and the home team has covered 4 of 5 contests.
Nov. 23	at Missouri	G						Pending earlier results: KSU is 40-21-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1995. KSU is 7-11 ATS their last 18 vs the Cornhuskers.
Nov. 30								Could apply: KSU is 21-9 ATS off a SU loss since 1990. The favorite is 11-4-1 ATS in the last 16 series meetings.
								Bonus: Cats are 11-2 ATS after taking on Nebraska. Bonus: KSU is 2-6 ATS in their L/8 lined road finales not including title gms.

BILL SNYDER (Career 105-49-1)
14th Year at Kansas State

Snyder's records AT KANSAS ST

105-49-1	Straight Up	39-16-2	Home Favorite
81-51-3	Vs The Spread	9-5	Home Dog
23-13	Off A S/U Loss	17-15	Away Favorite
55-41-3	Vs Conference	16-13-1	Away Dog
		26-10	Vs Non-Conf

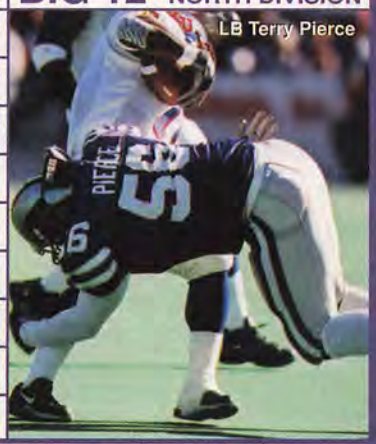
2001 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (14,19,3)
Lost: 22 (13,7,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,541

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


LB Terry Pierce

STADIUM: KSU STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	9-2	10-1	11-1	10-1	10-3	6-5	65-15
ATS	7-4	5-4-1	8-3	7-4	8-3	6-6-1	8-3	49-27-2
Home Fav	6-1	1-2-1	4-1	5-1	6-1	3-3	4-2	29-11-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	3-1	2-3	1-1	2-3	2-1	14-11
Away Dog	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0-1	2-0	4-4-1
Favorite	7-3	4-2-1	7-2	7-4	7-2	5-6	6-3	43-22-1
Dog	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-0-1	2-0	6-5-1
Grass	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-3-1	3-0	9-6-1
Artificial	7-4	3-4-1	7-2	6-3	7-2	5-3	5-3	40-21-1
vs Conf	4-3	3-4-1	6-2	5-4	5-3	4-4-1	5-3	32-23-2
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	3-0	2-2	3-0	17-4
Off SU Win	5-4	4-3	6-3	7-4	6-3	5-4-1	5-0	38-21-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-3	7-5

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Josh Scobey	250	1350	41	1309	15	5.2
Ell Roberson	**151**	**824**	**172**	**652**	**9**	**4.3**
Rock Cartwright	70	307	24	283	2	4.0
Joe Hall	39	253	2	251	3	6.4
Darren Sproles	**28**	**217**	**7**	**210**	**1**	**7.5**
Marc Dunn	**55**	**152**	**100**	**52**	**3**	**1.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ell Roberson	**151**	**56**	**37.0**	**925**	**4**	**9**
Marc Dunn	**137**	**67**	**48.9**	**786**	**4**	**9**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Aaron Lockett	28	440	15.7	3	46
Brandon Clark	23	384	16.7	1	58
Ricky Lloyd	21	318	15.1	3	57
Nick Warren	18	221	12.3	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Ronsick	30	1192	39.7	–	36.7	0	7

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joe Rheem	**2-2**	**3-4**	**0-2**	**0-0**	**5-8**	**38**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ben Leber	73	5.5	9	4	0
Jon McGraw	71	1	4	8	4
Terry Pierce	**68**	**2**	**9**	**1**	**0**
Josh Buhl	**68**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Terence Newman	**51**	**0**	**3**	**17**	**3**
Tank Reese	**49**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Henry Bryant	**47**	**3**	**5**	**1**	**1**
Milton Proctor	44	0	4	1	1
Derrick Yates	36	0	0	12	2
DeMarcus Faggins	31	0	1	10	5
DeRon Tyler	31	0	2	5	1
Andrew Shull	**30**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Justin Montgomery	**25**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Thomas Houchin	**19**	**1.5**	**3**	**4**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Aaron Lockett	38	384	10.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Aaron Lockett	16	458	28.6	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Fiesta	-3	Syracuse	35-18	W
98	Alamo	-13'	Purdue	34-37	L
99	Holiday	-10'	Washington	24-20	L
00	Cotton	-3'	Tennessee	35-21	W
01	Insight.com	-6	Syracuse	3-26	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KANSAS STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	27.5	21	239	4.5	143	42.8	13.9	-1	2001	3	17.1	14	98	2.9	162	47.0	15.2
9*	39.2	22	205	4.4	212	49.0	10.6	+7	2000	7	18.6	15	104	2.9	169	49.8	14.6
3	38.1	19	181	3.8	192	45.6	9.8	+18	1999	6	13.7	13	108	3.2	130	39.8	17.4
8*	46.9	24	217	4.6	248	55.3	9.9	+13	1998	9	15.2	15	91	2.6	175	43.8	17.5
5	34.8	19	214	4.4	165	44.9	10.9	+1	1997	4	14.8	14	134	3.2	139	41.4	18.5
5	28.3	18	128	3.3	189	57.2	11.2	+6	1996	6	15.9	18	152	3.4	150	43.9	19.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at USC	20	57-340	6.0	7-16	26	1	13	30-100	3.3	16-36	197	2	-1
New Mexico St	24	53-277	5.2	11-19	251	0	12	43-45	1.0	9-23	70	4	+2
at Oklahoma	16	42-189	4.5	12-32	257	1	14	26-9	0.3	18-39	316	1	+1
Colorado	15	40-74	1.9	11-30	122	6	16	45-196	4.4	8-16	87	0	+1
at Texas Tech	24	50-146	2.9	16-40	197	5	21	20-66	3.3	32-48	409	2	+2
Texas A&M	24	61-258	4.2	12-24	100	1	9	32-51	1.6	11-20	138	2	-3
Kansas	23	62-349	5.6	5-13	101	2	16	31-47	1.5	16-36	165	3	-2
at Iowa St	30	75-343	4.6	5-13	88	0	11	24-23	1.0	15-29	151	2	+4
at Nebraska	14	44-239	5.4	4-18	37	3	18	58-264	4.6	3-7	60	0	0
Louisiana Tech	30	66-338	5.1	16-24	205	3	9	20-31	1.6	16-38	144	2	-2
Missouri	19	56-282	5.0	11-21	113	0	16	35-229	6.5	8-28	88	0	0
†Syracuse	15	34-33	1.0	14-40	221	5	8	44-109	2.5	5-14	113	5	-3
TOTALS	254	640-2868	4.5	124-290	1718	27	163	408-1170	2.9	157-334	1938	23	-1
AVERAGES	21.2	53-239	4.5	10-24	143	2.3	13.6	34-98	2.9	13-28	162	1.9	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	-36	47-7	W
Ohio U	-24	23-20	L
Bowling Green	-28	58-0	W
at Nebraska	+22	26-56	L
Missouri	-11'	41-11	W
Texas A&M	E/+1	36-17	W
at Oklahoma	-10	26-7	W
at Texas Tech	-6'	13-2	W
Kansas	-23	48-16	W
Colorado	-9'	37-20	W
at Iowa St	-26'	28-3	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	66-0	–
N Illinois	-48'	73-7	W
Texas	-23	48-7	W
NE Louisiana	-45	62-7	W
at Colorado	-14'	16-9	L
Oklahoma St	-21'	52-20	W
Iowa St	-34	52-7	W
at Kansas	-27	54-6	W
at Baylor	-30'	49-6	W
Nebraska	-11	40-30	L
at Missouri	-13	31-25	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-34	40-0	W
UTEP	-32'	40-7	W
at Iowa St	-15	35-28	L
at Texas	+5'	35-17	W
Kansas	-29	50-9	W
Utah St	-29'	40-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6'	44-21	W
Baylor	-38	48-7	W
Colorado	-16	20-14	L
at Nebraska	+9'	15-41	L
Missouri	-26	66-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Iowa	-29	27-7	L
Louisiana Tech	-27'	54-10	W
Ball St	-46	76-0	W
N Texas	-51'	55-10	L
at Colorado	-6'	44-21	W
at Kansas	-23'	52-13	W
Oklahoma	-8'	31-41	L
Texas Tech	-31'	28-23	L
at Texas A&M	-5'	10-26	L
Iowa St	-19	56-10	W
Nebraska	+3'	29-28	W
at Missouri	-22	28-24	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	-3	10-6	W
New Mexico St	-28	64-0	W
at Oklahoma	+4'	37-38	W
Colorado	-10	6-16	L
at Texas Tech	-14'	19-38	L
Texas A&M	-9	24-31	L
Kansas	-21	40-6	W
at Iowa St	-6	42-3	W
at Nebraska	+13'	21-31	W
Louisiana Tech	-21	40-7	W
Missouri	-20	24-3	W

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In '99 Bobby Newcombe beat out Eric Crouch for the starting job in the opener and Crouch nearly quit the team. As a lesson to all young, frustrated players thinking of doing the same thing: Crouch stayed and finished as the school's all-time leading rushing QB with more TD's than any Nebraska player ever. He was also the all-time leading rusher among QB's in the Big 12 and won the Heisman Trophy last year. He departs (#3DC of STL) with the school record of 7,915 yards total offense. He is one of just 3 QB's to have rushed for over 3,000 and passed for over 4,000 yards in their career. Nebraska has had success replacing QB's with Tommy Frazier, Scott Frost and Crouch being the main cogs recently. Jammal Lord has been the backup QB in each of the past two years and has played in 13 games, throwing 24 passes. He is big for an NU QB (210 lbs) but trimmed his 40 time to 4.59 this year. He had a successful spring in which HC Frank Solich, who had been critical of his practice habits in the past, praised his work ethic. Mike Stuntz (6-1 200 So) was PS#25 and played in 9 games at WB and touched the ball only twice as a true frosh but one was his option pass to Crouch vs Oklahoma which went 60 yards for the game icing TD. Joe Chrisman (5-11 190 Sr) has played in 17 games in 3 years, rushing for 18 yards. True frosh Curt Dukes (PS#18) was here in the spring and looked quite impressive dueling with Stuntz for the backup job. Naturally, going from the experienced, veteran Heisman Trophy winner who the offense was built around to an inexperienced QB, this unit clearly looks weaker in 2002.

RB Dahrran Diedrick

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Huskers had to replace a pair of draft picks who each topped 2,500 yards in their career. This year basically everyone returns. RB Dahrran Diedrick was suspended for the 2001 opener but ended up starting the final 12, rushing for 1,346 yards (5.4) and earning 1st Team Big 12 honors. He is a power back. Thunder Collins (6-2 190 Sr) was a HT JUCO transfer of whom much has been expected. Last year he led the team in ypc (6.6) while rushing for 657 yards and he is a speedy, elusive back. DeAntae Grixby (5-8 205 Jr) was PS#22DB and has 168 yards rushing the last 2 years. Cory Ross (5-6 205 rFr) was PS#33DB. Marques Simmons (5-8 195 rFr) is PS#29 and with Collins missing spring practice due to shoulder surgery, he had the opportunity to impress the coaches with his breakaway speed & could become an important part of the offense. Josh Davis (5-11 210 Jr) was PS#31LB. I list the FB's below. This unit has more talent and experience and with Crouch gone, figures to be a more vital component of the Husker attack.

RECEIVERS - The Huskers always have the best blocking WR's in the NCAA and they usually have good speed. Last year they had to replace their top 2 receivers of 2000, but did have their TE returning. This year they lose TE Tracey Wistrom (#7DC of TB, 23 rec, 15.2, 3rd TM AA) and WB John Gibson (11 sts, 18, 14.8). Wistrom departs as the NU career leader in receiving yards for a TE. Last year Wilson Thomas (PS#88) actually set a school record for split ends with 652 yards receiving and led the team with 40 rec's (16.3). Chris Giacone (6-0 195 So) was PS#250QB and transfers in from Miss St. He is a sprinter on the track team with 4.35 speed. Thunder Collins was the 3rd leading receiver and at times was split out wide to get him in the open field. For the 1st time since 1980 NU had 3 receivers top 50 yards in one game (vs Rice). Not listed below are TE's Kyle Ringenberg (6-4 240 Sr) and Phil Peetz (6-2 255 Jr, PS#56DL). I list the 2 deep below and with the top guy back this unit looks to be a little bit more experienced. Keep in mind however that the 2 starters lost were both VHT's and their replacements are not.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Nebraska is famous for their "Pipeline" which is the nickname for their OL. They have produced some dominating fronts including the '95 version which opened the holes for 7.1 ypc rushing and in 1997 they averaged 6.2. They have led the NCAA in rushing in each of the last 2 years. After averaging an impressive 6.1 ypc in 2000, last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace 3 starters including a pair of NFL DC's. They then lost projected starting RT Chris Loos to injury prior to the season. The star of the OL last year was LG Toniu Fonoti of whom 29 year OL Coach Tenopir said "we have never had a kid as powerful, as strong, as big with mobility." Fonoti set a school record for pancakes in a game with 32 vs Texas Tech (old record was 23). The Huskers averaged 5.5 ypc rushing and allowed just 10 sacks with 3 of those coming in the bowl game. This year they must again replace 3 starters as LT Dave Volk (13 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Jon Rutherford (13 sts), LG Fonoti (1st Tm AA, 13 sts, #2DC of SD) as well as backup Kyle Kollmorgen all depart. Wes Cody was a backup OL last year but had 79 pancakes, rotating with the starters. Six of the top 10 are back and rFr Richie Incognito did not live up to his last name last year as he was conspicuous enough to impress the staff with his play on the scout team. Despite the losses, this looks like one of the best OL's in the country once again.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Huskers had to replace 2 starters due to graduation and while they had 6 of their top 8 back, they lost starting NT Jason Lohr in the 3rd game. Basically the line had 3 players back who had combined for 16 starts the previous year. This year they are much more experienced as Lohr now returns along with 3 full-time starters. The only losses are DT Jeremy Slechta (13 sts, 44 tkls, 3 tfl), NT Casey Nelson (31 tkls, 5.5 tfl), DT Manaia Brown (12 tkls, 4 tfl) and DE JP Wichmann (17 tkls, 7 tfl). This is an extremely deep unit with a tremendous class of freshmen from last year including 3 VHT's added to the mix. I list a talented 3 deep below and the Huskers have allowed 3.9 and 3.4 ypc rushing in the last 2 years but should finally get below the 3.0 mark that they are normally accustomed to yielding.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskers had an inexperienced LB corps in 2000 but last year appeared to be in good shape heading into the year, having to replace just 1 starter and 1 backup. However, returning starter Randy Stella got suspended for the season and backup Tony Tata injured his knee and was lost for the year so the group was inexperienced again. This year they must replace their top 2 tacklers from the group in MLB Jamie Burrow (13 sts, 87 tkls, 11.4 tfl, 2nd Tm B12) and Mark Vedral (13 sts, 65 tkls, 7.5 tfl) but do have 4 of the top 6 players returning and they add super JUCO Demorrio Williams (PS#19JC) who I expect to start immediately. Also, MLB Barrett Ruud was a VHT who got plenty of action last year as a true frosh. Despite the losses, this group is in better shape and will be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups who combined for 6 starts but did have 4 players back with starting experience. It was an injury plagued season for the DB's as CB Erwin Swiney was never 100% and got in just 4 starts. Starting FS Willie Amos missed 4 games and 8 different players ended up starting 2 or more games. This year they must replace SS Dion Booker (11 sts, 65 tkls, 1 pbu), CB Keyuo Craver (#4DC of NO, 13 sts, 66 tkls, 4 int's, 14 pbu, 2nd Tm AA), CB Swiney (4 sts, 2 int's, 13 pbu) and FS Tim Demerath (9 tkls). Amos was moved to CB this spring but suffered a serious knee injury that has left him questionable for the season. Solich called the injury "devastating for the secondary". If Amos is able to come back and play, NU will have 5 players returning with starting experience and they add JUCO Rodney Burgess (6-0 185), who took a medical redshirt last year. Philip Bland played more than Manaia Brown did as a frosh until he was injured late in the year. Nebraska has been pretty much a pure man-to-man defense as of late but could utilize more zone coverages this year after they were exposed by Miami, Fla in the bowl. NU was #11 in my pass D rankings last year, allowing just 44.9% with an 11-20 ratio, and even with the losses and Amos' injury this year's group should contend for Top 20 honors once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is always an area of strength for the Huskers as over the span of '95-'99 their weakest finish in my rankings was #28 with three Top 10 finishes. They stunningly dropped to #64 in 2000 with special teams almost costing them the Notre Dame game. Last year they had to replace their KO man, top PR, top KR and punter. Solich did vow to improve KR's and sent his special teams coach, Dan Young, to pick the brains of the staffs of the Tampa Bay Bucs and Detroit Lions. It worked well as they finished with my #2 special teams unit. After averaging 17.9 on KR's in 2000 they improved that to 25.0 with Josh Davis (26.5) setting a school record for KR yards in a season. Their lowest PR average in the last 7 years has been 10.46 and they had their highest average in that span last season at 13.79. This year their top guy returns in DeJuan Groce (15.4) although his backup Keyuo Craver (21, 11.7) departs. Punter Kyle Larson averaged 42.4 per boot with a super net of 36.7 and returns as do both kickers who battled for the job all year in Josh Brown (PS#4) and Sandro DeAngelis (PS#4). The Huskers have blocked 11 punts in the last 3 years but have also allowed 6 blocked punts. It was good to see Nebraska snag their fourth Top 10 finish in the last 7 years and they are a candidate to do so once again this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska has had 40 straight winning seasons, 33 straight years with 9 wins or more, 3 National Titles in the 1990's and have been to 30 straight bowl games as well as being ranked in the AP poll for 339 consecutive weeks. In 2000 they were stunningly banished to a non-January 1 bowl game after losing to Oklahoma and Kan St on the road and did not play in the Big 12 Title game. Last year, although they had to replace 30 lettermen, they had 12 starters back including QB Eric Crouch who simply won the Heisman Trophy. This team is a perfect 20-0 SU playing on the FieldTurf which they installed in their home stadium 3 years ago and have had 247 consecutive sellouts. Last year things appeared rosy for them as they stood 11-0 heading into the season finale at Colorado but they were stampeded 62-36. They then stood by and watched some of the other National Title contenders lost in the ensuing weeks. Somehow, some way NU got to the National Title game vs Miami, Fla which caused a lot of flack from foes around the country. In the Title game they were whipped once again, this time 37-14 and it was the first time since **1962** that Nebraska had lost consecutive games by 10+ points! The Huskers did outgain Big 12 foes by an average of 166 ypg, which was 2nd best in the league, and more than doubled their opponent's point production, outscoring them 38.9 to 19.4. This year they draw 2 of the toughest teams from the Big 12 South in Texas (whom they play at home) and A&M (at Kyle Field). They also have to face Kan St on the road and have just 11 starters back, having to replace 25 lettermen. The 11 starters returning are the fewest they have had returning since 1998 when the team went just 9-4. Despite the fact that this looks like a rebuilding year, the Huskers are still among the NCAA's most talented and perhaps the key to their season will be how quickly Jammal Lord becomes proficient at running the Nebraska option. As usual, Nebraska is one of the favorites for the Big 12 North and a National Title contender.

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DL	Jay Moore 6-5 255 PS#31	
LB	Demorrio Williams 6-2 200 PS#19JC	
DB	Fabian Washington 6-0 175 PS#33	
OL	Brandon Greeson 6-3 327 PS#64	
TE	Matt Herian 6-4 215 PS#24	
OL	Jemayel Phillips 6-6 330 PS#76	
OL	Kurt Mann 6-4 263 PS#80	
DL	Adam Carriker 6-6 243 PS#92	
RB	Dane Todd 5-11 225 PS#152	
DB	Antoine Bagwell 5-11 180 PS#163	
OL	Jermaine Leslie 6-2 298 PS#194	

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Jammal Lord Jr. 6-2 210 PS#52. 4.59 . 116 yds pass, 154 rush, 7 gms as rFr. 6 gms LY, 177 ttl yds. Mike Stuntz is PS#25. Curt Dukes (6-1 205 Fr) is PS#18, in for spg.

IB DAHRRAN DIEDRICK SR. 6-0 225 PS#281. Canadian. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm B12**, 1346 yds (5.4). **Thunder Collins PS#83**, JC, 2 sts here LY, 657 yds (6.6). Marques Simmons (5-8 195 rFr) **PS#29**.

FB JUDD DAVIES JR. 6-0 255 PS#51, 12 sts LY, 254 yds (5.6), HM B12, 4.53. Steve Kriewald (5-10 255 So) PS#76. 2 sts , 95 yds (5.3) LY. Robin Miller (5-11 240 Jr) is PS#54.

WR DeWayne Long So. 6-0 210 PS#60RB, 4.5. Troy Hassebroek (6-4 215 Sr). 1 st in '99. Ross Pilkington (6-0 195 Fr) was PS#56. Mike McLaughlin (5-11 185 rFr) PS#29QB.

WR WILSON THOMAS SR. 6-6 215 PS#88. 4 sts in '99 & 2000, 1 rec. 12 sts LY, #1 w/ 40 rec (16.3). Ben Cornelsen (5-10 190 Sr) PS#178DB. 10 PR (12.4). Ben Zajicek (6-0 210 So) is PS#94DB.

TE Aaron Golliday Sr. 6-4 290 PS#62. 4 sts in '99, 3 sts in 2000, 3 sts LY. 7 career rec. Jon Bowling (6-3 235 Sr) PS#17. 13 rec (15.3) 3Y. **Chris Septak** (6-3 245 So) **PS#6.**

C JOHN GARRISON SR. 6-4 290 **PS#17DL**. 13 gms as **true**. 12 games in 2000, 2nd string. 13 sts LY, HM B12, 125 pancakes. Jake Andersen (6-1 290 So) is PS#76OL.

RG Wes Cody Sr. 6-2 305 PS#74. 1 gm as rFr. 6 gms in 2000, 7 pancakes. Swing OG LY & **79 pancakes**. Junior Tagoa'i (6-2 295 Jr) PS#117DL. 3 tkls, 1 tfl, 5 gms as DT in 2000.

LG Mike Erickson So. 6-4 295 **PS#24OL**. 6 games as rFr, 2nd string but injured, 4 pancakes. Gary Pike (6-4 300 rFr) **PS#36**. Tim Green (6-4 315 Jr) PS#74.

RT DAN VILI WALDROP JR. 6-5 330 PS#113. 10 gms, 7 pancakes as rFr. 13 sts LY, 95 pancakes. Nate Kolterman (6-3 300 Sr) **PS#42**, 2nd string 2Y. 1L. MJ Flaum (6-4 315 So) **PS#33**.

LT Richie Incognito rFr 6-3 295 **PS#22**. Almost played as true. Chris Loos (6-3 310 Jr) **PS#54**. 15 pancakes as rFr, knee inj LY. Nick Povendo (6-3 300 So) **PS#38**, 1 gm LY.

K JOSH BROWN SR. 6-2 190 **PS#4K**. 15 of 21 L/42 in '99. 6 of 12 in 2000, **long of 51**. 10 of 14 LY long 43. **Sandro DeAngelis** (5-8 190 So) **PS#4**. 2 of 3 FG's LY.

DEFENSE

DE CHRIS KELSAY SR. 6-5 255 **PS#29**. 13 sts LY, 56 tkls, 5 sks, 14 tfl, **2nd Tm B12**. Justin Smith (6-4 265 Sr) **PS#50**. 2 sts, 4 sks, 5 tfl LY. Benard Thomas (6-4 270 Jr) PS#53LB.

NT JASON LOHR SR. 6-2 280 **PS#24**. 33 tkls, 3.5 sks in '99. 12 sts in 2000, 49 tkls, 2.5 sks in 3 sts LY (inj). Ryon Bingham (6-3 280 Jr) PS#77. 19 tkls LY. Jared Helming (6-3 280 rFr) **PS#17.**

DT Jon Clanton Sr. 6-2 290 PS#91OL. 10 sts LY (Lohr inj), 25 tkls, 2.5 sks, #2 in tm strength index. Patrick Kabongo (6-6 305 Jr) PS#92OL, 9 tkls LY. Titus Adams (6-3 290 rFr) **PS#14**.

DE DEMOINE ADAMS SR. 6-2 260 PS#74. 13 sts LY, 28 tkls, 5.5 sks, 12 QBH, HM B12. Trevor Johnson (6-4 250 Jr) PS#40TE. 9 tkls LY. LeKevin Smith (6-2 300 rFr) **PS#31, 4.7.**

SLB SCOTT SHANLE SR. 6-2 240 Ex-walk on. 10 sts in 2000, 57 tkls, 5 tfl. 10 sts LY, 60 tkls, 8 tfl, 8 pbu. Ira Cooper (6-2 220 So) **PS#35**. 6 tkls LY. Jason Richenberger (6-1 240 So) **PS#11.**

MLB Barrett Ruud So. 6-2 240 **PS#16**. 49 tkls, 5.5 tfl, 12 gms as **true.** Tony Tata (6-1 255 Sr) PS#63. 5 career tkls, inj LY. Chad Sievers (6-3 225 So) 4 tkls at N Mex St as **true.**

WLB Demorrio Williams Jr. 6-1 205 **PS#19JC**. In for spring. Is being compared to former Huskers' AA Terrell Farley. TJ Hollowell (6-0 220 Jr) PS#50, 27 tackles, 2 tfl last year.

CB WILLIE AMOS JR. 6-0 185 4.48. Track. 7 sts LY, 34 tkls, 4 int at FS. ? for fall w/ knee inj. **Lornell McPherson** (5-9 175 So) **PS#38**, 3 sts, 2 int, 6 pbu. **Rodney Burgess PS#97JC.**

CB DeJUAN GROCE SR. 5-10 190 **PS#4**. 3 sts, 17 pbu in 2000. 12 sts LY, 3 int, 14 pbu, #7 NCAA in PR (15.4). Pat Ricketts (5-11 180 Jr) 2 sts, 30 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu last year.

SS Philip Bland So. 5-11 205 PS#66. 3 sts as **true**, 25 tkls, 1 tfl, missed 2 (inj). Lannie Hopkins (6-2 220 rFr) PS#94LB. 3 tkls, 1 sk until inj. Aaron Terpening (5-11 190 Sr) 17 tkls LY.

FS Josh Bullocks rFr. 6-1 200 PS#96. Jerrell Pippens (6-2 195 Jr) 16 tackles, 1 tfl in 2001. Daniel Bullocks (6-1 200 rFr) PS#87. DNQ LY, twin of Josh. Option QB in HS.

P KYLE LARSON JR. 6-0 195 46.5 average as Sr in HS. 61 P here LY, 42.4 average & **net of 36.7, 3rd Tm Big 12**, 23 inside 20, 9 FG's Sam Koch (6-1 240 rFr) PS#53K.

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Aug. 24	Arizona St (BCA Classic)	A					
Aug. 31	Troy St	A					
Sep. 7	Utah St	A					
Sep. 14	at Penn St	G					
Sep. 21							
Sep. 28	at Iowa St	G					
Oct. 5	McNeese St	A					
Oct. 12	Missouri	A					
Oct. 19	at Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 26	at Texas A&M	G					
Nov. 2	Texas	A					
Nov. 9	Kansas (HC)	A					
Nov. 16	at Kansas St	A					
Nov. 29	Colorado (Fri)	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Huskers are 8-1 SU and 6-3 ATS their last 9 vs Oklahoma.
NU is 5-1 ATS their last 6 at home vs the Pac 10.
Big Red are 5-9 ATS in their last 14 November road games.

Huskers are 6-4 ATS in the 1st lined home game S/'92 but 1-4 ATS the L5Y.
Big Red are 39-25 ATS their last 64 lined Lincoln Logs.

NU blasted Troy St 42-14 last year but did not cover as a 49 pt favorite.
For more information on Troy St see pages 231.

Could apply: NU is 12-22 ATS after scoring 40 or more.
Pending L2W, Cornhuskers are 38-25 ATS their last 63 as a home favorite.

Big Red is 8-0 SU, 7-1 ATS vs the Big 10, scoring an average of 50.5 ppg.
NU is 14-9-1 ATS prior to a bye week.

Bonus: NU is 2-9 ATS the week after a bye.

Cornhuskers are 12-3 ATS in conference openers.
The home team has covered 8 of the last 10 in this series.

McNeese St was 8-4 LY & won the Southland Conference.
This is Nebraska's 1st NL game since a 76-14 demolition of N Texas in '93.

NU has won 22 in a row SU vs Mizzou, outscoring them 876-300.
However, the teams are 11-11 ATS in that span, road team 4-0 ATS L4Y.

Pending earlier results, NU is 12-17-1 ATS as an AF the L6Y, but 3-1 ATS LY.
Huskers came into 2002 with an 8-13 ATS mark in their last 21 Big 12 RG's.

NU is 7-13-1 ATS on grass since 1993, pending the PSU/IS outcome.
The home team has covered the only two recent meetings.

Could apply: NU is 15-10 ATS L/25 when favored by 14 or less or as a dog.
NU has been a home dog just 3 times in 24 years, going 1-2 SU, 2-1 ATS.

Nebraska is 10-0 SU and 7-3 ATS on Homecoming.
Cornhuskers are 14-4 ATS vs the Jayhawks since 1984.

Big Red are 3-10 ATS in their last 13 road finales.
Huskers are 6-2 ATS their last 8 against Kansas State.

NU came into 2002 26-12 ATS at home vs the Big 12 S/'92, but only 8-8 the L4Y.
Nebraska is 0-6 ATS the L6Y but was 5-0 ATS the prior 5 yrs vs Colorado.

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42-9	Straight Up	12-15	Home Favorite
22-24-1	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
3-3	Off A S/U Loss	9-9-1	Away Favorite
17-16	Vs Conference	1-0	Away Dog
		5-8-1	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

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Lost: 25 (10,15,0)

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PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-0	10-2	12-0	9-3	11-1	9-2	11-1	73-9
ATS	9-2	6-6	5-7	4-7-1	7-5	4-7	7-5	42-39-1
Home Fav	5-2	4-2	3-3	2-5	4-2	2-4	4-4	24-22
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Fav	4-0	2-4	1-4	1-2-1	3-3	2-3	3-1	16-17-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Favorite	9-2	6-6	4-7	3-7-1	7-5	4-7	7-5	40-39-1
Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Grass	0-0	1-3	0-1	1-2-1	2-2	1-2	2-1	7-11-1
Artificial	9-2	5-3	5-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	5-4	35-28
vs Conf	7-0	4-5	4-5	3-5	5-4	4-4	5-3	32-26
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2-1	2-1	0-3	2-2	10-13-1
Off SU Win	8-2	4-5	5-6	2-5-1	5-4	3-5	7-4	34-31-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	4-3

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dahrran Diedrick	248	1377	31	1346	15	5.4
Eric Crouch	225	1403	174	1229	18	5.5
Thunder Collins	100	692	35	657	5	6.6
Judd Davies	45	260	6	254	5	5.6
DeAntae Grixby	25	110	6	104	0	4.2
Jammal Lord	22	112	29	83	2	3.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Eric Crouch	204	110	53.6	1572	7	11
Jammal Lord	8	5	62.5	65	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Wilson Thomas	40	652	16.3	3	78
Tracey Wistrom	23	349	15.2	2	37
Thunder Collins	19	189	9.9	0	45
John Gibson	18	266	14.8	1	41

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Larson	61	2584	42.4	–	36.7	0	23

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Brown	4-4	5-7	1-2	0-1	10-14	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamie Burrow	87	3.5	8	0	0
Keyuo Craver	66	0	2	14	4
Mark Vedral	65	2.5	5	2	1
Dion Booker	65	0	1	4	1
Scott Shanle	60	3	5	8	0
Chris Kelsay	56	5	14	1	0
Barrett Ruud	49	0.5	5	0	0
Jeremy Slechta	44	1	2	1	0
DeJuan Groce	35	0	1	14	3
Willie Amos	34	0	2	0	4
Casey Nelson	31	1.5	4	0	0
Pat Ricketts	30	0	0	5	1
Lornell McPherson	29	1	2	6	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeJuan Groce	36	554	15.4	2
Keyuo Craver	21	246	11.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Davis	30	794	26.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Orange	-13'	Tennessee	42-17	W
98	Holiday	-3	Arizona	20-23	L
99	Fiesta	-4	Tennessee	31-21	W
00	Alamo	-14'	Northwestern	66-17	W
01	Rose	+8'	Miami (Fla)	14-37	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEBRASKA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	35.6	22	306	5.5	131	54.2	12.3	-1	2001	6	17.4	16	116	3.4	185	44.9	17.3
9*	43.5	23	360	6.1	115	48.4	10.9	+1	2000	5	19.2	16	124	3.9	204	45.0	17.1
5*	34.0	19	270	5.1	128	51.8	11.7	+6	1999	7	13.2	14	75	2.1	182	43.7	13.3
3	31.0	21	241	4.7	136	55.1	12.2	+8	1998	7	15.8	17	116	3.0	194	50.3	19.6
6*	46.7	26	394	6.2	121	55.7	11.0	+4	1997	3	16.5	13	78	2.4	184	49.3	15.9
5	42.5	23	291	5.1	131	50.8	9.9	+13	1996	7	13.4	15	92	2.5	175	45.6	19.9

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
TCU	16	50-159	3.2	10-18	151	3	6	28-56	2.0	11-22	130	2	-1
Troy St	25	60-330	5.5	9-16	127	1	13	35-(-25)	-0.7	15-36	190	8	0
Notre Dame	16	52-182	3.5	6-9	88	1	14	30-43	1.4	16-32	119	2	+2
Rice	24	53-292	5.5	12-15	205	1	17	47-196	4.2	8-25	169	4	+2
at Missouri	26	72-412	5.7	8-15	120	0	13	23-67	2.9	16-43	138	1	-2
Iowa St	25	54-359	6.6	11-16	117	0	20	38-122	3.2	13-29	214	4	+1
at Baylor	31	73-641	8.8	4-9	47	0	14	33-29	0.9	15-43	158	5	-1
Texas Tech	30	56-335	6.0	10-22	196	0	26	17-67	3.9	34-64	373	3	0
Oklahoma	13	44-164	3.7	11-19	165	0	21	29-105	3.6	22-50	234	3	+1
at Kansas	24	51-284	5.6	14-25	164	1	11	42-124	3.0	8-17	79	5	+3
Kansas St	18	58-264	4.6	3-7	60	0	14	44-239	5.4	4-18	37	3	0
at Colorado	21	49-354	7.2	13-28	198	0	25	52-380	7.3	9-16	202	0	-4
†Miami (Fla)	16	49-197	4.0	5-15	62	3	18	26-110	4.2	22-35	362	0	-2
TOTALS	285	721-3973	5.5	116-214	1700	10	212	444-1513	3.4	193-430	2405	40	-1
AVERAGES	21.9	55-306	5.5	9-16	131	0.8	16.3	34-116	3.4	15-33	185	3.1	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-58	59-14	L
UCF	-43'	38-24	L
at Washington	+4	27-14	W
Kansas St	-22	56-26	W
at Baylor	-39	49-21	L
Texas Tech	-36'	29-0	L
at Kansas	-37'	35-0	L
Oklahoma	-37	69-7	W
at Missouri (OT)	-29	45-38	L
Iowa St	-44	77-14	W
at Colorado	-21	27-24	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana Tech	-35'	56-27	L
UAB	-47	38-7	L
at California	-21	24-3	T
Washington	-13'	55-7	W
† Oklahoma St	-26	24-17	L
at Texas A&M	-11'	21-28	L
Kansas	-34	41-0	W
Missouri	-19'	20-13	L
Texas	-16'	16-20	L
at Iowa St	-26	42-7	W
at Kansas St	+11	30-40	W
Colorado	-20	16-14	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	-27	42-7	W
California	-32	45-0	W
S Mississippi	-26'	20-13	L
at Missouri	-17	40-10	W
Oklahoma St	-27	38-14	L
Iowa St	-29'	49-14	W
at Texas	-9	20-24	L
at Kansas	-32	24-17	L
Texas A&M	-13'	37-0	W
Kansas St	-9'	41-15	W
at Colorado (OT)	-14'	33-30	L

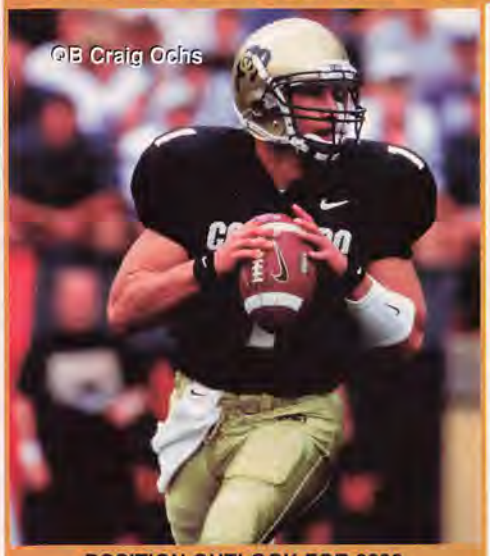
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-49'	49-13	L
at Notre Dame (OT)	-13'	27-24	L
Iowa	-41'	42-13	L
Missouri	-32	42-24	L
at Iowa St	-15'	49-27	W
at Texas Tech	-20	56-3	W
Baylor	-47	59-0	W
at Oklahoma	-2'	14-31	L
Kansas	-31	56-17	W
at Kansas St	-3'	28-29	L
Colorado	-26'	34-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-30	21-7	L
Troy St	-49	42-14	L
Notre Dame	-13	27-10	W
Rice	-34	48-3	W
at Missouri	-24'	36-3	W
Iowa St	-23'	48-14	W
at Baylor	-33	48-7	W
Texas Tech	-26	41-31	L
Oklahoma	-4	20-10	W
at Kansas	-30	51-7	W
Kansas St	-13'	31-21	L
at Colorado	-9'	36-62	L

COLORADO BUFFALOES



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the team had to replace their starting QB. Craig Ochs (PS#5) was a true frosh who started the final 7 and helped spur CU's offensive resurgence. He threw for 1,778 yards (59%) with a 7-7 ratio and also rushed for 282 yards. His 429 yards of total offense vs Okla St set a CU frosh single game record. Ochs threw for 1,360 yards (66.5%) with an 8-7 ratio while also rushing for 163 yards in 2001. When Ochs was injured senior Bobby Pesavento got his 1st start at Texas but the Buffs were blown out. However, the offense regrouped and Pesavento led the team to an undefeated record down the stretch and a Big 12 Title game win. In the bowl game Pesavento had his worst effort, hitting just 11 of 27 for 139 yards and Ochs QB'd the second half. Ochs should be 100% healthy and is clearly one of the Big 12's best QB's. Robert Hodge (5-11 185 Sr) was PS#4JC last year. He threw for 3,395 yards with 26 TD's at JUCO in 2000 and is one of the team's three fastest players. Last year he played in 9 games but attempted just 3 passes (including the ill-fated fake punt in the Big 12 Title game) and provides a solid backup. Adam Drill (6-4 205 So) was PS#77. Zac Colvin (6-4 210 Sr) was PS#35 & had 2 starts in 2000. Even with the loss of Pesavento, look for improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The Buffs had perhaps the deepest corps of RB's in the NCAA last year as four different backs had 100 yard efforts in their careers after just a few games. JUCO transfer Chris Brown (6-3 220 Jr, PS#47JC) started the first 8. After having 121 attempts in his first six games, Brown was limited to 8, 3, 1 and 0 carries in the next four as Cortlen Johnson became the featured back. Then, vs Nebraska with Johnson injured, Brown erupted for 198 yards and a school record six TD's. Brown finished as the team's #1 rusher with 976 yards (4.9). Johnson led the team in rushing in both 1999 and 2000 but was banged up early in 2001. He took over the starter's job down the stretch and he rushed for 591 yards (6.1). Bobby Purify (PS#54) saw the bulk of the action vs Okla St and started against Missouri but fumbled two times in those efforts and lost the starting job. He did finish with an outstanding 935 yards and 5.7 ypc. Marcus Houston (6-2 205 So) was PS#1 and lived up to his potential in the first 3 games of 2000, rushing for 332 yards (5.0) but he suffered a hip injury and was granted a medical redshirt. He was plagued by injuries early last year and then had some problems with the coaching staff and in limited action had 132 yards (3.4). One of the keys to CU's rushing success was the blocking of Brandon Drumm who is an NFL caliber FB. He had 14 rec's last year and 74 dominator blocks. Johnson leaves as well as backup FB's Dave Andrews (12 yds), Scott Nemeth, Vince Reed (58 yds) and TB Judd Johns. This group is just as deep and powerful as 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Buffs appeared to be in fairly good shape, only having to replace their top WR due to graduation. The team did suffer 8 dropped passes against Fresno and then lost top WR John Minardi for the year to a torn ACL vs Kansas. WR Cedric Cormier, separated his shoulder vs Texas and the receiving corps was very thin with basically only 3 WR's and sometimes two available. The star of the group last year was TE Daniel Graham who won the John Mackey Award and was the #1DC of NE. He led the team with 61 rec's (13.8). The only WR to top 16 rec's was Derek McCoy (35, 16.5). Also gone beside Graham this year are WR Matt Brunson (1 st, 16 rec, 17.6), WR Roman Hollowell (1 st, 7 rec, 11.1), Minardi (11 rec, 2 TD) and Cormier (5 sts, 15 rec, 10.9). They get a couple of interesting additions this year in Jeremy Bloom (finished #9 in Freestyle Skiing in the Olympics) and Ron Monteilh. Daric Wilhite (6-4 215 rFr, 4.45 spd) was PS#110. They also add 3 Top 50 true frosh. Not listed below is Marcus Moore (5-11 180 Jr, 4.3 spd). CU's top 6 WR's in 2001 averaged 5-11 180 and in 2002 the top 8 average 6-2 195. Even though they must replace their super TE, this group looks on par with last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 CU had to replace 3 starters and 3 backups and slipped to 3.3 ypc rushing, allowing 32 sacks. Last year they had 9 of the top 10 back and 6 players had starting experience. The unit maintained outstanding health as for the first time since '94 as all 5 starters started every game. The O-line (avg 6-4 306) had an awesome game vs Neb, opening up massive holes. Texas A&M's RC Slocum called them the best OL that he saw last year. This year they must replace LG Andre Gurode (#2DC of DAL, 13 sts, 1st Tm AA 4 yr st'r) and LT Victor Rogers (#7DC of DET, 13 sts, 3rd Tm AA, 4 yr st'r) but do return 8 of the top 10. Five times last year they averaged less than 4 ypc including a very disappointing bowl game performance (1.6). The Buffs averaged 4.6 and allowed 21 sacks on the season. They bring in probably the top JUCO OL in Clint Werth who originally signed at Okla, and have some good talent on board. While it will be tough to match last year's injury-free season, this year's group once again appears to be one of the top OL's in the country, even with the loss of a couple of All Americans.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Buffs had to replace 3 starters off the front wall and then lost 4 different players off the 3 deep due to academics or injury during the year. Also, they were banged up early. As an example, NT DeAndre Fluellen had an appendectomy and a broken finger in August and got in just 4 starts. This year they must replace DT Justin Bannan (#5DC of BUF, 13 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 41 tkls, 8 tfl). They get an outstanding JUCO addition in Gabe Nyenhuis who was in for the spring and I list the 2 deep below. The Buffs allowed over 4.0 ypc in both 1999 and 2000 and last year, despite the inexperience of the front, just 3.8 but their sack total dropped to 25. At the start of spring drills DE Marques Harris was moved to OLB. After the staff became dissatisfied with the play of the DT's they moved DE Tyler Brayton to one DT spot with Barnett calling him "a dominating figure in there". Despite having only 3 starters back, this group is more experienced. I'll call it improved with the added talent.

LINEBACKERS - Last year all 3 starters returned and 6 players had starting experience plus they got some solid rFr coming in. However, their top LB, Jashon Skyes, went down for the year due to injury prior to the KSU game. Also, backup OLB Kori Mossoni, who was splitting time with Drew Wahlroos, was injured and missed most of the season. The only losses this year are Sykes (4 sts, 33 tkls) and backup ILB Andy Peeke (4 tkls). The LB coach says that Sean Tufts has the size of Butkus Award winner Ted Johnson but is a better athlete and could be one of CU's best LB's ever. Five players have starting experience. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Chad Gardner (6-2 225 Jr, PS#136) and Dryden Dunsmore (6-2 220 Jr) plus some top-notch true frosh. This is probably the most experienced LB corps in the Big 12 and one of the better ones.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 the Buffs had an inexperienced and injury plagued secondary and the unit finished at #93 in my pass D rankings. Last season they appeared to be in fine shape with 4 starters returning. The unit did make some strides and finished #45 but it was viewed as the defense's primary weakness the entire year. They gave up 237.9 ypg (54.5%) with a 21-18 ratio vs a tough slate of opposing QB's. At one time last year they had 4 different DB's that had broken hands. Or course, in the bowl the secondary was shredded. This year they lose 2 starters including their top DB, SS Michael Lewis (#2DC of PHI, 3rd Tm AA, 124 tkls, 5 int). Also gone is FS Robbie Robinson (12 sts, 74 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu) as well as backups CB Terrence Wood (1 st, 9 tkls, 2 int) and S Matt Duren (3 tkls). They bring in 3 VHT true frosh and it would not surprise me to see them contend for time. I think the team can improve on the ypg allowed, but it will be tough to move up the pass D rankings having to replace their top DB. This unit may struggle once again in 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Gary Barnett puts a lot of emphasis on special teams. Every year he and his assistant coaches hand out invitations "allowing" players to play on the special teams, showing the importance of it. At Northwestern he had 2 Top 10 finishes in my rankings and the Buffs were #9 and #8 in the 2 years prior to Barnett's arrival so I expected a lot in his first year in 1999 but they finished just #52. In 2000 they moved up to #24 with the star being their PR man, Roman Hollowell (15.0) and the team led the Big 12 in PR's. Last year basically everyone returned. Punter Mark Mariscal lost his punting job briefly to Jeremy Flores but ended up leading the Big 12 with a super 44.1 average. Hollowell simply led the NCAA in PR's (17.1) while also averaging 21.3 on KR's. Flores struggled at one point in the season missing five straight FG's, but worked to correct some flaws in his approach and ended up hitting 19 of 26 FG's with a long of 51. In his career, he missed just one kick from 40+. This season they must replace Flores as well as super returnman Hollowell. They do block a lot of punts under Barnett (8 in 3 yrs) and the team has also recorded five TD's with a +9 in the TD/Blk category in his span. The Buffs have come up with great returnmen here including Ben Kelly a few years back but it may be tough for them to duplicate last year's #11 ranking.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 CU suffered through a stunning 3-8 season but 4 of their losses that year came by 4 points or less, including their 5th straight narrow loss to Nebraska. They had zero players drafted after the 2000 season, meaning that there was a lot of returning talent. The last time they had that luxury, they were undefeated and contended for the National Title. Last year I gave a Colorado team that had 17 starters returning and just 12 lettermen lost a shot at contending for the National Title and winning the Big 12 North. They did just that and their most impressive wins were their 62-36 thumping of Nebraska and then their Big 12 Title victory over Texas. CU was ranked just #16 prior to Nebraska but after their Big 12 Title win were #3 and arguing to be in the National Title game. Their last 3 games were vs the #2, #3 and #4 teams in the country and they beat 5 ranked teams last year. Their 6 game improvement to 9 wins was the best in the NCAA. Prior to the season Barnett had said his goal was to be in the Big 12 Title game in Texas Stadium and vowed a return to dominance and the local papers mocked that. After an early loss to Fresno St (in which CU was intercepted in the EZ needing just a FG to win) and a 41-7 loss to Texas he caught a lot of heat but ended up being the Big 12 Coach of the Year. Offensively the team showed great balance, averaging over 200 ypg both rushing and passing for just the 3rd time in school history. This year they have 15 starters returning which is among the most in the Big 12 but must replace 30 lettermen. They have my #2 rated offense in the league, led by QB Craig Ochs, and an outstanding stable of RB's that will be tough to stop. Defensively, despite 8 returning starters, they still only look to be middle of the Big 12 pack and last season did allow 24.5 ppg which is the 3rd consecutive year they have allowed 24 or more. They have 3 very tough road games (UCLA, Okla and Neb) on a challenging schedule. While the schedule is tougher than last year's, this team is capable of matching or topping last year's 10 win total and is a contender in the Big 12 North.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB CRAIG OCHS JR. 6-2 210 **PS#5**. 7 sts as true, 1778 yds (59%), 7-7 ratio, 282 rush. 7 sts LY until inj, 1360 yards (60%) 8-7 ratio, 163 rush. Robert Hodge **PS#4JC** LY.

TB CHRIS BROWN JR. 6-3 220 PS#47JC. 8 sts LY, 976 yds (4.9) HM B12. **Marcus Houston PS#1**, 332 yds as true (inj) & RS. Not 100% LY, 132 yds (3.4). Bobby Purify 935 yds (5.7).

FB BRANDON DRUMM SR. 6-2 230 PS#36. 2 sts in 99, 55 ttl yds. 19 yds in 2000. 13 sts LY, 122 yds, HM B12. JP diZerega (6-2 235 So) PS#130LB. Andrew Scott (5-9 220 rFr).

WR DJ Hackett Jr. 6-3 195 2 yr st'r at CS N'Ridge, 47 rec (15.5) 53 (14.7), 2Y. Ron Monteilh (6-1 195 So), RS at Oreg St in 2000. Trans in LY. Scholarship revoked in spg, ?? for fall.

WR DEREK McCOY JR. 6-3 210 11 sts LY, #2 with 35 receptions (16.5). John Donahoe (6-0 185 Jr) PS#100. Ty Littlehales is PS#31. Jeremy Bloom (5-9 165 Fr) is PS#111.

TE Quinn Sypniewski Jr. 6-7 250 **PS#1**. 4 sts in 2Y, 4 rec (9.0). Beau Williams (6-3 240 Sr) 2 sts LY. Jesse Wallace (6-3 235 So) PS#159. Jake Jones (6-5 235 Jr) PS#105.

C WAYNE LUCIER SR. 6-4 295 PS#51. 11 sts at N'wstrn in '99. 13 sts here LY, **2nd Tm B12**, 1.5 sks allowed, 84 domination blk's. Ryan Gray (6-3 290 Sr) 5 sts in 2000, 2L.

RG MARWAN HAGE JR. 6-3 290 PS#262, from Canada. 2 sts, 148 snaps as true. 13 sts LY, 94 domination blk's, 1.5 sks allowed. Joshua Foster PS#223DL, 2 letters.

LG Drew Shader rFr. 6-5 290 **PS#20**. No spg (inj). 2nd string but RS LY. Karl Allis (6-5 300 Jr) PS#150. **6 sts** in 2000, 2nd string LY. Derek Stemrich (6-6 280 So) 2nd string as **true** (inj). No spg.

RT JUSTIN BATES SR. 6-4 295 **PS#31**. 6 sts as rFr. 10 sts in 2000, 691 snaps. 13 sts LY, 78 domination blk's. Clint O'Neal (6-6 290 rFr) PS#69. Gabe Oderberg (6-5 290 Jr) PS#270DL.

LT Clint Werth Jr. 6-6 275 **PS#5JUCO!** Rawle King (6-6 300 Sr) PS#142JUCO. 2nd string here LY & lettered. Gary Moore (6-7 330 rFr) PS#54. -40 lbs LY.

K Pat Brougham Sr. 5-11 190 Trans from Western St. Did KO's LY and also hit 1 of 2 FG's with long of 42 LY. JT Eberly (6-1 190 So). Mark Mariscal (6-2 190 Sr) PS#6K.

DE Gabe Nyenhuis Jr. 6-4 260 **PS#26OL** in '99. 5 tkls at N'wstrn in 2000. JUCO LY, 4.6 spd. Dylan Bird (6-4 260 Sr) PS#204, 80 tkls, JC in 2000. Rudy Hage (6-4 260 So) Canadian.

DT DEANDRE FLUELLEN JR. 6-1 285 PS#111 in '99. 115 tkls, 8 sks at JC. 4 sts, 27 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Brandon Dabdoub (6-1 290 So) PS#99. 7 sts as rFr, 22 tkls. Vince Mitchell (6-0 275 Jr) PS#180RB.

NT TYLER BRAYTON SR. 6-6 265 PS#76. 43 tkls, 7 tfl '99 & 2000. 13 sts LY, HM B12, 49 tkls, 4.5 sks. Vaka Manupuna (6-1 270 rFr). Matt McChesney (6-4 280 Jr) PS#41, 2 sts LY, 29 tkls, 4 tfl.

DE MARQUES HARRIS 6-2 225 PS#107. 13 sts @ DE LY, 52 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. James Garee (6-5 255 rFr) PS#144. Top FR Award. Sam Wilder (6-5 265 So) PS#224.

OLB DREW WAHLROOS SR. 6-3 235 PS#182. 10 sts as rFr. 47 tkls, 5 tfl. 2 sts in 2000. 13 sts LY, HM B12, 72 tkls, 5 pbu. **Kori Mossoni** (6-3 230 Sr) PS#209. **9 sts** in 2000, 37 tkls, 7 tfl. 17 tkls LY (inj).

ILB SEAN TUFTS JR. 6-4 230 **PS#27**. 4.56. 12 starts last year, 62 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu, NFL caliber. Aaron Killion (6-3 235 Sr) 2 sts, 69 tkls, 8 tfl, 3 years. Chris Hollis is **PS#32**.

ILB JOEY JOHNSON SR. 6-3 220 PS#275. 8 sts LY, 75 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 int. 4 pbu, HM B12. Andrew Ward ((6-2 220 Fr) PS#61DL. In for spring. Zach Griffith (5-10 215 Sr). #2 ILB going into spg.

CB PHIL JACKSON JR. 6-1 185 PS#212. 9 sts as rFr, 45 tkls, 6 tfl, 4 pbu LY. 5 sts, 23 tkls, 8 pbu. **Lovell Houston** (6-1 190 Sr) **PS#3**, 3 sts at UCLA in '99. Joe Swift (5-10 175 Sr).

CB DONALD STRICKLAND SR. 5-10 180 PS#95. 9 sts in 2000, 49 tkls, 3 tfl. 13 sts LY, 83 tkls, 2 int, 15 pbu, HM B12. Allen Mackey (5-11 180 So) PS#62. 1 tkl LY. **Sammy Joseph** is **PS#12**.

SS Roderick Sneed Sr. 6-0 185 PS#101RB. 2 sts, 5 pbu in 2000. **8 sts** LY, 37 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Omar Stewart (5-11 195 Sr) PS#67JC. 23 pbu at JC in 2000, DNP LY.

FS Medford Moorer Jr. 6-2 195 PS#179. 14 tkls as rFr. 2 sts, 27 tkls, 1 int in 2001. Corey Alexander (5-10 180 Jr) PS#73. 1 st at WR LY. Clyde Surrell. (5-10 180 Jr) PS#70RB.

P MARK MARISCAL SR. 6-2 190 PS#6. 1 punt in 2000, 7 of 18 FG's, long of 47. 42 punts last year. 44.1 average and **net of 38.4**. #1 Big 12 in average, HM Big 12.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL	Clint Werth	6-6 275 PS#5JC
RB	Brian Calhoun	5-11 190 PS#20
DB	Sammy Joseph	6-1 180 PS#12
WR	Tyler Littlehales	6-4 205 PS#31
LB	Chris Hollis	6-1 220 PS#32
DB	Donald Burgs	5-11 175 PS#19
LB	Thaddaeus Washington	6-0 240 PS#36
WR	Anthony Wright	6-3 200 PS#45
WR	Blake Mackey	6-3 185 PS#49
RB	Lawrence Vickers	6-2 220 PS#59
DL	Andrew Ward	6-2 230 PS#61
OL	Jack Tipton	6-4 285 PS#71
LB	Joe Klopfenstein	6-5 235 PS#54
DB	J.J. Billingsley	5-11 180 PS#50

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COLORADO BUFFALOES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	† Colorado St (Invesco Field)	G					
Sep. 7	San Diego St	G					
Sep. 14	USC	G					
Sep. 21	at UCLA	G					
Sep. 28							
Oct. 5	Kansas St (HC)	G					
Oct. 12	at Kansas	A					
Oct. 19	Baylor	G					
Oct. 26	Texas Tech	G					
Nov. 2	at Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 9	at Missouri	G					
Nov. 16	Iowa St	G					
Nov. 23							
Nov. 29	at Nebraska (Fri)	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

This year CU faces 7 teams that played in 2001 bowl games.
The Buffs are 4-1 SU and 3-2 ATS their last 5 vs current WAC schools.
Colorado is 5-1 SU but 1-5 ATS their last 6 vs Oklahoma St.

Colorado is 3-8 ATS in lined season openers since 1990.
The underdog has covered 5 of 6 and 9 of the last 12 in this series.

CU is 19-1 SU but 7-13 ATS as a double digit home favorite.
Buffaloes are 5-13 ATS since 1996 vs non-conference foes.

Colorado is 9-21 ATS their last 30 as home chalk pending last week.
CU is 1-5 ATS in the regular season vs Pac 10 schools.

Might apply: CU is 19-5 ATS the last 24 as an away dog (1-3 in bowls).
Buffs are 0-8 ATS prior to their first bye of the season.

⇩Bonus: Buffaloes are 3-7 ATS after their first bye of the season.
⇩Bonus: CU has lost 11 of 16 conference openers ATS.

Colorado is 10-2 ATS in Boulder vs the Wildcats.
Buffs are 12-4-1 SU last 17 but have dropped 4 of the L/5 SU to Kansas St.

CU is 14-25 ATS their last 39 on artificial turf.
Colorado has only lost SU to Kansas 3 times since 1985.

Pending the last 2 weeks; CU is 13-27 ATS their last 40 in October.
Buffaloes are 8-16 ATS their last 24 tries as a conference DD favorite.

Should apply: CU came into 2002 14-7 ATS their last 21 off a SU win.
Pending L3W: Buffs are 16-9 ATS vs the Big 12 under Coach Barnett.

CU is 8-0-1 SU vs Oklahoma (7-2 ATS) and is the only team that has won 5 in a row SU in Norman. CU is 1-5 ATS the L/6 in the 1st of 2 or more road gms.

Buffs are 3-7 ATS their last 10 meetings with Missouri.
Colorado is 10-2 ATS the last 4 years in the final 3 games of the season.

CU is 8-12 ATS the last 20 sandwiched home games.
Buffaloes are 10-4 ATS their last 14 Folsom finales.

CU is 13-3 ATS in their final away game of the year.
Colorado has covered 6 in a row vs the Huskers.

GARY BARNETT (Career 55-61-1)
4th Year at Colorado

Barnett's records AT COLORADO

20-16	Straight Up	6-6	Home Favorite
20-14	Vs The Spread	3-1	Home Dog
8-5	Off A S/U Loss	4-6	Away Favorite
16-9	Vs Conference	7-1	Away Dog
		4-5	Vs Non-Conf

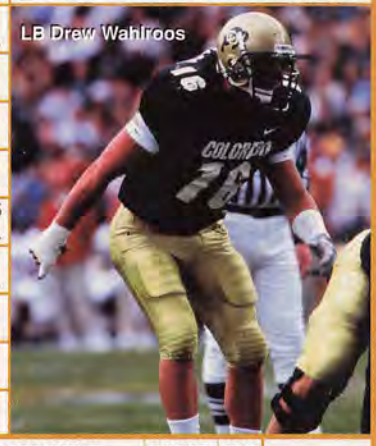
2001 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (20,19,2)
Lost: 30 (15,13,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,475

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION



STADIUM: FOLSOM STADIUM (51,748)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	9-2	5-6	7-4	6-5	3-8	10-2	49-29
ATS	6-5	5-6	3-8	4-7	7-4	5-6	8-4	38-40
Home Fav	3-2	1-5	1-4	1-4	2-1	1-3	3-2	12-21
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	5-2
Away Fav	2-2	3-1	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	2-1	10-13
Away Dog	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-1	2-0	3-0	2-1	11-4
Favorite	5-4	4-6	2-6	1-6	3-4	2-5	5-3	22-34
Dog	1-1	1-0	1-2	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-1	16-6
Grass	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	6-2	4-5	6-3	20-15
Artificial	5-5	4-5	2-6	3-5	1-2	1-1	2-1	18-25
vs Conf	2-5	5-3	3-5	3-5	6-2	4-4	6-3	29-27
vs Non-Conf	4-0	0-3	0-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	9-13
Off SU Win	5-3	4-5	1-4	2-5	4-2	1-2	7-2	24-23
Off SU Loss	0-2	1-0	2-3	1-2	3-1	4-3	1-1	12-12

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Brown	**199**	**986**	**10**	**976**	**16**	**4.9**
Bobby Purify	**163**	**972**	**37**	**935**	**5**	**5.7**
Cortlen Johnson	97	**607**	**16**	591	4	6.1
Marcus Houston	**39**	**141**	**9**	**132**	**1**	**3.4**
Craig Ochs	**36**	**163**	**99**	**64**	**0**	**2.8**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Bobby Pesavento	166	96	57.8	1373	8	6
Craig Ochs	**186**	**112**	**60.2**	**1360**	**8**	**7**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Daniel Graham	61	842	13.8	7	49	
Derek McCoy	**35**	**578**	**16.5**	**2**	**75**	
Cortlen Johnson	27	432	16.0	1	52	
Matt Brunson	16	281	17.6	3	74	
Cedric Cormier	15	163	10.9	1	20	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mark Mariscal	**42**	**1851**	**44.1**	**12**	**38.4**	**0**	**11**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Jeremy Flores	7-9	8-12	3-4	1-1	19-26	51	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Lewis	124	1	2	7	5
Donald Strickland	**83**	**0**	**1**	**15**	**2**
Joey Johnson	**75**	**2**	**6**	**4**	**2**
Robbie Robinson	74	2	0	7	2
Drew Wahlroos	**72**	**1**	**0**	**5**	**0**
Sean Tufts	**62**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Marques Harris	**52**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Tyler Brayton	**49**	**4.5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Justin Bannan	41	2	6	1	0
Roderick Sneed	**37**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**2**
Jashon Sykes	33	3.5	1	1	0
Aaron Killion	**31**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1**
Matt McChesney	**29**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**
DeAndre Fluellen	**27**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roman Hollowell	32	547	17.1	2
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Roman Hollowell	26	553	21.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Cotton	-7	Oregon	38-6	W
96	Holiday	-6	Washington	33-21	W
98	Aloha	+5'	Oregon	51-43	W
99	Insight.com	-7'	Boston College	62-28	W
01	Fiesta	-3	Oregon	16-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	31.7	22	215	4.6	212	58.7	13.4	-2	2001	8	24.5	19	130	3.9	238	54.5	15.1
6	22.9	21	122	3.3	240	58.4	15.8	+5	2000	5	25.8	23	175	4.1	247	59.4	16.3
8*	33.8	23	168	4.0	266	59.9	12.8	+5	1999	6	25.9	17	165	4.3	175	48.1	13.1
4	25.2	18	128	3.1	204	56.0	18.2	+6	1998	6	21.1	18	142	3.5	174	48.6	17.3
6	27.3	20	136	4.1	232	53.4	13.5	-1	1997	7	26.8	19	203	4.1	148	53.3	13.1
9*	29.3	22	140	3.8	309	57.9	15.3	+2	1996	7	18.3	18	131	3.4	186	51.3	18.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Fresno St	23	31 - 66	2.1	31 - 51	346	3	17	35 - 89	2.5	21 - 36	198	2	-5
†Colorado St	21	54 - 315	5.8	15 - 19	95	1	18	29 - 108	3.7	18 - 40	186	3	+3
San Jose St	32	55 - 263	4.8	19 - 31	297	0	19	27 - 125	4.6	22 - 41	180	0	+2
Kansas	23	48 - 338	7.0	12 - 25	186	1	15	44 - 113	2.6	12 - 25	165	4	-1
at Kansas St	16	45 - 196	4.4	8 - 16	87	0	15	40 - 74	1.9	11 - 30	122	6	-1
Texas A&M	19	52 - 170	3.3	14 - 28	183	1	19	19 - 42	2.2	30 - 50	334	2	+2
at Texas	12	32 - 124	3.9	15 - 28	165	1	25	40 - 161	4.0	21 - 33	264	2	-4
at Oklahoma St	24	48 - 170	3.5	20 - 29	295	1	15	29 - 98	3.4	18 - 34	248	1	0
Missouri	22	48 - 242	5.0	17 - 22	257	2	19	35 - 157	4.5	19 - 37	199	0	-2
at Iowa St	26	57 - 255	4.5	18 - 27	247	3	22	35 - 132	3.8	22 - 36	279	3	0
Nebraska	25	52 - 380	7.3	9 - 16	202	0	21	49 - 354	7.2	13 - 28	198	0	+4
†Texas	18	53 - 223	4.2	8 - 19	111	4	22	23 - 92	4.0	24 - 43	370	2	+2
†Oregon	20	31 - 49	1.6	24 - 47	279	4	22	28 - 150	5.4	28 - 42	350	0	-2
TOTALS	281	606 - 2791	4.6	210 - 358	2750	21	249	433 - 1695	3.9	259 - 475	3093	25	-2
AVERAGES	21.6	47 - 215	4.6	16 - 28	212	1.6	19.2	33 - 130	3.9	20 - 37	238	1.9	-0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-15'	31-21	L
at Michigan	+1	3-27	L
Wyoming	-14'	20-19	L
Texas A&M	-3	10-16	L
at Oklahoma St	-3	29-33	L
Kansas	-16'	42-6	W
at Texas	-5	47-30	W
Missouri	-14	31-41	L
at Iowa St	-19'	43-38	L
at Kansas St	+9'	20-37	L
Nebraska	+21	24-27	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	+3'	42-14	W
Fresno St	-21	29-21	L
Utah St	-24	25-6	L
Baylor	-15'	18-16	L
at Oklahoma	-4	27-25	L
Kansas St	+14'	9-16	W
Texas Tech	-5	19-17	L
at Kansas	-7	17-33	L
at Missouri	+5	14-38	L
Iowa St	-16'	37-8	W
at Nebraska	+20	14-16	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-13	14-41	L
San Jose St	-24	63-35	W
Kansas	-16	51-17	W
at Washington	-3'	24-31	L
Missouri (OT)	-12	46-39	L
at Texas Tech	-5	10-31	L
at Iowa St	+3	16-12	W
Oklahoma	+4'	38-24	W
at Kansas St	+16	14-20	W
at Baylor	-21'	37-0	W
Nebraska (OT)	+14'	30-33	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-4'	24-28	L
at USC	+7	14-17	W
Washington	-4'	14-17	L
Kansas St	+6'	21-44	L
at Texas A&M	+8	26-19	W
Texas	-1	14-28	L
at Kansas	-1'	15-23	L
Oklahoma St	-11	37-21	W
at Missouri	-6'	28-18	W
Iowa St	-5'	27-35	L
at Nebraska	+26'	32-34	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-8'	22-24	L
† Colorado St	-4	41-14	W
San Jose St	-16	51-15	W
Kansas	-25'	27-16	L
at Kansas St	+10	16-6	W
Texas A&M	-8'	31-21	W
at Texas	+11	7-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-10	22-19	L
Missouri	-13'	38-24	W
at Iowa St	-4'	40-27	W
Nebraska	+9'	62-36	W

IOWA ST CYCLONES

Multi-talented QB Seneca Wallace pilots a potent 'Clones attack.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Cyclones had to replace Sage Rosenfels, who was the #4DC of Washington. He was a prototype QB with NFL size and arm strength who threw for 2,606 yards (10-12 ratio) with 467 yards rushing. Only one QB returned last year with experience and that was Gerrin Scott who had attempted only two passes in 2000. Scott eventually left the squad due to a back injury. Seneca Wallace (PS#19JC) took all the snaps as the #1 QB in the spring of 2001. Wallace originally signed at Oregon St as a DB and his best asset is his mobility. Nebraska DC Bohl said that he was like trying to tackle the wind and compared him to Eric Metcalf. Wallace played one year of QB at JUCO and last year had a tremendous season, throwing for 2,328 yards (62%) with an 11-9 ratio while rushing for 691 yards. In Wallace's toughest four games in the second half of the season he hit 78 of 121 (64.4%), so it was not just the level of competition inflating his numbers. He could be the best QB in the Big 12 this year. Cris Love (6-5 210 So) is more in the mold of Rosenfels and was just PS#250, completing 43% for 1,412 yards as a senior in HS while also running hurdles on the track team. He hit 60.7% in 5 games of mop up duty here last year. JUCO Dustin Ochs (6-1 190 Sr) enrolled in June of last year and was the #3 QB. He was PS#174JC, throwing for 2,308 yards (58%) with 15 TD's in 2000. Waye Terry threw for 2,249 yards (55.3%) with 28 TD's and 410 yards rushing at JUCO last year but will likely redshirt. True frosh Austin Flynn (PS#35) is the highest rated frosh QB here in a long time and ran an identical offense in HS. Eric Perry (5-9 190 So) was the Offensive Scout Team MVP in 2000. Ben Stover (6-1 223 rFr) was PS#262. As long as Wallace stays healthy, this unit looks even stronger in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Dan McCarney has done an excellent job at developing RB's. Troy Davis set a slew of records during his stay in Ames including a couple of 2,000 yard seasons and his brother Darren rushed for 3,763 yards in his career. They have actually had a 1,000 yard rusher in all seven of his years here and have led the Big 12 in rushing four times (yes, Nebraska is still in the Big 12!). ISU's TB's have fumbled just 4 times in 1,953 touches. Ennis Haywood (5-11 220) rushed for his second straight 1,000 yard season with 1,294 yards (4.7) last year. Haywood averaged just 54 ypg vs bowl opponents during the regular season of 2001 and 150 ypg vs everyone else. He did run for 125 yards in the bowl. Haywood missed one game in 2000 and Mike Wagner rushed for 170 yards (an ISU frosh record) vs Okla St in his place. Wagner was the #3 rusher last year with just 115 yards (2.4). JaMaine Billups (PS#43DB) played eight games as a true frosh with a 72 yard PR TD in the bowl game. Last season he had just 20 rushes for 49 yards (2.5) due to some fumbling problems in practice. Hiawatha Rutland (6-0 202 Jr) has 158 yards rushing in 2 years. Rutland ran for 104 yds in the spring game. FB Joe Woodley (5-10 227 Jr, PS#126LB) saw time at FB and LB in spring. I do not list a FB in the 2 deep because they generally start 3 WR's so Woodley's backups are Frank Garcia (5-8 231 Jr, PS#215) and Matt Grosserode (5-10 218 So, PS#188DB). I list the 2 deep below and although Haywood will be very tough to replace, McCarney has capable players and has shown the ability to uncover a 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - Last year Iowa St had to replace their top 2 receivers who combined for 98 rec's. They did return the #3 and #4 rec's including Lane Danielsen, a walk-on who has 4.34 speed and a 390 bench which are outstanding numbers for the 6-0 195 junior. This year they must replace WR Craig Campbell (11 sts, HM B12, 38 rec's, 15.7), TE Mike Banks (#7DC of ARZ, 11 sts, 26 rec) as well as some backups. They do return their leading receiver in Danielsen and have a little more experience. I look for Wisconsin transfer Lance Young to make a much bigger impact this year as he went into a funk after dropping a TD pass vs Colorado last year and finished with just 9 rec's. After the spring game McCarney said, "It's the best group of receivers we've had since I've been here." Both returning starters are ex-walk-ons but this is a solid group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Former OC Steve Loney was a long time OL coach here before leaving to take a job with the Minnesota Vikings. As mentioned in the RB's, they have put up some very solid rushing numbers. In 2000 they averaged 4.9 ypc rushing and allowed a minuscule 7 sacks, the 2nd fewest in the NCAA. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but had 6 of the top 10 back. Projected starting LG Kerry Carlson and his backup TJ Woods were both JUCO transfers who were in for the spring last year but left prior to the season, forcing soph Bob Montgomery into the starting lineup. Last year the ypc rushing dropped to 4.2 and the sacks rose to 18. This year they once again lose 3 starters in RG Lorenzo White (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Cory Hannen (12 sts) and LT Marcel Howard (12 sts, 3 yr st'r). Backup LT Jared Bucksa and backup C Brian Donahue also depart so only 5 of the top 10 are back. This year's unit also has just 1 senior, 2 juniors and 2 sophs (3 Sr's each last 2 years). I list 4 JUCO's in the 2 deep below and all will contend for starting jobs although McCarney seemed pleased with the OL as it was comprised in the spring. Despite having an equal loss in the amount of starters this unit is a little less experienced and they also suffer a big loss with Loney's departure.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It is taking some time for McCarney to build a powerful defensive front. After yielding 5.7 ypc in both 1995 and 1996 they trimmed it to 4.4 in 2000 but last year had to replace 3 full-time starters, 2 of whom were NFL DC's, as well as a backup with 3 starts. All 4 departing players attended NFL training camps. As expected, the rush D took a step backwards but not as far as expected as they yielded 4.7 ypc and recorded 21 sacks. This year they must replace NG William Judd (10 sts, 57 tkls, 2 sks), DE Kevin DeRonde (12 sts, 74 tkls, 3.5 tfl), backup DT Kevin Hines (3 tkls) and backup NG Paul Jarrett (2 sts, 12 tkls). This year's group does have a lot more experience and gets a couple of JUCO's added to the mix including Federico Samuel. Samuel and Jordan Carstens are a couple of 300 pounders in the middle that should shore up the rush D. Also, rFr Cephus Johnson had 4 tackles in the first game as a true frosh last year but then was injured and ended up becoming the Scout Team Defensive POY and McCarney says "he will be special." VHT DE Tyson Smith is bigger and stronger and could have a monster year. Despite the losses, this unit is more experienced and has the makings of a line capable of producing the lowest ypc in McCarney's 8 year tenure.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cyclones had to replace 4 players who combined for 30 starts in this unit as well as a backup but had 4 players back with starting experience although LB Tyson Smith was moved to DE. One of those experienced players, Chris Whitaker (6 sts in '99 & 2000), tore his ACL in the first game and missed the rest of the year. Jeremy Loyd and Matt Word both did well in their first year as starters, both earning HM Big 12 honors. This year they must replace WLB Justin Eilers (12 sts, 96 tkls, #2 tkl'r, 4 tfl) and OLB Andrew Moser (17 tkls, 1 tfl). Loyd and Word are both back while the 3 backups last year were all frosh & they add in a solid JUCO. I list the 2 deep below and this unit looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ISU's best finish in my pass D rankings under McCarney was #54 in 1999. Despite having 7 players back with starting experience the next year they surprisingly slipped to #67. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 36 starts so they basically had just 1 starter returning. They also only had 1 upperclassmen in the entire secondary. Surprisingly, they moved up to #62, allowing 56.3% but with a 10-19 ratio and the 19 int's were the most since the Cyclones snared 22 in 1976. This year they lose only SS Adam Runk (12 sts, 92 tkls, 5 int's, 5 pbu, 3rd Tm B12). Not listed below are Bryan Ollie (5-8 181 Jr, PS#176) and BJ Johnson (5-8 171 rFr, PS#179). The replacement SS is Anthony Forrest who McCarney says "may be the best all-around DB on the team right now." While Runk is a big loss, this unit is far more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - McCarney's special teams units have had an ebb and flow with high finishes in my rankings at #35 and #51 in '96 and '98 and lows at #109 and #101 in '97 and '99. After a #73 finish in 2000 they had to replace their P, K, top PR and KR. McCarney stresses blocked kicks and they have registered quite a few in his tenure but surprisingly had no punt blocks last year. Tony Yelk (PS#9) is an excellent punter, averaging 44.1 with a net of 37.9. He had a pretty good start on FG's but then went 0 for 4 vs A&M and lost confidence down the stretch and ended up hitting just 10 of 23. He, of course, had a key "miss" on the final play of the bowl (which looked good). JUCO Adam Benike, who had a 50 yard FG at JC, won the K job during the spring but Yelk is expected to try the long range FG's. Troy Blankenship (PS#48) should also contend. The PR's are normally weak under McCarney due to his emphasis on blocking punts but last year Michael Wagner averaged 10.4 on 16 returns. He is back as are all of the top KR's but their 15.5 overall average is very poor. ISU finished #68 in my special teams rankings and with everyone back they should move up the charts in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Patience can be a virtue. It took Dan McCarney 6 years at ISU before he finally broke through with a winning season in 2000 as they finished 9-3 including a bowl win over Pitt. Last season the record dipped a little to 7-5 but it was yet another successful year as they made it to the Independence Bowl vs Alabama. In that game Tony Yelk's final FG attempt can clearly be disputed and I know it looked good to ISU fans, but it was ruled wide left and they lost by 1 point. For the first time in school history, ISU had 6 straight games in which they scored 30+ points. After going 8-35 his first 43 games, McCarney is now 20-15 his last 35. Last year's team had the fewest amount of returning starters (9) in the Big 12 and had to replace the most lettermen (27) and had an inexperienced QB. Of their top 46 players last year, 30 were frosh and soph's so a winning record was clearly an accomplishment. Beside Bama, ISU had another tough loss when they outgained Texas A&M 445-312 but 4 missed FG's and a fumble at the goal line that was returned for a TD hurt them. Still it was an ISU team that benefitted from +13 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on pg 295). They outgained league foes by an average of 31.2 ypg which is impressive because Oklahoma only outgained league foes by an average of 56.5! ISU has also remained remarkably healthy the last 2 years and it will be interesting to see how well they handle adversity if injuries crop up. This year they have just 5 starters back on offense but since one of them is QB Seneca Wallace, they should be able to top last year's 25.8 ppg. In McCarney's first year they were #108 in the NCAA's overall defensive rankings but finished #36 last season in yards allowed (#44 in my rankings). They have 7 starters back on that side of the ball and could have McCarney's best defense yet. The non-conf schedule is manageable (with the exception of Florida St). They have beaten Iowa four consecutive years which has really helped their instate recruiting. Unfortunately, they draw Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas out of the Big 12 South. McCarney could never win on the road early in his tenure but they have actually won 8 of their last 11 road games and they have 7 true home games this season. As long as ISU can win its home games against beatable Big 12 foes Kansas, Texas Tech and Missouri, they have a solid shot at a 3rd consecutive winning season.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB SENECA WALLACE SR. 5-11 193 PS#19JC. 12 sts here LY, 2328 yds (61.7%), 11-9 ratio, 691 yds rush, Big 12 Newcomer of Year. Cris Love (6-5 210 So) 181 yards LY.

TB JaMaine Billups Jr. 5-8 202 PS#43DB. 172 yds total off LY. **Mike Wagner** (5-7 188 Jr) PS#57. 1 st, 543 yds (3.8). 273 return yds, 3Y. Hiawatha Rutland (6-0 202 Jr).

WR Lance Young Jr. 6-0 170 PS#123 & orig at Wisky. 9 rec (11.3) here LY. Jamaul Montgomery (6-0 197 Jr) PS#205. 20 rec (9.7) LY. Ryan Flannigan (6-2 209 rFr) PS#126.

WR LANE DANIELSEN JR. 6-0 195 **4.34 spd**, 390 bench! 12 sts LY, #1 w/54 rec (13.9), 105 yds rush. Todd Miller (5-8 170 So) PS#156RB. Jesse Arnold (6-3 203 Sr) PS#255.

WR JACK WHITVER JR. 5-10 181 8 sts LY, 25 rec (13.5). David Banks-Bursey (5-8 172 Jr) 38 rec (16.4) at JC in 2000. RS LY. 7 rec & 157 yds in spg gm. Jon Davis (6-3 185 Fr) +17 lbs since Jan!

TE Kyle Knock Sr. 6-2 262 1 st in 2000, 5 rec (14.4). 4 sts LY, 5 rec (11.8). Brett Kellogg (6-2 252 So) PS#100LB. Kenny Segin (6-4 249 Sr). Rashaad Rasberry (6-3 244 rFr) PS#131.

C ZACH BUTLER SR. 6-3 292 PS#120OL. 4 sts at C as rFr. Backup in 2000. 12 sts at C in 2001, 2 letters, Captain. Matt Bockes (6-0 280 Jr), 2 letters as long snapper.

RG Luke Vander Sanden So. 6-2 295 PS#136DL. 2nd string as rFr but DNL. **Collin Menard** (6-3 306 Jr) **PS#79JC,** in for spring. Joseph Johnson (6-1 285 rFr) PS#298.

LG BOB MONTGOMERY JR. 6-2 306 PS#449. 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts at LG LY, 2L. Dwayne Johnson (6-1 321 Sr) Late JC signee LY. Gerald Johnson (6-1 289 rFr) PS#292.

RT Cale Stubbe So. 6-3 285 PS#361LB. 4 tkls as rFr at NG. Mohsen Hmoud (6-4 320 Jr) PS#390JUCO. Injured in spring. Kory Pence (6-4 317 Fr) PS#475 in 2001.

LT Casey Shelton Jr. 6-5 284 **PS#40DL**. 1 tkl at DE as rFr. 2nd string LT LY, lettered. Curtis James (6-5 321 Jr) PS#214JC. Emmanuel Valcourt (6-5 305 Jr) PS#370.

K Adam Benike Jr. 5-10 220 PS#110JC. 50 yd FG at JC in 2000. Tony Yelk (6-0 201 So) PS#9K. 71% TB's in HS. 10 of 23 FG's as rFr, long of 47. 2 of 9 from 40+.

DE TYSON SMITH JR. 6-2 230 **PS#26LB**. 5 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 63 tkls, 3.5 tfl, 13 QBH. **Beau Coleman** (6-1 239 Sr) **PS#44JC**. 45 tkls, 1 sk, 8 QBH, 400 bench. Shares job w/Smith.

NG Federico Samuel Jr. 6-2 323 PS#339JC, in for spg. Brent Nelson (6-3 278 So) 2nd string OG in 2001. #1 NG & scholarship in spg. Andy Leaders (6-2 265 So) PS#186LB.

DT JORDAN CARSTENS JR. 6-5 300 4.85 spd, +63 lbs in 3Y. 1 st as rFr, 48 tkls, 2 tfl. 12 sts LY, **3rd Tm B12**, 89 tkls, 3 sks, co-Def MVP. Tim TeBrink (6-3 267 So) PS#169, 12 tkls as rFr.

DE Cephus Johnson rFr. 6-2 230 PS#196, 4 tkls as true in 1 game until inj and RS. **Shaheed Richardson** (6-4 250 Jr) **PS#191, 7.5 sks at JC LY**. Landon Schrage (6-4 223 rFr).

OLB JEREMY LOYD SR. 6-2 230 PS#169JC. 12 sks at JC in 2000. 12 sts LY, 78 tkls, 7.5 tfl, HM B12. Jamar Buchanan (6-1 220 rFr) PS#246. Eric Anderson (6-0 218 So). 9 tkls as true.

MLB MATT WORD SR. 6-0 225 22 tkls as true. 4 sts in 2000, 73 tkls, 6 tfl. 12 sts LY, 117 tkls, 12.5 tfl. HM Big 12. Chris Whitaker (5-10 222 Jr) 6 sts in '99 & 2000, 72 tkls, 9 tfl, inj'd LY.

WLB Brandon Brown So. 5-10 220 PS#181. 16 tkls, 1 sk as **true. Max Steward** (6-3 220 Jr) PS#136JC, 143 tkls, 13 sks at JUCO. Kyle Smith is PS#93DL. Jimmy Morris is PS#90.

CB HAROLD CLEWIS JR. 5-8 190 PS#275. 10 sts LY, 34 tkls, 2 int, 1 pbu. Johnny Smith (5-9 170 Jr) 3 sts LY, 25 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Henry Poullard (5-8 166 So) PS#170. 3 gms LY.

CB ATIF AUSTIN SR. 5-7 179 PS#263RB. 9 sts, 39 tkls, 2 pbu in '99. 10 sts, 1 int, 6 pbu in 2000. 11 sts, 57 tkls, HM B12 LY. Ellis Hobbs (5-7 183 So) PS#147RB. 17 tkls as true.

SS Anthony Forrest So. 6-0 192 PS#301. 54 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu as rFr. TJ Klith (5-8 198 rFr) PS#130RB. Amecus Daniels (5-10 175 So) PS#366JC. CS Northridge prior to JC.

FS MARC TIMMONS JR. 5-8 162 2 sts in 2000, 58 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu. 12 sts LY. 83 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Nick Linder (5-10 187 Jr) 3 tkls LY. Steve Paris (6-1 193 rFr) PS#251DB.

P TONY YELK SO. 6-0 201 PS#9K. 48 punts as rFr. 44.1 avg and net of **37.0**, HM Big 12. Casey Baldwin (6-2 211 Jr). Troy Blankenship (6-0 196 rFr) PS#48K.

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DL	Kyle Smith 6-2 215 PS#93	
DL	Seth Zehr 6-5 240 PS#97	
LB	Jimmy Morris 6-2 205 PS#90	
LB	Max Steward 6-3 220 PS#136JC	
OL	Cory Wierson 6-5 290 PS#151	
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IOWA ST CYCLONES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ISU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 24	† Florida St (Eddie Robinson Classic)	G						Iowa St is just 1-9 SU but 8-2 ATS their last 10 vs Oklahoma. Cyclones are 5-7 ATS (but 4-0 L4Y) in lined road openers. In Dan McCarney's 4 trips to Nebraska his tm has been outscored 170-14 in the 1H.
Aug. 31	Kansas	G						Iowa St is 2-1 SU, but 0-3 ATS in August games. This is Iowa St's 1st meeting vs an ACC team in over 20 years.
Sep. 7	Tennessee Tech	G						Iowa St is 7-2 ATS at home vs Kansas since 1983. The visitor is only 2-8-1 ATS in this series.
Sep. 14	at Iowa	G						Tenn Tech was 7-3 overall LY and is a member of the Ohio Valley Conf. Won't apply: Iowa St is 5-0 ATS their last 5 tries as a home favorite.
Sep. 21	Troy St	G						Cyclones are 7-12 ATS the last 19 vs Iowa, but 4-0 SU and ATS the L4Y. The favorite is 8-3 ATS in the last 11 renewals of this rivalry.
Sep. 28	Nebraska	G						Iowa St is 11-5 ATS as a double digit favorite since 1986. ISU is 3-0 ATS the L/3 following Iowa, this is the 1st meeting between these 2 tms.
Oct. 5								ISU is 1-13 SU and 4-9-1 ATS vs Nebraska since 1988. Cyclones are 21-14 ATS as a home dog since 1992, but were 4-8 L4Y.
Oct. 12	Texas Tech (HC)	G						The Cyclones are 0-4 SU all-time vs Texas Tech & 0-2 ATS since 1998. Iowa St is 7-3 ATS in their last 10 Homecoming games.
Oct. 19	at Oklahoma	G						Pending LW's result, ISU is 7-4 ATS in their last 11 October games. ISU is 1-9 ATS in the 1st of back to back away games since 1991.
Oct. 26	at Texas	G						Pending earlier results, ISU is 10-16-1 ATS on the Big 12 road but was 6-2 L2Y. Iowa St is 8-4 ATS in the 2nd of back to back away games since 1990.
Nov. 2	Missouri	G						Iowa St is 7-4 ATS (3-0 L3Y) vs the Tigers. The visitor is 15-7 ATS in the last 22 series meetings.
Nov. 9	at Kansas St	A						Cyclones are 2-5-1 ATS in November road games the last 5 years. Iowa St is 5-4 ATS (1-3 L4Y) vs KSU and 2-5 ATS their last 7 in Manhattan.
Nov. 16	at Colorado	G						ISU is 8-4 ATS their last 12 against Colorado. The underdog is 8-3 ATS in this series (CU was favored in 10 of those gms).
Nov. 23	Connecticut	G						This is Connecticut's 1st meeting with a Big 12 team. Iowa St is 9-2 ATS in their last 11 home finales.

DAN McCARNEY (Career 29-50)
8th Year at Iowa State

McCarney's records AT IOWA ST

29-50	Straight Up	9-5	Home Favorite
36-36-1	Vs The Spread	13-11	Home Dog
19-23-1	Off A S/U Loss	6-0	Away Favorite
27-27-1	Vs Conference	8-20-1	Away Dog
		9-9	Vs Non-Conf

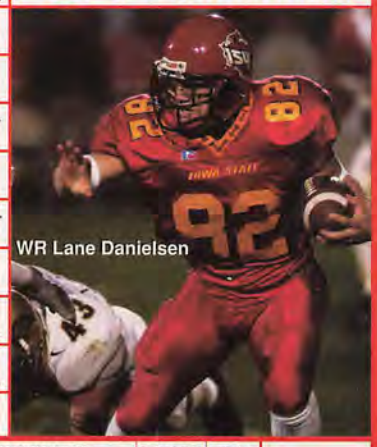
2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (13,17,2)
Lost: 18 (9,8,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,172

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


WR Lane Danielsen

STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (43,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	1-10	3-8	4-7	8-3	7-4	28-49
ATS	3-7	7-3	3-8	4-7	5-4-1	7-4	7-3	36-36-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-0	9-5
Home Dog	2-2	4-0	3-1	1-3	2-1	0-2	1-2	13-11
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	2-0	6-0
Away Dog	0-4	2-3	0-6	2-3	1-2-1	1-1	2-1	8-20-1
Favorite	1-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	6-1	4-0	15-5
Dog	2-6	6-3	3-7	3-6	3-3-1	1-3	3-3	21-31-1
Grass	0-2	5-1	3-5	4-5	5-2	6-3	6-2	29-20
Artificial	3-5	2-2	0-3	0-2	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	7-16-1
vs Conf	3-4	6-2	3-5	2-6	3-4-1	5-3	5-3	27-27-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	9-9
Off SU Win	1-2	2-0	0-1	1-1	3-1	4-3	5-1	16-9
Off SU Loss	2-4	4-3	3-6	3-5	2-3-1	3-0	2-2	19-23-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ennis Haywood	278	1354	60	1294	14	4.7
Seneca Wallace	**121**	**691**	**208**	**483**	**7**	**4.0**
Michael Wagner	**48**	**130**	**15**	**115**	**1**	**2.4**
Lane Danielsen	**8**	**107**	**2**	**105**	**1**	**13.1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Seneca Wallace	**311**	**192**	**61.7**	**2328**	**11**	**9**
Cris Love	**28**	**17**	**60.7**	**181**	**1**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Lane Danielsen	**54**	**751**	**13.9**	**4**	**51**
Craig Campbell	38	595	15.7	2	39
Mike Banks	26	231	8.9	0	23
Jack Whitver	**25**	**338**	**13.5**	**3**	**54**
Ennis Haywood	25	172	6.9	0	20
Jamaul Montgomery	**20**	**194**	**9.7**	**0**	**30**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Tony Yelk	**48**	**2115**	**44.1**	**–**	**37.0**	**0**	**17**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tony Yelk	**4-6**	**4-8**	**2-9**	**0-0**	**10-23**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Word	**117**	**5**	**7.5**	**1**	**1**
Justin Eilers	96	1	3	1	1
Adam Runk	92	2	1.5	5	5
Jordan Carstens	**89**	**3**	**1**	**25**	**0**
Marc Timmons	**83**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**2**
Jeremy Loyd	**78**	**3**	**4.5**	**10**	**2**
Kevin DeRonde	74	2	1.5	0	0
Tyson Smith	**63**	**1**	**2.5**	**13**	**1**
Atif Austin	**57**	**0**	**1.5**	**10**	**0**
Willie Judd	57	2	0.5	0	0
Anthony Forrest	**54**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**1**
Beau Coleman	**45**	**1**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Harold Clewis	**34**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**2**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Wagner	**16**	**167**	**10.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hiawatha Rutland	**7**	**111**	**15.9**	**0**
Michael Wagner	**6**	**106**	**17.7**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
72	Liberty	NL	Georgia Tech	30-31	–
77	Peach	-2'	N Carolina St	14-24	L
78	All-American	+6'	Texas A&M	12-28	L
00	Insight.com	+2	Pittsburgh	37-29	W
01	Independence	+6	Alabama	13-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

IOWA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	25.8	22	182	4.2	209	60.6	15.2	+13	2001	3	20.4	19	191	4.6	149	56.3	16.7
7*	28.6	21	196	4.9	223	52.9	14.7	+5	2000	7	26.8	22	192	4.4	221	49.9	15.4
6	22.5	20	200	4.5	174	53.9	16.7	-10	1999	9	24.7	19	203	4.9	149	53.4	14.2
6*	20.1	19	130	3.6	207	50.1	16.8	-9	1998	8	29.8	21	228	4.8	180	54.8	13.7
6	19.5	18	93	2.6	208	47.7	15.5	-12	1997	8	44.8	21	247	5.4	192	62.8	9.8
8*	28.5	20	238	5.0	137	53.1	13.1	+3	1996	7	36.5	26	262	5.7	222	61.5	13.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Iowa	16	45 - 249	5.5	9 - 18	88	1	17	41 - 183	4.5	10 - 30	116	2	+6
at Ohio U	29	53 - 308	5.8	15 - 28	250	0	17	44 - 285	6.5	8 - 12	151	1	-1
Baylor	27	48 - 179	3.7	24 - 29	330	1	18	27 - 13	0.5	27 - 40	177	0	+2
at Nebraska	20	38 - 122	3.2	13 - 29	214	3	25	54 - 359	6.6	11 - 16	117	0	-1
at Missouri	16	44 - 207	4.7	13 - 22	75	0	20	37 - 229	6.2	14 - 32	137	1	+2
Oklahoma St	30	58 - 285	4.9	16 - 19	150	0	18	18 - 42	2.3	24 - 39	234	1	+1
at Texas A&M	26	34 - 97	2.9	30 - 48	348	3	14	35 - 190	5.4	11 - 21	132	2	0
Kansas St	11	24 - 23	1.0	15 - 29	151	2	30	75 - 343	4.6	5 - 13	88	0	-4
Colorado	22	35 - 132	3.8	22 - 36	279	2	26	57 - 255	4.5	18 - 27	247	3	0
at Kansas	24	63 - 320	5.1	7 - 18	112	1	14	34 - 85	2.5	12 - 26	126	4	+5
Iowa	17	39 - 84	2.2	20 - 27	228	3	18	36 - 159	4.4	15 - 20	145	3	+2
†Alabama	23	32 - 172	5.4	25 - 42	284	2	15	39 - 150	3.8	11 - 19	119	4	+1
TOTALS	261	513 - 2178	4.2	209 - 345	2509	18	232	497 - 2293	4.6	166 - 295	1789	21	+13
AVERAGES	21.8	43 - 182	4.2	17 - 29	209	1.5	19.3	41 - 191	4.6	14 - 25	149	1.8	1.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-6	14-21	L
at Wyoming	+14'	10-56	L
at Minnesota	+9	29-53	L
Iowa	+27	20-63	L
at Missouri	+17	21-45	L
at Texas A&M	+33	17-56	L
Baylor	+3'	24-17	W
at Kansas	+9	24-34	L
Colorado	+19'	38-43	W
at Nebraska	+44	14-77	L
Kansas St	+26'	3-28	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-4'	21-31	L
at Iowa	+28	27-9	W
Ball St	-11	38-0	W
Texas Tech	+6	24-31	L
at Texas	+14	33-54	L
Missouri	+7	19-35	L
at Kansas St	+34	7-52	L
at Oklahoma	+7	14-17	W
Nebraska	+26	7-42	L
at Colorado	+16'	8-37	L
Kansas	+2'	23-20	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	33-7	–
Iowa	-4	17-10	W
at UNLV	-3'	24-0	W
Kansas St	+15	28-35	W
at Nebraska	+29'	14-49	L
at Missouri	+7'	24-21	W
Colorado	-3	12-16	L
Texas	+10'	41-44	W
at Texas Tech	+2'	16-28	L
Oklahoma	+7	10-31	L
at Kansas	+3	28-31	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-13'	25-15	L
UNLV	-11'	37-22	W
at Iowa	-3	24-14	W
at Baylor	-13'	31-17	W
Nebraska	+15'	27-49	L
at Oklahoma St	-6	33-26	W
Texas A&M	+3	7-30	L
Missouri	-10	39-20	W
at Kansas St	+19	10-56	L
at Colorado	+5'	35-27	W
Kansas	-8'	38-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	45-0	–
at Ohio U	E	31-28	W
Baylor	-15	41-0	W
at Nebraska	+23'	14-48	L
at Missouri	-2'	20-14	W
Oklahoma St	-8'	28-14	W
at Texas A&M	+6	21-24	W
Kansas St	+6	3-42	L
Colorado	+4'	27-40	L
at Kansas	-9'	49-7	W
Iowa	+4	17-14	W

MISSOURI TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Kirk Farmer split the QB duties with Jim Dougherty and got in one start, throwing for 513 yards (46%) while rushing for 122 yards before being lost with a broken leg vs Iowa St. In 2000 Missouri switched to the spread passing offense and Farmer threw for 669 yards (49%) with a 3-3 ratio while rushing for 183 yards in the first four games. He had rushed for 83 yards and passed for 214 by the middle of the 3Q against Nebraska but broke his collarbone and was lost for the season. He was replaced by Darius Outlaw (PS#67), who was recruited as the next Corby Jones. Outlaw, a big QB with good size and speed, started the final seven, throwing for 1,391 yards (47%) with a poor 9-16 ratio. He rushed for 523 yards and provided some offensive spark. Both Farmer and Outlaw returned last year but Farmer was the clear starter. He suffered a broken hand in August and missed the opener. He also hurt his ankle vs SW Texas St but returned the next week against Nebraska. Farmer started the final 9 and threw for 1,567 yards with a 13-6 ratio but completed just 47.4% while rushing for 417 yards. In the final 2 games he hit just 16 of 49 for 147 yards, greatly lowering his completion percentage. Outlaw started the first two games and then was brought in for the first series of the 2Q in the majority of the rest of the games. He threw for only 296 yards (44.4%) with a 2-3 ratio while rushing for 133 yards. He sat out the spring this year due to academics and Pinkel says he will return but at a different position. Pinkel brought in a pair of freshmen last year in Brad Smith (PS#136) and Santino Riccio (6-2 200 rFr, PS#191). Both spent the year with the scout team but also accompanied the team on road trips. Smith threw 100 passes a day in the offseason and was named the team's Most Improved Offensive Back in the spring. Pinkel placed Smith at the top of the depth chart during spring drills, but I project the veteran Farmer to win the job. Riccio has a lock on the #3 job. Since everyone is basically back and Farmer was banged up a good portion of the year, I will definitely call for improvement in the 2nd year of the new offense.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Zain Gilmore was the team's leading rusher and at 6-1 215 he ran a 4.4 40 and finished with 632 yards (4.5). Zack Abron (5-10 225 Jr) was nicknamed the "Bowling Ball" for his running style and size. He had some fumbling problems but still managed 4 starts with 502 yards (3.6) that year. Freshman Tyrone Roberson (PS#65) played immediately but he sprained an ankle early. He led the team in rushing with 51 yards vs Baylor. Last year Abron was, by far, the top back and despite a midseason ankle sprain which cost him a chance at 1,000 yards, he still finished with 783 (5.0) & made 9 starts. He's a power runner who lacks breakaway speed but did average 8.4 ypc vs Texas and had 101 yards on 15 attempts vs Kan St. Gilmore was a 3rd stringer early but had 107 vs Okla St. Gilmore is the only loss from the TB's and Roberson should be much more productive as a soph. Also in the mix is Tim Starks (6-1 205 Sr, PS#288). They also add in VHT RB Mario Whitney (PS#21) who averaged 9.3 ypc in his HS career. Whitney makes a nice change of pace back alternating with Abron as he had one of the USA's fastest times in the 100m (10.2) in an April track meet. This unit looks stronger.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Justin Gage (PS#75QB) moved over from QB and adapted well, becoming the Tigers' leading receiver and has been the team's offensive MVP the last two years. In 2000 he had 44 rec's (16.1). Last year they had to replace two of their four starters but had TE Dwayne Blakley back. Blakley went from the #3 receiver in 2000 to #2 with 34 (10.6). Pinkel signed some solid true frosh including Thomson Omboga (PS#39) who had 15 rec's (10.5). WR Tay Jackson was a starter at the beginning of the year but dropped two potential FD receptions vs Iowa St and fumbled a kickoff and was demoted. Marcus James, who originally was moved to CB at the start of the year, moved back to WR and started the final six games with six rec's (12.5). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Sean Coffey (6-6 220 rFr, PS#88), Arnold Britt (6-2 180 rFr, PS#114QB), Chris Crosby (6-3 200 rFr, PS#176) and Brandon Severino (6-3 205 Jr, PS#99). This year the losses are TE Blakley, TE Ben Davidson (1 rec) and RHB Joe Chirumbolo (7 sts, 6 rec) but four players are back with starting experience. With their top guy back in Gage (see "Hardcore Fans" article on pg 306) and much more production expected from Omboga, this unit looks stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - MU gave up a Big 12 record 13 sacks vs Colorado and 37 on the season in 2000 but improved their ypc rushing to 3.8. Last year they lost their top OL but still returned 4 starters to the lineup and the line was beefy, averaging well over 300 lbs. They did lose one returning starter in Adrian Cole to injury vs Kansas and Robert Droege filled in for him the rest of the way. Missouri's stats were incredible as they averaged 4.6 ypc rushing and led the Big 12 by allowing just 6 sacks on the entire season. Those are stats you would expect from a team that won 8 or 9 games (not a 4-7 team). This year they have some big losses in LT Aaron Crittendon (11 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 3 yr st'r), RT Justin Bland (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM B12), RG Mike Hayes (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM B12) and LG Cole (3 sts). There are a good deal of HT's and even some VHT's in the 2 deep below and while this year's line should be solid, it will be tough to match last year's outstanding numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers had a very experienced defensive front in 2000 and allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing, their best in a long time in a rugged Big 12 conference. Last year the losses were heavy as they lost their star DE, Justin Smith (1st round DC) as well as 2 other starters (both Big 12 honorees) and another part-time starter. The starters included players converted to the DL from RB and LB and one backup was lost for the season in the first game. Only one player on the DL returned with significant experience. Naturally it was easier to run the ball on Missouri as teams averaged 4.2 ypc rushing and the front put very little pressure on opposing QB's (16 sacks). This year the group should be in much better shape. Three starters return although Dan Davis (PS#21RB) who had 11 starts, 50 tackles and 6 tfl last year left the team in the spring (there is a slight chance that he could return). Also gone from last year's 2 deep is DT Chris Ryan (4 sts, 45 tkls, 3 tfl). I list the 2 deep below and there are plenty of HT's in the mix plus a super JUCO who was in for the spring and another JUCO who will be here in the fall. Also, OL Rusty Groth (PS#250) moved in. Almost every single one of the players is bigger and stronger after working hard in the weight room. I look for significant improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Last year MU changed their terminology to the 4-4-3 from the 4-3 but I list the WHIP position here at LB. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter due to graduation and had a lot of experience due to injuries suffered in 2000. A surprise came when Jamonte Robinson, who leaves as the #3 career tackler in MU history, lost his starting job for the final 3 games to rFr James Kinney, showing Kinney's promise for the future. This year 3 players with starting experience return and they get 5 outstanding rFr and a VHT true frosh added to the mix. The only losses are Robinson (8 sts, 121 tkls, 2nd Tm B12, 9 tfl), WHIP Kevin Johnson (5 sts, 52 tkls, 3 tfl) who unexpectedly left the team in spring, Sean Ain (21 tkls) and Duke Revard (7 tkls). This is the second year of the new 4-4-3 defense and with the new talent coming in, including JUCO Mau Uiagalelei, and some talented players returning as starters, this unit looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year the Tigers had to replace 1 starter and 2 players who combined for 2 starts but did get 2 starters returning and then brought in 2 super JUCO transfers who started immediately. However, the team had only 1 scholarship CB on the roster when Pinkel was hired and projected starter Terrence Curry went down to a serious injury prior to the season. Three of the 4 CB's in the spring were walk-ons. Pinkel wanted to upgrade the speed of the unit last year and true frosh signees Quincy Wade and AJ Kincade both were in the MO state finals in the 100m and both redshirted last year. JUCO CB RJ Jones (PS#51JC) missed 4-5 weeks in August but started the final 8 after recovering from an injury. Pinkel said that due to the injuries and inexperience they were basically unable to install nickel & dime coverages in 2001. In fact they only used a dime package once all season and they were shredded by Texas. Overall MU gave up 65% completions, 18 TD's and recorded just 6 int's to finish #110 in my rankings. They are now 3 deep at CB, have a solid SS and only have FS Clarence Jones (11 sts, 71 tkls, 4 pbu) to replace. I like the talent of the group below plus they add WR Brandon Barnes with his impressive 6-3 220 size and he won the FS job in spring. This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last season MU finished just #106 in my special teams rankings. Pinkel's final Toledo team was #45 in my rankings and he does put an emphasis on this area. Punters Brock Harvey and Jared Gilpin alternated and MU was dead last in the Big 12 in net punting and Pinkel signed P Gohsler who was #4 in JUCO's in 2000 in punting so that part of the team should be improved. Kicker Brad Hammerich was solid and also handled KO's but did miss 4 games (groin injury) which kept him out of Groza consideration. He hit 11 of 16 FG's with a long of 51. Justin Scott handled some KO's late in the year and despite all the changes the team surprisingly allowed just 19.5 per return, maintaining a tradition of being solid in KR coverage. Missouri has not had a KR for a TD since 1982. Marcus James was the top PR (9.7) and KR (18.4). Don't leave your seat when either team punts in a Missouri game as they have blocked 9 punts and had 7 blocked vs them in the last 4 years. Missouri blocked six kicks last year (2 FG's, 3 PAT's and 1 punt). The top 2 long snappers both must be replaced with soph's Zack Strom and Nick Tarpoff and Jr Scott Sells competing for the duty. Pinkel says that the rFr from last year will give this unit an upgrade in speed and with his emphasis on it, I expect major improvement in the special teams rankings, even with the loss of a solid kicker.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Pinkel had just 1 losing season at Toledo and was 38-9-1 in the regular season in league play over his last 6 years there. Toledo recorded more MAC wins and overall wins than any school in the conference in the length of his tenure (9 years). He did inherit 14 returning starters and only lost 16 lettermen here last year but the team showed some poor conditioning down the stretch and were outscored 102-47 in the 4Q. After the season, Pinkel said the team was "one of the slowest, weakest, unquick teams in the Big 12." Naturally he spent a lot of time in the offseason trying to get the players to buy into his program. This is a school that has had just 2 winning seasons since 1983. Last year they did outplay Iowa St with a 366-282 yard edge but lost and also led Colorado 14-0 in the 2Q. The 4-7 record was an improvement from 2000 by 1 game. The Pinkel era did not get off to a great start last year when they stunningly lost to Bowling Green from the MAC but they still managed a 3-5 record to tie Kansas St for 4th place in the North. This year the non-conf slate is very manageable and they could open with a 3-1 or 4-0 record and that means they should be able to improve on last year's 4 win total. This year Missouri has 14 starters returning and I rate them as the 2nd most improved team in the league. Probably the key to the season will be their Nov 2nd contest at Iowa St. A win there would have them flirting with a winning record and moving up to the middle of the Big 12 North.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KIRK FARMER SR. 6-4 215 *PS#69, 4.56. 4 sts in 2000. 669 yds (49%) 3-3 ratio. 9 sts LY, 1567 yds (47%) 13-6 ratio, 417 rush.* ***Brad Smith*** *(6-3 200 rFr) PS#136, strong arm.*

RB ZACK ABRON JR. 5-10 225 *4.6. 4 sts, 502 yds (3.6) in 2000. 9 sts LY (inj) 783 yds (5.0)* ***3rd Tm B12****. Mario Whitney is* ***PS#21****. Tyrone Roberson (5-10 190 So) PS#65, 181 yds.*

RHB JD McCoy Jr. 6-1 255 *PS#50TE. 1 st, 3 rec, 2Y. Most Improved TE in spg. TJ Leon (5-11 225 Sr). 4.4. 96 total yds, 2 sts, 8 gms in '99. 13 yds LY. 700 squat.*

WR JUSTIN GAGE SR. 6-4 210 *197 yds at QB in '99. 7 sts, 44 rec (16.1) in 2000.* ***1st Tm B12****, 74 rec (12.4) LY. Marcus James (5-8 170 Jr) PS#139, 6 sts, 6 rec LY.*

WR THOMSON OMBOGA SO. 6-2 190 ***PS#39****. 5 sts as true, 15 rec (10.5). Tay Jackson (5-9 185 Jr) PS#75, 5 sts, 11 rec (10.2) LY. Shirdonya Mitchell (6-0 180 Jr) PS#47,* ***4.32****, 6 rec LY.*

TE Ben Frederickson Sr. 6-4 255 *PS#52JC. 38 rec (12.4) at JC in 2000. 8 rec (8.6) here LY, solid blocker. Earl Stephens (6-4 260 rFr) PS#89. Zach Zwilling is PS#29.*

C A.J. RICKER JR. 6-4 295 *PS#61OL. 11 sts as rFr. 654 snaps. 45 KO's. 11 sts LY,* ***3rd Tm Big 12****, Rimington watch list. Scott Sells (6-5 285 Jr) PS#33TE, lettered.*

RG Joseph Gianino So. 6-3 285 *PS#304. 2nd string LY, 0 letters.* ***Wes Wilson*** *(6-3 300 Sr) PS#52, 2nd string LY, 450 bench,* ***800 squat****. Tony Palmer (6-3 300 rFr) PS#417.*

LG Cliff Young Jr. 6-2 295 *PS#225. 2nd string in 2001. 3 games at RT.* ***Howard Brown*** *(6-2 285 Jr)* ***PS#96OL*** *3 tkls at DL in 2001. JP Hall (6-2 290 Sr) 4 games 2Y.*

RT ROBERT DROEGE JR. 6-6 290 ***PS#23OL****, 11 gms, 200 plays, 18 KD's as rFr. 8 sts at LG in 2001 and moved to RT in spg. Scott Paffrath (6-5 290 So) added 40 lbs & speed.*

LT Howard Brissette Jr. 6-6 310 ***PS#66JC****, in for fall. Tony Clinker (6-4 290 So) 2nd string LY, 5 games, lettered.* ***Steven Sanchez*** *(6-4 310) PS#225JC. Orig at* ***UCLA****.*

K Alex Pettersen Fr. 6-4 180 *PS#48. Perfect on xp's in HS career but career long of just 35 on FG's. Ben Lambert (6-3 190 rFr). Todd Gohsler 9 of 15 FG's at JC LY.*

DE Atiyyah Ellison So. 6-4 290 *PS#77JUCO. Added 70 lbs as senior in HS. 57 tkls, 5 sks at JC LY, in for spg. Nicholas Tarpoff (6-3 250 So) PS#118, 1 st, 41 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr.*

NT CEDRIC HARDEN SR. 6-3 305 *5 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. 11 sts in 2000, HM Big 12, 41 tkls, 8 tfl. 8 sts LY, 67 tkls, 11 tfl. Phil Pitts (6-1 275 So) PS#112DL, 3 tkls, 4 gms as rFr.*

DT KEITH WRIGHT SR. 6-2 275 *PS#107JC. 14 sks, 17 tfl in '99 at JC, 11 sts here LY, 68 tkls, 10 tfl,* ***2nd Tm B12****. CJ Mosley (6-3 280 rFr) PS#199OL. Zaccheus Ville is PS#155JC.*

DE ANTWAUN BYNUM SR. 6-2 245 *PS#139JUCO. 15 sks at JC in '99, RS in 2000. 9 sts LY, HM Big 12, 54 tkls,* ***7 sks****, 9 tfl. Terrell Mills (6-2 240 So) PS#41TE, inj'd as rFr.*

BLB James Kinney So. 6-0 230 *PS#98.* ***L/3 sts*** *as rFr. 27 tkls, 2 tfl. Elgin Childress (6-2 220 rFr) PS#143. Brandon Smith (6-2 215 rFr) PS#313. Derrick Ming (5-11 230 rFr) PS#148.*

SLB SEAN DOYLE SR. 6-0 235 ***PS#32****. 2 sts, 34 tkls as true. 9 sts in 2000. 80 tkls, 15 tfl. 11 sts LY, HM B12,* ***131 tkls****, 5 tfl. Mau Uiagalelei PS#153JC. Henry Sweat (6-0 230 So) PS#122.*

WHIP GARY ANTHONY SR. 6-0 200 *PS#51JC. 6 sts in 2000, 54 tkls. 6 sts LY, 52 tkls, 2 tfl.* ***Dedrick Harrington PS#20****. Orlando Gooden (6-1 210 rFr) PS#108. Jason Simpson (6-1 190 rFr) PS#238DB.*

CB ANTOINE DUNCAN SR. 5-10 185 *4.4. 10 sts, 49 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu in 2000. 10 sts, 68 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu. AJ Kincade (5-11 180 rFr)* ***PS#64****, 4.4. Michael Harden (5-11 180 Jr) 4 sts, 26 tkls LY,*

CB R.J. JONES SR. 6-0 165 *6 int at JC, 4 TD's in 2000. 8 sts here LY (inj). 2 int, 5 pbu. Calvin Washington (6-1 190 So) PS#154. Terrence Curry (5-9 175 Jr) PS#75, 3 sts in 2000.*

ROV TAURAS FERGUSON SR. 5-11 205 *PS#134RB, JC, 4.4. 11 sts here LY, 71 tkls, 6 tfl, HM Big 12. Quincy Wade (5-9 175 rFr) PS#119DB. Marcus Caldwell (6-0 200 Jr) 9 tkls LY.*

FS Brandon Barnes Jr. 6-3 220 *PS#158WR. 1 st, 1 rec w/ankle inj in 2000. 4.5 speed. Marcus King (5-11 185 So) PS#313DB, 3 tkls LY. Justin Scott (6-1 200 rFr) PS#180.*

P BROCK HARVEY SO. 6-1 200 *PS#118QB. 42 punts in 2001, 39.5 avg & team net of 30.5.* ***Todd Gohsler*** *(6-1 200 Jr) PS#216JUCO. 39.5 average LY at JC,* ***42.6 avg*** *in 2000.*

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Mario Whitney 6-0 185 PS#21	
WR	Dedrick Harrington 6-4 220 PS#20	
OL	Howard Brissette 6-6 310 PS#66JC	
DT	Atiyyah Ellison 6-4 290 PS#77JC	
TE	Zach Zwilling 6-6 250 PS#29	
LB	Emmett Morris 6-0 215 PS#73	
OL	Joel Clinger 6-7 280 PS#110	
QB	David Overstreet 6-1 190 PS#68	
LB	Mau Uiagalelei 6-3 240 PS#153JC	
DL	Zaccheus Ville 6-2 270 PS#155JC	
PK	Todd Gohsler 6-1 195 PS#216JC	
OL	Steven Sanchez 6-4 310 PS#225JC	
QB	Brandon Coleman 6-4 205 PS#138	
DL	Phil Tizzio 6-6 285 PS#203	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MO	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	† Illinois (St Louis)	A						Tigers are 0-5 SU all-time in nationally televised games. Pinkel was 49-32-1 ATS in conference play while at Toledo. Missouri has lost 42 in a row SU to Top 10 teams since 1980.
Sep. 7	Ball St	G						Tigers are 2-8-1 SU but 6-4-1 ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1990. This is the first football renewal of the Braggin' Rights series since 1994.
Sep. 14	at Bowling Green	G						Missouri is 7-4 ATS the last 11 years in their 1st lined home game. MO is 3-1 SU & ATS vs MAC schools, 9-6 ATS overall L/15 vs non-conf foes.
Sep. 21								Should apply here: Tigers are 18-30-1 ATS their last 49 off a SU win. Missouri is 3-6 ATS in their last 9 road openers. Bonus: MO is 15-9 ATS in October the last 6 years.
Sep. 28	Troy St	G						In recent years, Troy St has upset Cincinnati, UAB, UCF and Miss St. Mizzou is 10-5 ATS their last 15 as a home favorite.
Oct. 5	Oklahoma	G						Missouri is 20-14 ATS their last 34 as a home dog. The Tigers are 3-10-1 ATS their last 14 vs Oklahoma.
Oct. 12	at Nebraska	A						Mizzou is 12-7 ATS their last 19 on artificial turf. MO is 13-24-2 ATS as a double digit away dog.
Oct. 19	at Texas Tech	A						Tigers have not suffered letdown, as they are 6-0 ATS their L/6 after Nebraska. Mizzou is 7-2 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.
Oct. 26	Kansas (HC)	G						Missouri is 11-4 ATS their last 15 as a conference favorite. MO now leads the oldest rivalry west of the Mississippi 51-50-9 SU.
Nov. 2	at Iowa St	G						Tigers are 9-15-1 ATS in their last 25 sandwiched road games. Missouri is 17-8 ATS in their last 25 November games.
Nov. 9	Colorado	G						The average score the last 6 years is 62 ppg in this matchup. The home team is 11-7 ATS the last 18 in this series.
Nov. 16	at Texas A&M	G						Tigers are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 road finales. MO came into 2002 with a 30-16 ATS mark their last 46 off a SU loss.
Nov. 23	Kansas St	G						Tigers have covered 7 of their last 10 home finales. MO is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS the last 7 years vs Kansas St.
Nov. 30								

GARY PINKEL (Career 77-44-3)

2nd Year at Missouri

Pinkel's records AT MISSOURI

4-7 Straight Up	1-1 Home Favorite
4-6 Vs The Spread	1-2 Home Dog
3-2 Off A S/U Loss	0-0 Away Favorite
4-4 Vs Conference	2-3 Away Dog
0-2 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 6* DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN: Returning: 35 (17,17,1) Lost: 21 (10,8,3)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,556

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM AT FAUROT FIELD (68,349)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	7-4	7-4	4-7	3-8	4-7	33-44
ATS	5-6	6-5	8-3	9-1	4-7	5-5	4-6	41-33
Home Fav	2-3	1-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	13-9
Home Dog	1-0	2-2	2-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	1-2	9-8
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	4-1
Away Dog	2-3	3-2	2-2	4-0	1-2	1-3	2-3	15-15
Favorite	2-3	1-1	4-0	4-1	3-3	2-1	1-1	17-10
Dog	3-3	5-4	4-3	5-0	1-4	3-4	3-5	24-23
Grass	3-3	4-5	5-1	7-1	4-5	4-5	2-4	29-24
Artificial	2-3	2-1	3-2	2-0	0-2	1-0	2-2	12-10
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	6-2	7-1	2-6	4-4	4-4	30-24
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	0-2	10-9
Off SU Win	0-2	1-3	3-3	6-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	14-16
Off SU Loss	4-4	5-1	4-0	2-0	2-4	4-3	3-2	24-14

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Zack Abron	157	819	36	783	6	5.0
Kirk Farmer	59	417	38	379	3	6.4
Zain Gilmore	90	357	10	347	1	3.9
Tyrone Roberson	44	192	20	172	0	3.9
Darius Outlaw	26	133	27	106	0	4.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kirk Farmer	285	135	47.4	1567	13	6
Darius Outlaw	81	36	44.4	296	2	3
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Justin Gage		74	920	12.4	5	43
Dwayne Blakley		34	362	10.6	4	28
Thomson Omboga		15	158	10.5	1	27
Tay Jackson		11	112	10.2	0	36
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**in20**
Brock Harvey	42	1660	39.5	–	–	0	7
Jared Gilpin	21	884	42.1	–	–	0	4
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Brad Hammerich	2-3	6-6	2-5	1-2	11-16	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Sean Doyle	131	0	5	0	0
Jamonte Robinson	121	1	9	0	0
Tauras Ferguson	71	2	4	3	0
Clarence Jones	71	0	1	4	0
Antoine Duncan	68	0	0	10	2
Keith Wright	68	2	8	2	1
Cedric Harden	67	2	9	2	0
Antwaun Bynum	54	7	9	0	0
Kevin Johnson	52	1	2	1	1
Gary Anthony	52	0	2	0	0
Dan Davis	50	2	4	1	0
Chris Ryan	45	2	1	1	0
Nick Tarpoff	41	0	4	0	0
James Kinney	27	1	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Marcus James	19	185	9.7	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Marcus James	23	424	18.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
80	Liberty	-4'	Purdue	25-28	L
81	Tangerine	+3	S Mississippi	19-17	W
83	Holiday	+2'	BYU	17-21	L
97	Holiday	+3'	Colorado St	24-35	L
98	Insight.com	-3'	W Virginia	34-31	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MISSOURI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	21.8	20	167	4.6	172	47.0	15.6	-1	2001	6	30.0	21	199	4.2	200	64.9	13.3
7*	23.2	18	154	3.8	197	46.9	15.1	-5	2000	7	31.6	21	159	3.5	208	52.7	11.6
4	20.4	20	160	3.5	178	46.8	16.6	-9	1999	5	33.7	17	153	4.1	197	54.4	10.4
6*	27.8	20	229	4.6	119	48.2	12.5	+8	1998	7	19.7	19	150	3.8	178	59.2	16.7
8*	30.7	22	257	5.1	141	48.4	13.0	+2	1997	6	32.6	21	204	4.8	202	52.7	12.5
9*	25.3	21	251	5.0	128	52.2	15.0	-15	1996	7	34.2	20	203	4.7	191	55.9	11.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Bowling Green	13	28-76	2.7	18-39	158	2	19	45-194	4.3	15-24	148	0	-2
SW Texas St	24	51-238	4.7	13-26	103	0	8	34-23	0.7	8-12	93	2	0
Nebraska	13	23-67	2.9	16-43	138	1	26	72-412	5.7	8-15	120	0	+2
at Oklahoma St	27	41-149	3.6	23-39	275	1	23	50-147	2.9	28-38	272	6	+2
Iowa St	20	37-229	6.2	14-32	137	1	16	44-207	4.7	13-22	75	0	-2
at Kansas	24	47-231	4.9	19-32	246	0	14	34-102	3.0	13-25	242	3	-2
Texas	16	26-147	5.7	9-28	97	1	25	46-192	4.2	24-30	229	1	-1
at Colorado	19	35-157	4.5	19-37	199	0	22	48-242	5.0	17-22	257	2	+2
Baylor	29	39-151	3.9	25-36	380	0	26	34-121	3.6	29-46	281	2	+1
at Kansas St	16	35-229	6.5	8-28	88	0	19	56-282	5.0	11-21	113	0	0
at Michigan St	16	40-167	4.2	10-30	74	0	29	52-264	5.1	17-27	375	0	-1
TOTALS	217	402-1841	4.6	174-370	1895	6	227	515-2186	4.2	183-282	2205	16	-1
AVERAGES	19.7	37-167	4.6	16-34	172	0.5	20.6	47-199	4.2	17-26	200	1.5	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Michigan	-16'	44-24	W
at Kansas	+2	7-15	L
at Tulsa	-5'	42-21	W
Ohio St	+15	10-31	L
Iowa St	-17	45-21	W
at Kansas St	+11'	11-41	L
Texas	+3'	37-29	W
at Oklahoma St (2OT)	+10	51-50	W
at Colorado	+14	41-31	W
Nebraska (OT)	+29	38-45	W
Baylor	-16'	42-24	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-25	37-0	W
Kansas	-17	41-23	W
at Ohio St	+24'	14-35	W
Northwestern St	NL	35-14	–
at Iowa St	-7	35-19	W
Oklahoma	-16'	20-6	L
at Nebraska	+19'	13-20	W
at Texas Tech	+1'	28-26	W
Colorado	-5	38-14	W
at Texas A&M	+6	14-17	W
Kansas St	+13	25-31	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	-22	31-28	L
W Michigan	-12'	48-34	W
Nebraska	+17	10-40	L
at Memphis	-2'	27-17	W
at Colorado (OT)	+12	39-46	W
Iowa St	-7'	21-24	L
at Kansas	-8	0-21	L
Texas Tech	-1	34-7	W
at Oklahoma	+11	0-37	L
Texas A&M	+7	14-51	L
at Kansas St	+26	0-66	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	50-20	–
at Clemson	+17'	9-62	L
Michigan St	+9'	10-13	W
at Nebraska	+32	24-42	W
Oklahoma St	-3	24-10	W
Kansas	-6'	17-38	L
at Texas	+23	12-46	L
at Iowa St	+10	20-39	L
Colorado	+6'	18-28	L
at Baylor	-12	47-22	W
Kansas St	+22	24-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-13	13-20	L
SW Texas St	NL	40-6	–
Nebraska	+24'	3-36	L
at Oklahoma St	+6'	41-38	W
Iowa St	+2'	14-20	L
at Kansas	+1	38-34	W
Texas	+21'	16-35	W
at Colorado	+13'	24-38	L
Baylor	-15	41-24	W
at Kansas St	+20	3-24	L
at Michigan St	+7'	7-55	L

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Kansas had the second worst pass efficiency rating in the Big 12 and last year had 2 QB's competing for the starting job. Zach Dyer (PS#82) got in 12 passes in 2000 with 84 total yards. He benches 325 and has 4.6 speed but does not have a major college arm. Mario Kinsey (6-1 190 rFr) was PS#54 and also played on Kansas' basketball team. Kinsey was suspended for the opener and Dyer threw for 231 yards against SW Missouri St, a school record for a 1st time starter. Dyer started vs UCLA but Kinsey got his first start vs Colorado as Dyer was bothered by a bruised sternum. Kinsey did not start vs Texas Tech (disciplinary) and then suffered a turf toe vs Oklahoma. Kinsey started the final 3 games of the Allen era but when interim coach Hayes took over he started Dyer vs Texas but then Kinsey got the last 2 starts. For the season Kinsey hit just 43.6% with a 7-11 ratio while rushing for 488. In one of new HC Mark Mangino's first acts he booted the talented but troubled Kinsey off the team. Dyer threw for 460 yards (48.3%) with a 3-4 ratio. Surprisingly Jonas Weatherbie (6-2 205 Sr) moved up to 3rd string and got in 2 games last year. He has 4 career pass attempts. Kevin Long (6-5 210 So) has a strong arm with 4.7 speed and is a rare VHT here. Long moved to TE during the spring of 2002. Coach Mark Mangino signed JUCO transfer Bill Whittemore who is very similar to his former pupil Josh Heupel, not only in height, weight and arm strength but also experience as he threw for 2,082 yards at JUCO last year prior to a shoulder injury. Arm fatigue limited his progress in spring but he should be 100% in the fall. Mangino was very impressed with Dyer's performance this spring, and he established himself as the starter, and the short passes in the spread offense make up for his lack of arm strength. I expect better numbers from the QB's this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Kansas had to replace their top 2 RB's last year but Reggie Duncan (PS#39) was a starter in 2000 when both were injured and rushed for 207 yards (3.8). Duncan benches 415 lbs and has 4.4 speed. He had some off-field problems which caused him to be suspended in the opener and also suffered from sprained ankles during the course of 2001. He did not have the type of year expected which was also due in part to a poor performance by the O-line. Duncan rushed for 739 yards (4.1). Daniel Coke (6-1 210 Jr) was PS#337DB. He's a big, powerful back but lacks speed. He started the opener and in 8 games last year had 74 yards rushing (2.4). Marshell Chiles (PS#56) was good enough to play as a true frosh. He got one start in nine games and rushed for 133 yards (3.9). He waited for medical clearance due to a narrowing of his spinal column but was cleared for the final 9 games. Harold McClendon (5-11 190 Jr) was PS#140 and had 34 yards rushing. Clark Green (PS#284RB) impressed Mangino enough to establish himself as the #2 TB in spring. When the team uses a FB they will use Austine Nwabuisi (6-1 230 So) who had 5 starts last year and 34 total yards. I like the Duncan/Chiles tandem and look for Duncan to be one of the Big 12's better backs this season provided he stays problem-free (injury and otherwise).

WR Harrison Hill

RECEIVERS - Coming into last year this looked like the strongest, most experienced position on the team. WR Termaine Fulton was healthy for the 1st time but then was in a car accident in August, hurting his wrist. WR Derick Mills led the team in receiving in the 1st game with 5 rec's, is a solid blocker and the team's fastest player. He did miss Kan St due to injury and got in just 2 starts. WR Harrison Hill, the team's top WR, was injured vs UCLA and missed the rest of the year but was granted a 6th year of eligibility. Fulton was also injured vs Oklahoma (separated shoulder) but continued to play. Kansas never went to their TE's until Adrian Jones caught a four yard pass against Kan St and he finished the season with 7 rec's. The unit was also short in stature although Byron Gasaway (6-4) had 18 rec's. The team's leading receivers, Roger Ross and Fulton, stood just 5'7" and 5'10". Ross (10 sts, 39 rec) and Fulton (11 sts, 30 rec) now depart. Everyone else is back plus they get the addition of Hill and I list the 2 deep below. Greg Heaggans (6-0 185 rFr) was PS#36QB and should be an interesting addition. This unit should be stronger in 2002 and with the new offense there will be a lot more opportunities with 2 of the 3 projected starters being VHT's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year they had to replace 2 starters and another who started 6 games but had 4 players back with 4 or more starts (combined for 25 starts) and brought in 4 JUCO's. Most of the JUCO's did redshirt and the line really struggled, as they averaged 2.9 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. This year they must replace Bob Smith (11 sts) RG Justin Hartwig (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, #6DC of TEN), C Nick Smith (10 sts), backup T Jawad Pearson, and C Jason Stevenson (2 sts). Two full-time starters return plus they get the benefit of those JUCO's from last year who should have a much bigger impact. This unit has about the same amount of experience as last season and with some added talent should be able to outperform 2001's underachieving unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups and allowed 4.4 ypc while the defense recorded just 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace only 1 starter and 1 backup and Allen brought in some top-notch JUCO's so they appeared to be in much better shape. However, one of the returning starters, DE De'Nard Whitfield, was ruled academically ineligible prior to the year so basically just 2 starters were back. Overall the unit allowed 4.9 ypc rushing and the defense recorded just 28 sacks. This year they must replace DT Nate Dwyer (#4DC of ARZ, 11 sts, 51 tkls, 9 tfl), DT Ervin Holloman (5 sts, 39 tkls, 1 tfl) and DT Marquis Hayes (4 sts, 46 tkls, 3 tfl). Looking at the talent on this year's DL, they actually have 3 VHT's. Teddleton gives them a large presence on the inside and he should be solidly improved after switching from the OL last year. While the experience level is about the same as last season, I like the added talent, and I think this unit will be much tougher in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - KU returned 2 starters last year including their #2 tackler and also brought in super JC transfer, Leo Etienne, who had 94 tackles and 8 tfl in his 1st year here. This year they must replace their all-time leading sacker in SLB Algie Atkinson (11 sts, 71 tkls, **11 sks**, 7 tfl) and MLB Marcus Rogers (9 sts, #1 tkl'r, 3 tfl, 1 int). Four of the top 6 LB's return and there are plenty of HT's in the 2 deep below and even a VHT rFr in Anthony Brown (PS#32). I like the overall talent level of this unit and while they are not as experienced as last year, keep in mind that Banks Floodman (PS#100DB) started the final 2 games of 2001 due to an injury at MLB. He was moved to SLB in spring to make room for PS#129JC Greg Cole.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Jayhawks had an experienced secondary in 2000 and finished #70 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including their #1 tackler but did have both CB's back. Surprisingly, they moved up to their highest finish in my pass D rankings at #46, allowing 53.1% with a 18-12 ratio. This year they must replace CB Andrew Davison (11 sts, 51 tkls, 3 int's, 12 pbu), FS Jamarei Bryant (11 sts, 85 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu), CB Quincy Roe (1 st, 19 tkls, 2 pbu) and FS Brandon Wier (16 tkls, 2 tfl). They do have 5 of the top 8 returning. While Davison was the team's top cover corner and Bryant finished #4 on the team in tackles, this unit looks just as experienced as it was heading into last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Jayhawks had blocked 7 punts the previous three years but did not get one in 2000 and it was a very poor year as they dropped all the way down to #106 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace their kicker and punter but did bring back their top returnman, Roger Ross. Ross once again led the team in PR's (10.8) and Fulton averaged 22.1 on KR's but both depart. They did get a solid addition in frosh kicker Johnny Beck, who nailed a NCAA frosh record 59 yard FG and hit 14 of 20 on the year. His strong leg was an asset. In 2000 Allen would spend 5 minutes at the end of practice on special teams but in 2001 they sometimes spent up to 25 minutes and used some starters on the units. Curtis Ansel won the punter job but he pulled a groin vs Colorado and missed seven games so Chris Tyrrell ended up being the main punter. Both are back this year and combined for a 34.5 net. Against Texas, long snaps hurt them as they had two partial blocks, one block and one dropped punt snap for a safety. Overall the unit finished #95 in 2001 and even with the loss of the returnmen, they should be better this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Terry Allen had 7 straight IAA playoff teams at N Iowa but struggled in his tenure here at Kansas. Last year was his 5th season here and it was clearly his worst as the team was outgained by an average of 219.5 ypg in league play and outscored by an average of 41.4 to 14.3 vs Big 12 foes (Ouch!). Last year's team did have to face UCLA, Colorado, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas but finished the year with an interim HC as Allen was fired with 3 games left. Things are changing all over as the new Head Coach Mark Mangino was Oklahoma's OC and brings over the spread offense. They will also have a new weight room at Kansas by this fall. Interestingly, a JUCO transfer last year said, "We had a better weight room at Coffeyville." Overall KU has just 10 starters back, the fewest in the league, and must replace 21 of 60 lettermen. As shown by the scoring deficit in last year's games, KU has a lot of ground to make up in the Big 12 brethren. Most of their winnable Big 12 games take place on the road. This looks like a clear rebuilding season as the team has few starters back and goes through major changes on both sides of the ball, making the matching of last year's 3 win season a tough proposition.

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OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Zach Dyer Jr. 6-3 205 PS#82. 4 sts LY, 460 yds (48%), 3-4 ratio, 87 yds rush. #1 QB in spg TY. Bill Whittemore (6-1 190 Jr) PS#80JC. 2082 yds (59%), 16 TD at JC LY.

FB REGGIE DUNCAN JR. 5-9 215 PS#39. 415 bench, 4.4 speed. 11 sts in 2 yrs, 946 yds (4.0), 635 squat. Marshell Chiles (5-9 190 So) PS#56, 1 st as true, 133 yds (3.9).

WR Greg Heaggans rFr. 6-0 185 **PS#36QB.** 4.49 spd. Brandon Rideau (6-3 170 So) 2 rec (27.5) as true. Marcellus Jones (5-11 195 Sr) 4.9% body fat. Dominic Roux is PS#68.

WR Harrison Hill Sr. 5-11 200 **PS#20.** 10 sts as rFr, 28 rec (14.0). 12 sts in '99, 29 rec (17.4). 10 sts in 2000, **47 rec** (12.6) HM B12. Derick Mills (5-7 165 Jr) 2 sts LY, 16 rec (16.8).

WR BYRON GASAWAY SR. 6-4 210 **PS#19.** 1 st as true, 12 rec (12.3). 1 st, 6 rec in 2000. 3 sts LY, 18 rec (11.1). Barry Goodrich (6-1 190 Sr) 4 sts, 1 rec LY. Jerome Lewis is PS#218. **4.38.**

TE ADRIAN JONES JR. 6-5 255 PS#91. 4.86 spd. 1 st, 7 rec (9.7) in 2001. **David Hurst** (6-3 260 Sr) PS#37TE. 23 sts, 13 rec 3Y, could move to DE. Kevin Long is PS#17QB.

C Justin Henry rFr. 6-3 250 #1 after spg. Greg Nicks (6-4 300 Sr) JC trans LY was #3 C and LS & lettered here. Joey Guzman (6-4 280 rFr) PS#122DL, moves to offense.

RG KYLE GRADY SR. 6-5 305 Lettered as rFr and Jr. 1 st in 2000, missed L/ 9 gms (inj). 10 sts at RG LY, 355 bench. Inj in spg. Tony Damiani (6-4 285 Sr) PS#450JC in 2000.

LG John Harvey Sr. 6-6 300 PS#63JC. 355 bench. 2nd string G here LY & lettered. Kregg Schmidt (6-3 285 Jr) PS#305OL. KS heavyweight wrestling champ in HS.

RT Tony Coker Jr. 6-6 320 **PS#98** in 2000. JUCO. Gabe Rosalis (6-5 295 Sr) 2nd string as rFr & lettered. 2nd string in 2000, 4 gms. 2nd string in 2001, 11 gms and 3L.

LT JUSTIN SANDS SR. 6-7 300 PS#119DL. 15 tkls, 1 sk in 1999. 4 sts at LG in 2000. 11 sts at LT in 2001, 585 squat. **Danny Lewis** (6-5 280 Jr) **PS#91JC,** RS last year.

K JOHNNY BECK SO. 6-1 205 PS#35K. 10 of 12 from 50+ in HS career. Hit 14 of 20 here LY & NCAA frosh record 59 yd FG! 9 of 12 from 40+, 2 of 2 from 50+! HM B12.

DE TRAVIS WATKINS SO. 6-4 270 **PS#62OL.** 10 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 2 sks. 1 tfl.

Cory Kipp (6-5 255 Jr) **PS#36LB in 1999** & originally at **Arizona.** 13 sks at JUCO, 4.6 speed.

DT Brock Teddleton Jr. 6-6 340 **PS#100JC.** 440 bench. Moved from OL to DL at end of LY, 8 tkls, 1 tfl, 570 squat. Tim Allen (6-0 260 rFr) PS#184. Brandon Lacy (6-3 265 Sr), 2 tkls LY.

DT Tony Strickland Jr. 6-6 270 PS#255DL. 1 tkl as rFr. 9 tkls, 1 tfl, 8 games LY. Roy Teng (6-2 292 Jr) PS#399JC, late signee & in for fall. Keith Watts (6-1 270 rFr) PS#415.

DE CHARLIE DENNIS SR. 6-5 235 **PS#41JC.** 26 sks, 2 yrs at JC. 11 sts here, 44 tkls, 6 tfl. David McMillan (6-4 240 So) PS#199, 1 st, 27 tkls, 2 sks. Reggie Curry is PS#275JC.

SLB Banks Floodman So. 6-2 205 PS#100DB. 2 sts as **true,** 41 tkls, 4 tfl. Glenn Robinson (6-3 230 Jr) PS#101. 6 tkls as rFr. 1 st LY, 14 tkls, 1 tfl, 4.6. **Anthony Brown** (5-10 200 rFr) **PS#32.**

MLB Greg Cole Sr. 6-3 235 PS#129JUCO. 39 tackles, 5 tfl LY, 4.65 speed, 370 bench. Greg Tyree (5-11 220 So) PS#141LB. Brandon Perkins is PS#360, 4.6 speed.

WLB LEO ETIENNE SR. 6-0 205 **PS#31JC.** 415 bench, 36.5" VL, 5.0% body fat. 9 sts here LY, 94 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu. Kevin Kane is PS#93. Nick Clapp (6-0 230 rFr).

CB Matt Jordan Sr. 5-10 190 PS#215RB. 89 yds as rFr. 2 sts in 2000, 29 tkls, 3 tfl. 1 st LY, 14 tkls, 2 pbu. Johnny McCoy (6-1 185 So) PS#181. Ronnie Amadi (5-11 170 rFr) PS#365.

CB CARL IVEY JR. 5-11 175 1 st, 14 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu as rFr. 10 sts LY, 47 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Remuise Johnson (5-7 170 Jr) PS#160JC, RS. Johnnie Watkins (5-8 170 So) **PS#82.**

SS JAKE LETOURNEAU SR. 6-2 200 4.47 spd. 11 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY, 87 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, 2 tfl. Santana Lane (6-0 170 So) PS#140DB. Fernando Rodriguez (5-9 180 Jr) JUCO.

FS Leo Bookman So. 6-1 205 PS#352. Track AA, #1 B12 in 200m & #3 B12 60m. 500 lb squat. 6 games LY, 1 tkl. Dexter Jackson (6-2 185 Fr) is PS#193. Vel Robinson (6-0 170 So).

P CHRIS TYRRELL SO. 6-0 225 PS#37K. 41.8 avg in HS. 53 punts as rFr, 40.8 avg, team net of 34.5. Curtis Ansel (6-1 200 Sr) JUCO. 25 punts here LY 37.9 avg (inj).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Dominic Roux 6-0 175 PS#68
QB	Bill Whittemore 6-1 190 PS#80JC
OL	Bob Whitaker 6-5 310 PS#93
QB	Nick Reid 6-4 210 PS#61
LB	Kevin Kane 6-2 228 PS#93
RB	Jerome Kemp 5-11 195 PS#158
TE	Derek Fine 6-4 220 PS#63
DB	Dexter Jackson 6-2 185 PS#193
DE	Cory Kipp 6-5 255 PS#239JC
DE	Reggie Curry 6-3 225 PS#275JC
OL	Skye Peterson 6-3 280 PS#285
DB	Kenneth Thompson 5-11 175 PS#254
OL	Travis Dambach 6-5 270 PS#297
WR	Jerome Lewis 5-11 180 PS#218

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Kansas is 3-7 ATS their last 10 lined games prior to a bye week. Hawks are 5-15 SU vs Oklahoma S/'80 but have covered 4 of the L/5.
Aug. 31	at Iowa St	G						Jayhawks are 6-13 ATS the last 6 years on grass. KU is 1-4-1 ATS the L/6 vs the Cyclones but lead the all-time series 43-31-6 SU.
Sep. 7	at UNLV	G						The Jayhawks are 2-9 ATS, 4-7 SU the last 11 non-conf away games. Kansas is 2-6 ATS in the second game of back to back away games.
Sep. 14	SW Missouri St	A						Pending LW: Jayhawks are 6-13 ATS the last 7 years vs non-Big 12 teams. KU beat SW MO 24-10 in LY's season opener, but both tms had 17 FD's.
Sep. 21	Bowling Green	A						Should apply: Hawks are 6-16 ATS off a SU win the last 6 years. This is the first ever meeting between these two schools.
Sep. 28	at Tulsa	A						Pending 8/31: KU is 1-6 ATS in the first of back to back away games. May apply: Jayhawks are 2-8 ATS as away chalk since 1995.
Oct. 5	at Baylor	G						Pending prior games TY, KU is 5-19 ATS on the road the last 5 years. The HT is 2-0 SU & ATS (both as HF) in this series since these tms joined the Big 12.
Oct. 12	Colorado (HC)	A						The visitor is 8-5 ATS the last 13 in this series, but 1-4 the last 5. Kansas is 4-1 ATS in their last 5 Homecoming games.
Oct. 19	Texas A&M	A						Pending prior results, KU is 21-40-1 ATS in conference play the L8Y. KU came into 2002 with a 14-33 ATS mark their last 47 as a dog.
Oct. 26	at Missouri	G						Hawks were 5-15 ATS as an away dog under Allen. KU is 6-2 ATS the game before Kansas St.
Nov. 2	Kansas St	A						Kansas is 6-24-1 ATS in November the last 10 years. Jayhawks have lost 8 straight SU & ATS vs KSU by an avg score of 43-10
Nov. 9	at Nebraska	A						KU is 1-9 ATS in their last 10 road finales. Kansas is just 5-21 ATS vs the Big Red Machine.
Nov. 16	Oklahoma St	A						KU is 1-5 ATS the last 6 meetings with Oklahoma St. Jayhawks are 4-11-1 ATS in their last 16 home finales.
Nov. 23								
Nov. 30								

MARK MANGINO (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Kansas

Mangino's records AT KANSAS

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (18,18,3)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,493

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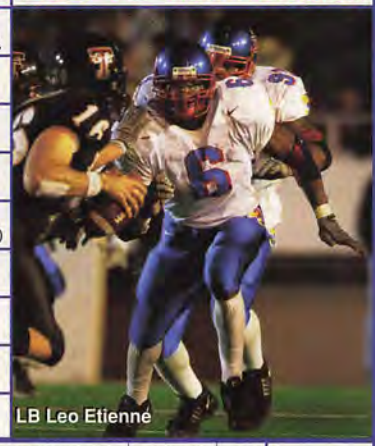
LB Leo Etienne

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,250)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	4-7	5-6	4-7	5-7	4-7	3-8	34-44
ATS	4-7	3-8	5-6	2-8	5-5-1	3-7	3-7	25-48-1
Home Fav	2-3	1-1	3-1	0-1	2-1-1	0-2	1-1	9-10-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-3	2-0	2-2	2-0	1-2	0-4	7-12
Away Fav	0-2	2-3	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-8
Away Dog	2-1	0-1	0-5	0-3	1-4	2-2	2-2	7-18
Favorite	2-5	3-4	3-1	0-3	2-1-1	0-3	1-1	11-18-1
Dog	2-2	0-4	2-5	2-5	3-4	3-4	2-6	14-30
Grass	1-0	2-3	0-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	1-1	7-13
Artificial	3-7	1-5	5-5	2-4	4-3-1	1-5	2-6	18-35-1
vs Conf	3-4	1-7	4-4	2-6	4-3-1	3-5	2-6	19-35-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-2	1-1	6-13
Off SU Win	4-4	1-3	1-4	1-3	1-3	2-1	0-2	10-20
Off SU Loss	0-2	1-5	3-2	1-4	4-1-1	1-5	3-5	13-24-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Reggie Duncan	181	804	65	739	3	4.1
Mario Kinsey	130	488	263	225	3	1.7
Marshell Chiles	34	139	6	133	0	3.9
Dan Coke	31	91	17	74	0	2.4
Zach Dyer	34	87	47	40	1	1.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Mario Kinsey	202	88	43.6	1215	7	11
Zach Dyer	89	43	48.3	460	3	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Roger Ross	39	493	12.6	2	77	
Termaine Fulton	30	397	13.2	1	45	
Byron Gasaway	18	200	11.1	1	31	
Derick Mills	16	268	16.8	3	43	
Adrian Jones	7	68	9.7	1	24	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chris Tyrrell	53	2148	40.5	–	34.5	0	9
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Johnny Beck	1-2	4-6	7-10	2-2	14-20	59	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marcus Rogers	97	0	3	2	1
Leo Etienne	94	2	6	5	1
Jake Letourneau	87	0	2	2	2
Jamarei Bryant	85	0	1	5	1
Algie Atkinson	71	11	7	5	0
Nate Dwyer	51	3	6	0	0
Andrew Davison	51	3	0	12	3
Carl Ivey	47	0	0	8	2
Marquis Hayes	46	1	2	0	0
Charlie Dennis	44	3	3	0	1
Banks Floodman	41	2	2	1	0
Ervin Holloman	39	0	1	0	0
Greg Cole	39	0	5	1	0
Travis Watkins	38	2	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Roger Ross	25	269	10.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Termaine Fulton	15	331	22.1	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
73	Liberty	NL	N Carolina St	18-31	–
75	Sun	NL	Pittsburgh	19-33	–
81	All American	+6'	Mississippi St	0-10	L
92	Aloha	+3	BYU	23-20	W
95	Aloha	+5	UCLA	51-30	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	16.5	15	117	2.9	153	44.7	16.3	-8	2001	6	36.2	23	237	4.9	190	53.1	11.8
8*	23.7	19	157	3.7	184	45.2	14.4	-6	2000	7	32.6	21	198	4.4	203	57.9	12.3
8*	24.5	18	171	4.0	162	51.9	13.6	+1	1999	5	29.5	19	150	3.8	233	57.2	13.0
10*	25.5	18	149	3.8	171	49.3	12.6	-2	1998	4	31.0	20	236	4.6	152	51.5	12.5
3*	16.1	13	115	3.1	125	44.7	14.9	-3	1997	8	25.4	19	204	4.1	155	55.1	14.2
7	27.3	20	163	3.5	187	53.4	12.8	+11	1996	7	32.5	21	215	5.0	223	54.5	13.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
SW Missouri St	17	37-102	2.8	19-29	231	0	17	44-58	1.3	15-32	185	6	-2
UCLA	16	36-86	2.4	12-33	156	3	30	61-292	4.8	13-19	183	4	0
at Colorado	15	44-113	2.6	12-25	165	4	23	48-338	7.0	12-25	186	1	+1
at Texas Tech	22	57-288	5.1	13-32	116	3	22	33-101	3.1	25-47	257	4	+1
Oklahoma	8	40-84	2.1	9-26	139	1	20	37-237	6.4	23-40	166	1	-1
Missouri	14	34-102	3.0	13-25	242	3	24	47-231	4.9	19-32	246	0	+2
at Kansas St	16	31-47	1.5	16-36	165	3	23	62-349	5.6	5-13	101	2	+2
Nebraska	11	42-124	3.0	8-17	79	2	24	51-284	5.6	14-25	164	1	-3
at Texas	7	33-27	0.8	5-19	40	2	26	51-276	5.4	18-28	330	2	-3
Iowa St	14	34-85	2.5	12-26	126	4	24	63-320	5.1	7-18	112	1	-5
Wyoming	25	50-230	4.6	13-27	221	1	19	39-121	3.1	14-32	165	6	0
TOTALS	165	438-1288	2.9	132-295	1680	26	252	536-2607	4.9	165-311	2095	28	-8
AVERAGES	15.0	40-117	2.9	12-27	153	2.4	22.9	49-237	4.9	15-28	190	2.5	-0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	-23	24-0	W
TCU	-10'	17-10	L
Missouri	-2	15-7	W
at Cincinnati	+3'	7-34	L
Oklahoma	+3'	20-17	W
at Texas Tech	+9'	7-17	L
at Colorado	+16'	6-42	L
Nebraska	+37'	0-35	W
Iowa St	-9	34-24	W
at Kansas St	+23	16-48	L
at Texas	+6'	31-45	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	+8'	28-38	L
at Missouri	+17	23-41	L
Illinois St	NL	63-21	–
at UAB (4OT)	-7	39-37	L
Texas A&M	+13	21-24	W
at Baylor	+6	24-31	L
at Nebraska	+34	0-41	L
Colorado	+7	33-17	W
Kansas St	+27	6-54	L
N Texas	-15	23-14	L
at Iowa St	-2'	20-23	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	+17	13-48	L
Cal St Northridge	NL	71-14	–
at Colorado	+16	17-51	L
San Diego St	-1	13-41	L
SMU	-8	27-9	W
at Kansas St	+29	9-50	L
at Texas A&M	+31'	17-34	W
Missouri	+8	21-0	W
Nebraska	+32	17-24	W
Baylor	-14	45-10	W
at Oklahoma St	+7	13-45	L
Iowa St	-3	31-28	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-4	17-31	L
UAB	-9	23-20	L
S Illinois	NL	42-0	–
at Oklahoma	+24'	16-34	W
Kansas St	+23'	13-52	L
at Missouri	+6'	38-17	W
Colorado	+1'	23-15	W
Texas Tech	-3	39-45	L
at Nebraska	+31	17-56	L
Texas	+11'	16-51	L
at Iowa St	+8'	17-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	24-10	–
UCLA	+13	17-41	L
at Colorado	+25'	16-27	W
at Texas Tech (2OT)	+13'	34-31	W
Oklahoma	+21'	10-38	L
Missouri	-1	34-38	L
at Kansas St	+21	6-40	L
Nebraska	+30	7-51	L
at Texas	+34'	0-59	L
Iowa St	+9'	7-49	L
Wyoming	-4	27-14	W

TEXAS LONGHORNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - I'll be the first to admit that last year I called for Chris Simms to win the Heisman Trophy and for Texas to win the National Title. Those predictions would have been achieved if Simms did not have horrible efforts in the Horns' two biggest games, those coming against Oklahoma and Colorado. Despite those meltdowns, Simms is still 15-4 as a starter. In his last 15 starts he has thrown just six interceptions in the 12 wins but 11 have come in the 3 losses. For the season Simms tied Ricky Williams' school record by accounting for 28 TD's. For each of the last two seasons Simms has had to share the job with talented fan favorite Major Applewhite. Mack Brown anointed Simms the starter last year & stuck with him until after the Championship game, but gave Applewhite the start in the Holiday Bowl. That game was a fitting finish for Major, as he hit 37 of 55 passes for 473 yards and helped Texas overcome a 36-20 deficit. He finished his career as UT's career passing leader and he will make a good coach some day as he didn't complain about the situation and was the ultimate team player. For the season Applewhite threw for 852 yards (65.3%) with a 7-4 ratio. Simms should have the job to himself this year and his career completion percentage of 58.3% is currently a school record. Chance Mock (6-2 215 So) locked up the backup spot with a fine spring. Matt Nordgren (6-5 220 rFr, PS#23) handled the clipboard during the spring game, although his 4.5 speed allowed him to see some time at WR last year. Special Teams MVP Beau Trahan (5-11 210 Sr) was PS#51. This year's top signee is Vince Young (PS#2) and he will likely redshirt. Young passed for 2,545 yards and rushed for 1,274 in high school last year. OC Greg Davis had UT work on the option in spring, perhaps to set up next year's QB duel between Mock and Young. I expected more out of Simms last year and this should be the year he finally blossoms into a star QB.

QB Chris Simms holds UT's career completion % record coming into 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - The Longhorns have had some great backs through the years like Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams. They have also had 7 consecutive 1,000 yard rushers. Last year Cedric Benson (PS#5) did what no frosh RB in Texas history had accomplished, and that was gain 1,000 yards rushing in a season. Benson was replacing Hodges Mitchell (who had recorded two straight 1,000 yard seasons) and rushed for 1,053 yards (4.7), despite getting just 6 carries against Texas Tech and Oklahoma combined and he missed the bowl due to injury. Benson could, if he stays healthy, top Campbell's and Williams' rushing marks. He will play baseball with the Dodgers organization this summer. Ivan Williams (PS#36) had 578 yards (5.0) with 3 starts last year. Victor Ike had 186 yards (3.6) and 3 starts last year but transferred to Southern. Third down back Brett Robin (5-11 200 Jr, PS#171) had 21 rec's with just 14 rushes. Anthony Johnson (5-11 195 rFr) was PS#44. Matt Trissel, (6-0 240 Sr, PS#78) who has 16 starts and 103 yards the last 2 years, while paving the way for a couple of 1,000 yard rushers, returns as the starting FB. Chad Stevens (6-4 255 Sr, PS#24TE) also had 3 starts at TE last year and will split time between TE and FB. Will Matthews (6-3 250 So) played in all 11 games. Naturally, Brown signed yet more tremendous RB's (see Top Newcomers). Benson should have an outstanding year and there is a ton of talent behind him.

RECEIVERS - Mack Brown cemented his reputation as an excellent recruiter in 2000 when he brought in an amazing class of receivers with BJ Johnson (PS#1), Roy Williams (PS#5), Sloan Thomas (PS#12) and Brock Edwards (PS#7TE), all of whom played as true frosh and are now juniors. Last year basically everyone returned but they did lose Montrell Flowers (PS#6) early in the year to an injury as well as backup Artie Ellis, who left the team for personal reasons. This year they must replace Flowers (5 rec, 12.0) and TE Mike Jones (1 rec). Brown recruited 2 more VHT WR's and a VHT TE and Ellis (6-4 235 Jr, PS#7) returns. I list the 2 deep below and the three starters combined for 155 catches and 2,107 receiving yards in 2001. Last year I called this the best receiving corps in the NCAA and with everyone back they are the NCAA's finest once again.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The past 2 years Texas has had 4 returning starters on their offensive front. In 2000 the team averaged 3.8 ypc rushing and allowed 28 sacks. Last year the team averaged 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace their star LT Leonard Davis (#1 DC) but had 5 players returning who started 7 or more games in 2000. They boasted 11 VHT's in the top 15 although 6 of them were true frosh and none of the true frosh played. Texas used a 3 guard rotation of Hughes, Dockery and Holloway while LT Robbie Doane did well in his first year as the starter, effectively shutting down NC's Julius Peppers. Gone are C Matt Anderson (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM B12), RG Antwan Kirk-Hughes (10 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM B12) and their star RT Mike Williams (#1DC of BUF, 13 sts, 2nd Tm AA). Seven of the top 10 are back and the team now has 12 VHT's in the 3 deep, but this time only one of them is a true frosh. They also have 3 players back who have 13 or more career starts. The unit has excellent size and pedigree. They get a great new addition in OT/TE coach Mac McWhorter who was the interim Head Coach at GT in their bowl game win in 2001. I think this has the makings of one of the best O-lines in the country, but it is less experienced, especially with the loss of a player like Williams.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Horns had to replace their top 2 DT's, who happened to be 1st and 2nd RD NFL picks that both ended up starting as rookies in the NFL. They also tragically lost DE Cole Pittman to a car accident after he had started 3 games in 2000. Despite those losses, the defense allowed just 89.5 ypg rushing during the regular season, the lowest since 1964. This year the only starter lost from the front wall is their sack (8) and tfl leader in DT Maurice Gordon. They also lose backup DE Jermain Anderson (25 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl) but everyone else returns and they bring in an incredible class of true frosh with SIX VHT's signing, including 4 of the top 10 DL's!! Among the top 12 players that I list in the 3 deep below, 9 of them are VHT's! Not listed below are true frosh Chase Pittman (PS#30) and Kasey Studdard (PS#29). This group actually has fewer losses than last year and looks like one of the top DL's in the country.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Horns had perhaps the most experienced LB corps in the country with two 3 year starters returning and another with starting experience. All 3 backups also returned. This year all 3 starters depart in OLB Tyrone Jones (11 sts, 49 tkls, 6 tfl, HM B12), OLB Everick Rawls (12 sts, 76 tkls, 5 tfl) and MLB DD Lewis (13 sts, 1st Tm B12, 3rd Tm AA, 86 tkls, 6 sks). Lewis was Texas' first ever Butkus semifinalist and had 51 straight starts. Backup OLB Marcus Wilkins (21 tkls, 4 tfl) also departs. Interestingly, none of those 3 starters were VHT's but 7 of the LB's in the 3 deep I list below do have that distinction. DC Reese says that the new LB's are better athletes and I concur. True frosh Derrick Johnson (PS#6) was the team's #3 tackler and will be one of the best LB's in the Big 12. There is plenty of talent on hand. Lee Jackson was the #2 tackler at safety in 1999 with 91 tackles, but has spent most of the last two years injured and if he returns healthy, this group is in great shape. Still, with the loss of 3 long time starters, the group is less experienced and I'll call it down a notch or two in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 Texas finished #1 in the NCAA as well as in my pass D rankings. Last year 3 starters returned and they had 11 VHT's in the mix. Overall they finished #1 in my pass D rankings again and while their stats were not as good as Miami, Fla's, they did take on a tougher slate of opposing QB's and my rankings take into account strength of opponent played. Their top player was CB Quentin Jammer who was put on the opposing team's top WR and often shut them down. He was 1st Tm AA, had 2 int's, 25 pbu and was #1DC of SD. This year they also lose SS Ahmad Brooks (13 sts, 94 tkls, 7 pbu) and CB Ervis Hill (14 tkls). However, they have 9 VHT's in the mix. They will clearly miss Jammer and Brooks and this year's group is not quite as experienced as last year. This is still one of the best groups in the land but they will likely relinquish their #1 spot.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One area Mack Brown has always had trouble in as a head coach is the special teams, as he finished in the bottom third of my rankings for four straight years at N Carolina. In his first two years here they finished just #109 and #106. The last two years have been a far different story as the depth of talented players that Brown has brought in has paid off. Prior to Brown's arrival, UT blocked 5 kicks in 37 games. In his tenure, they have blocked 12 kicks in his first 37 games and blocked 5 more last year. In 2000 they finished #18 in the special teams rankings but last year replaced their punter, kicker and PR. Brown landed Brian Bradford last year, who averaged 44.3 at JUCO in 2000 at punter, but he only had a 36.6 avg here although 25 of his punts went inside the 20 with a net of 33.1. The rest of the special teams were outstanding. Duane Akina coached the PR team. PR Nathan Vasher finished #6 in NCAA (14.4) and the team averaged 16.76 including 2 TD's. Dan Smith handled some of the KO's and they allowed just 18.4 per KR. Victor Ike was the top KR and his 29.6 average would have been #6 in NCAA (if he had enough att's). Overall the team came out a +6 in the TD/Blk category and finished #10 in my overall ratings. They do play a lot of starters on special teams with the top six DB's all on the return teams last year. Kicker Dusty Mangum was a late addition that hit 18 of 26 FG's with a long of 51. With this unit returning in its entirety, UT has a shot at the #1 spot in my special teams rankings this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mack Brown is one of the best recruiters in the country. Texas is clearly among the most athletically talented teams in the nation in 2002, as they were in 2001. Last season I called for the Longhorns to win the National Title as the schedule set them up to be favored in every game and they were favored in all 13. Unfortunately for Texas, they managed to lose a couple of big games. Their first loss was to their rival Oklahoma in a game played in Dallas and the second was in the Big 12 Title game. A victory over Colorado in that Title game would have had them in the Rose Bowl competing for the National Title. Many fans will say that Brown cannot win the big one, but keep in mind the same things were said about Bobby Bowden at Florida St and Tom Osborne at Nebraska and they ended up breaking through. Last year was the first Top 10 finish for UT since 1983 and they finished #5 in the polls. Last year's team was dominant as they outgained their Big 12 foes by an average of 200.7 ypg. For the regular season the defense allowed just 236.2 ypg, the fewest since 1983. The offense returns almost intact and is among the top 5 in the country in all 4 units. Overall, they have my #1 rated offense. Defensively they must replace 6 starters but are loaded with talent on that side of the ball and while they probably will allow a little more ypg, I rate them the NCAA's #7 defense. The schedule is tougher this year as they must face Oklahoma, Kan St, Nebraska and Texas Tech all away from home. Still, this team is clearly one of the top teams in the country in terms of talent and if they can win in some tough places, they have a good shot at contending for the National Title.

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OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHRIS SIMMS SR. 6-5 225 *PS#1. 1 st as true, 314 yds. 6 sts in 2000, 1309 yds (56%), 8-11 ratio. 12 sts LY, 2603 yds (59.1%), 22 TD's (sch rec), 11 int. Chance Mock PS#6.*

RB CEDRIC BENSON SO. 6-0 205 *PS#5. 7 sts as **true**, 1st frosh here to top 1000, 1053 yds (4.7), 17 rec (11.9), Off MVP. Ivan Williams (6-1 240 Jr) PS#36RB, 3 sts, 578 yds.*

WR SLOAN THOMAS JR. 6-2 200 *PS#12. 11 rec (21.4) as true. 5 sts LY. 30 rec (14.7). Brian Carter (5-11 185 So) PS#47, 2 rec as true. Kyle Shanahan (6-3 185 Sr) 8 rec (8.5) LY.*

WR BJ JOHNSON JR. 6-1 200 *PS#1. 8 sts as true, 45 rec (16.4). 13 sts LY, HM Big 12, 47 rec (14.8). Tony Jeffery (6-2 175 So) PS#57QB, 137 total yds LY, 1 blk'd punt.*

WR ROY WILLIAMS JR. 6-4 210 *PS#5. 7 sts as true, 42 rec (**20.3**). 13 sts LY, 78 rec (12.4), **1st Tm B12** despite ankle inj. Marquis Johnson is PS#3. Robert Timmons is PS#16.*

TE BO SCAIFE JR. 6-3 250 *PS#2. 5 rec as true. RS in 2000. 11 sts LY, **37 rec**, (13.0), HM Big 12. **Brock Edwards** (6-5 250 Jr) PS#7. 6 sts in 2 years 15 rec (10.8).*

C Jason Glynn So. 6-2 275 *PS#79OL. 2nd string as a rFr and lettered. Will Allen (6-6 297 rFr) PS#34OL, RS last year. Trey Bates (6-5 300 So) PS#435, lettered.*

RG DERRICK DOCKERY SR. 6-6 345 *PS#22. 14 games as true. Last 9 starts in 2000. 9 sts LY (3 at LG, 6 at RG). Mike Garcia (6-3 315 rFr) PS#35OL. Justin Blalock is PS#7.*

LG Tillman Holloway Jr. 6-3 315 *PS#107DL. 7 sts as rFr. 6 sts in 2001. Beau Baker (6-5 280 Sr) PS#231, 3 letters, 1 start LY. Terrance Young (6-6 350 rFr) PS#39.*

RT Lionel Garr So. 6-7 350 *PS#19. Lettered as rFr. Jonathan Scott (6-7 297 rFr) PS#6. William Winston (6-7 350 rFr) PS#26. Lettered here LY. 4x Medalist in Jr Olympics.*

LT ROBBIE DOANE SR. 6-6 315 *PS#13, 2nd string in 2000. 13 sts LY, HM B12, 3L. Alfio Randall (6-6 315 Sr) PS#7JC (PS#5OL in '99). 1L here LY. Roman Reeves (6-7 320 rFr) PS#42.*

K DUSTY MANGUM SO. 5-11 170 *18-26 FG's as true, 2 from 50+, HM B12. David Pino (5-8 175 So) PS#25. Did KO's. Matt McFadden (5-11 180 So) PS#15. Justin Smith (6-5 198 So) PS#29.*

DE KALEN THORNTON JR. 6-3 270 *PS#8TE. L/9 sts as true, 35 tkls, 8.5 tfl. 11 sts LY, 45 tkls, 15 tfl, 20 QBH, HM B12. OJ McClintock (6-2 260 Jr) PS#41QB. Kaelen Jakes (6-5 260 rFr) PS#27.*

DT Adam Doiron Jr. 6-4 285 *PS#25. 7 tkls as true. 2 sts in 2001, 18 tkls, 4 tfl. Stevie Lee (6-4 310 So) PS#17DL. 5 tkls as true RS. 8 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Larry Dibbles is PS#8.*

DT MARCUS TUBBS JR. 6-4 305 *PS#51TE. 12 sts LY, 52 tkls, 12 tfl, 18 QBH, HM B12. Rodrique Wright is PS#2. Marco Martin is PS#6. Miguel McKay (6-1 275 Sr) #1 after spg.*

DE CORY REDDING SR. 6-5 270 *PS#2LB. 1 st as true, 3 sks. RS. 11 sts in 2000, 6.5 sks, 13 sts LY. **1st Tm B12** (2Y), 59 tkls, 5 sks, 18 QBH. Austin Sendlein (6-3 265 So) PS#21LB.*

SLB Lee Jackson Sr. 6-3 223 *PS#20DB. 14 starts at SS in 1999. #2 w/91 tkls, 10 tfl. 6 games L/2Y (inj). Lance McFarland (6-3 235 rFr) PS#36LB. Garnet Smith is PS#14.*

MLB Reed Boyd Jr. 6-3 235 *PS#112. 22 tackles as rFr, 1.5 sacks. 24 tackles in 2001, 1 interception, 1 pbu. Eric Hall (6-3 250 rFr) PS#50LB. Aaron Harris is PS#7.*

WLB Derrick Johnson So. 6-4 220 *PS#6. 2 sts as **true**, 90 tkls, 6 sks, 9 tfl, Bowl Def MVP, 4 pbu. Aurmon Satchell (6-2 230 Sr) PS#19. 7 gms, 4 tkls LY. Rashad Thomas (6-2 240 So) PS#183.*

CB NATHAN VASHER JR. 5-11 180 *PS#54. 3 sts at NB, 22 tkls, 3 tfl, 5 pbu. 13 sts, 62 tkls, **8 int**, 20 pbu. Brian Carter (5-11 185 So) PS#47WR. Anthony Johnson (5-11 195 rFr) PS#44RB.*

CB RODERICK BABERS SR. 5-10 187 *PS#25. 12 sts in 2000, 2 int, 11 pbu. 13 sts LY, 47 tkls, 1 int, 17 pbu, HM B12. Monti Collier (5-11 175 Jr) PS#17, 12 gms 2Y. Edorian McCullough is PS#10.*

SS Cedric Griffin rFr. 6-2 190 *PS#24DB. 1 tackle as true but still RS. Phillip Geiggar (5-11 205 Jr) PS#39DB, 1 start, 17 tackles, 4 tfl, 1 pbu last year. Matt Melton is PS#36.*

FS Dakarai Pearson Jr. 5-10 180 *PS#32QB. 10 sts as rFr, 57 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. 2 sts, 38 tkls, 2 pbu LY. Kendal Briles (5-11 195 rFr) PS#22QB. Rufus Harris (5-11 190 rFr) was PS#19.*

P BRIAN BRADFORD SR. 6-2 215 *PS#104JC, 44.3 avg at JC in 2000. 60 punts here LY, 36.6 avg, 25 inside the 20, net of 33.3. Justin Smith PS#29, 41.6 avg in HS. 1 punt LY.*

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DL	Bryan Pickryl 6-5 210 PS#4	
WR	Marquis Johnson 6-4 200 PS#3	
DL	Marco Martin 6-4 331 PS#6	
LB	Aaron Harris 6-0 230 PS#7	
DL	Larry Dibbles 6-4 340 PS#8	
OL	Justin Blalock 6-4 340 PS#7	
RB	Albert Hardy 5-11 215 PS#18	
RB	Selvin Young 6-0 195 PS#19	
LB	Garnet Smith 6-3 210 PS#14	
WR	Robert Timmons 6-2 205 PS#16	
OL	Neale Tweedie 6-5 255 PS#16	
DB	Edorian McCullough 5-11 175 PS#10	

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Sep. 14	at N Carolina	G					
Sep. 21	Houston	G					
Sep. 28	at Tulane	A					
Oct. 5	Oklahoma St	G					
Oct. 12	† Oklahoma (Dallas)	G					
Oct. 19	at Kansas St	A					
Oct. 26	Iowa St	G					
Nov. 2	at Nebraska	A					
Nov. 9	Baylor	G					
Nov. 16	at Texas Tech	A					
Nov. 23							
Nov. 29	Texas A&M (Fri)	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

UT is 12-6 ATS as a home dog since 1988.
The home team has covered 7 of the last 8 in the Rice series.
The home team in the Colorado series is 1-3 ATS the last 4.

The Horns are 5-14 ATS their last 19 vs non-Big 12 opponents.
Texas Longhorns are 3-14 ATS in season openers.

Bonus: UT Coach Brown coached the Tar Heels for 10 yrs from 1988-'97.

Texas is 13-5-2 ATS the week after a bye.
Longhorns are 17-32 ATS in September since 1986.

UT is 20-6 SU since 1991 vs non-Big 12 TX teams 16-8-1 ATS.
Texas is 4-1 ATS their last 5 vs the Cougars.

The Horns came into 2002 with a 13-7-1 ATS mark their L/21 as a DD fav.
Texas is 8-15-1 ATS as an away favorite the L6Y, pending NC outcome.

Texas is 14-5-1 ATS in October at home since 1990.
The Horns are 7-2 ATS prior to taking on the Sooners.

The underdog is 11-3 ATS last 14 series meetings, UT is 9-5 ATS.
This will mark the 80th time these 2 rivals have met in the Cotton Bowl.

Pending earlier results, UT is 14-3 SU and 11-5-1 ATS L/17 conf games.
Pending 9/28: Longhorns are 16-9 ATS their last 25 on artificial turf.

Texas is 8-2 SU but 5-5 ATS in their last 10 sandwiched home games.
Pending earlier results this season, UT is 37-21 ATS L/58 home games.

Longhorns have won SU and covered 3 of the L/4 vs the Big Red, all as dogs.
Texas is 24-10-1 ATS in November and December since 1993.

UT has outscored Baylor 159-24 the last 3 years.
The underdog is 13-6 ATS in this matchup.

Pending the 8/31 result, UT is 12-4 ATS the week prior to a bye.
Longhorns are 9-3-1 ATS in their road finales, not including conf champ gms.

Texas is 9-0 ATS in their last 9 home finales.
UT is 5-1-1 ATS their last 7 vs their arch rival.

MACK BROWN (Career 124-87-1)
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Brown's records AT TEXAS

38-13	Straight Up	12-9	Home Favorite
24-22-1	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Dog
7-2	Off A S/U Loss	8-10-1	Away Favorite
20-13-1	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Dog
	4-9 Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (28,14,4)
Lost: 16 (7,9,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 83,062

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STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (80,106)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1-1	8-4	4-7	8-3	9-4	9-2	10-2	58-23-1
ATS	9-3	8-4	2-9	5-6	6-7	7-4	6-5-1	43-38-1
Home Fav	3-2	3-2	1-3	2-3	2-3	4-2	4-1	19-16
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-1
Away Fav	3-0	1-1	0-5	1-1	3-3	2-2	2-4-1	12-16-1
Away Dog	2-1	3-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	8-5
Favorite	6-2	4-3	1-8	3-4	5-6	6-4	6-5-1	31-32-1
Dog	3-1	4-1	1-1	2-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	12-6
Grass	2-1	4-4	2-6	4-4	5-6	5-4	5-4-1	27-29-1
Artificial	7-2	4-0	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-1	16-9
vs Conf	6-1	7-2	2-6	4-4	5-4	6-2	5-3-1	35-22-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	8-16
Off SU Win	6-3	5-2	1-3	3-4	4-5	5-3	5-4-1	29-24-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-2	1-5	2-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	11-9

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Benson	**223**	–	–	**1053**	**12**	**4.7**
Ivan Williams	**115**	–	–	**578**	**7**	**5.0**
Victor Ike	51	–	–	186	2	3.6
Chris Simms	**52**	–	–	**-10**	**6**	**-0.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Simms	**362**	**214**	**59.1**	**2603**	**22**	**11**
Major Applewhite	101	66	65.3	852	7	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Roy Williams	**78**	**970**	**12.4**	**8**	**68**
B.J. Johnson	**47**	**696**	**14.8**	**5**	**92**
Bo Scaife	**37**	**480**	**13.0**	**2**	**30**
Sloan Thomas	**30**	**441**	**14.7**	**5**	**45**
Brett Robin	**21**	**238**	**11.3**	**1**	**39**
Cedric Benson	**17**	**203**	**11.9**	**1**	**60**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Bradford	**60**	**2193**	**36.6**	–	**33.3**	**0**	**25**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dusty Mangum	**10-11**	**3-7**	**3-6**	**2-2**	**18-26**	**51**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ahmad Brooks	94	0	1	7	2
Derrick Johnson	**90**	**6**	**9**	**4**	**1**
DD Lewis	86	6	4	2	0
Everick Rawls	76	1	4	2	1
Nathan Vasher	**62**	**0**	**2**	**20**	**8**
Quentin Jammer	60	0	3	25	2
Cory Redding	**59**	**5**	**9**	**1**	**1**
Marcus Tubbs	**52**	**2**	**10**	**0**	**0**
Tyrone Jones	49	3	3	0	0
Roderick Babers	**47**	**0**	**2**	**17**	**1**
Maurice Gordon	45	8	8	0	0
Kalen Thornton	**45**	**4**	**7**	**0**	**0**
Dakarai Pearson	**38**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Jermain Anderson	25	3	4	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nathan Vasher	**39**	**563**	**14.4**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Victor Ike	14	415	29.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Fiesta	-1	Penn St	15-38	L
98	Cotton	-6'	Mississippi St	38-11	W
99	Cotton	-5'	Arkansas	6-27	L
00	Holiday	-7'	Oregon	30-35	L
01	Holiday	-13	Washington	47-43	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	39.8	23	159	4.1	267	60.4	10.7	+10	2001	8	15.9	14	94	3.0	158	50.6	15.8
7*	37.9	21	138	3.8	290	55.1	11.3	+5	2000	8	19.3	17	97	2.7	193	46.2	15.0
4*	32.1	21	124	3.5	271	57.8	12.3	+13	1999	7	21.1	16	112	2.9	182	44.8	13.9
8	36.4	23	207	5.1	263	59.0	12.9	-1	1998	10	28.1	19	139	3.4	220	50.4	12.8
6*	25.7	21	200	5.3	197	50.7	15.4	-20	1997	6	33.3	19	242	4.7	158	51.0	12.0
7*	34.4	23	199	5.0	253	57.7	13.2	-5	1996	7	23.5	21	213	4.6	164	48.8	16.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
New Mexico St	24	45-171	3.8	21-38	228	1	12	34-169	5.0	8-16	63	2	+2
N Carolina	19	35-159	4.5	17-37	167	2	14	38-95	2.5	10-30	116	5	+1
at Houston	27	39-193	4.9	22-37	341	2	17	30-68	2.3	20-33	364	3	+1
Texas Tech	23	43-209	4.9	21-26	224	0	15	11-37	3.4	40-58	260	2	0
†Oklahoma	15	25-27	1.1	24-42	198	5	15	31-63	2.0	20-33	143	3	-4
at Oklahoma St	26	52-241	4.6	19-31	238	1	10	30-65	2.2	11-23	97	1	+2
Colorado	25	40-161	4.0	21-33	264	2	12	32-124	3.9	15-28	165	1	+4
at Missouri	25	46-192	4.2	24-30	229	0	16	26-147	5.7	9-28	97	1	+1
at Baylor	20	42-130	3.1	17-32	276	3	16	36-8	0.2	24-44	187	4	+1
Kansas	26	51-276	5.4	18-28	330	2	7	33-27	0.8	5-19	40	2	+3
at Texas A&M	14	35-97	2.8	16-33	138	2	10	31-48	1.5	17-38	117	4	+2
†Colorado	22	23-92	4.0	24-43	370	2	18	53-223	4.2	8-19	111	4	-2
†Washington	29	30-119	4.0	37-55	473	0	22	28-151	5.4	27-54	293	1	-1
TOTALS	295	506-2067	4.1	281-465	3476	22	184	413-1225	3.0	214-423	2053	33	+10
AVERAGES	22.7	39-159	4.1	22-36	267	1.7	14.2	32-94	3.0	16-33	158	2.5	+1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	-38'	48-14	L
UCLA	-10	3-66	L
at Rice	-11'	38-31	L
at Oklahoma St	-6	16-42	L
† Oklahoma	-4'	27-24	L
at Missouri	-3'	29-37	L
Colorado	+5	30-47	L
at Baylor	-9	21-23	L
Texas Tech	-1	10-24	L
Kansas	-6'	45-31	W
at Texas A&M	+16'	16-27	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-37	66-36	L
at UCLA	+9	31-49	L
at Kansas St	+23	7-48	L
Rice	-6'	59-21	W
Iowa St	-14'	54-33	W
† Oklahoma	-8	34-3	W
Baylor	-17'	30-20	L
at Nebraska	+16'	20-16	W
Oklahoma St	-11'	37-34	L
at Texas Tech	-2'	35-42	L
Texas A&M	+2'	26-24	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NC State	-9'	20-23	L
Stanford	-10'	69-17	W
at Rutgers	-23	38-21	L
Rice	-27	18-13	L
at Baylor	-16	62-0	W
Kansas St	-6	17-35	L
† Oklahoma	-5	38-28	W
Nebraska	+9	24-20	W
at Iowa St	-10'	44-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-8	34-21	W
Texas Tech	-16	58-7	W
at Texas A&M	-2'	16-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-46'	52-10	L
at Stanford	-13	24-27	L
Houston	-24	48-0	W
Oklahoma St	-20'	42-7	W
† Oklahoma	-2'	14-63	L
at Colorado	+1	28-14	W
Missouri	-23	46-12	W
Baylor	-41	48-14	L
at Texas Tech	-10	29-17	W
at Kansas	-11'	51-16	W
Texas A&M	-5'	43-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-35	41-7	L
N Carolina	-22	44-14	W
at Houston	-31	53-26	L
Texas Tech	-18	42-7	W
† Oklahoma	-3	3-14	L
at Oklahoma St	-17'	45-17	W
Colorado	-11	41-7	W
at Missouri	-21'	35-16	L
at Baylor	-32	49-10	W
Kansas	-34'	59-0	W
at Texas A&M	-14	21-7	T

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Two years ago Josh Heupel, a JC transfer, benefitted from the installation of a wide open passing offense at a school that predominantly relied on the run. He set almost every school record in just two years and finished as the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy in 2000. He was like a coach on the field in reading defenses and handling blitzes and was clearly missed last year. Nate Hybl (PS#27) was a transfer from Georgia who played in five games as a backup, throwing 16 passes in the Sooner's National Championship season with 2 TD's and 2 int's. Hybl won the starting job going into last fall with all of the QB's being bigger, having stronger arms and faster than Heupel. Hybl started the first six games but was battered and bruised after Kansas St and was pulled early against Texas. Jason White, who led the team to victory over Texas, jump started the offense vs Kansas and earned starts vs Baylor and Nebraska before going down to a season ending injury. White threw for 681 yards (64.6%) with a 5-3 ratio and was also an effective rusher with 258 gross yards including 117 net yds rushing vs Kansas. Hybl reclaimed his starting job and for the season threw for 2,409 yards (59.7%) with a 14-13 ratio (surprisingly, Heupel's 2000 ratio was 20-15). Hybl also rushed for 250 gross yards. The team ran more option plays in 2001, taking advantage of the added mobility at the position and Hybl is 10-1 as a starting QB. White is the frontrunner heading into the fall but both are back and could lose out to Brent Rawls (6-5 205 rFr, PS#8). Rawls has the best arm of the QB's and is also mobile. Naturally with everyone back this unit is much more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Quentin Griffin emerged as a starter at the end of 1999 and finished the season with 371 yards (6.6 ypc). He has an excellent combination of strength (615 squat) and speed (4.36). In 2000 he led the team with 823 yards (4.1) and was also the #1 receiver with 51 (8.4). He returned last year and topped those stats with 860 rush yards (4.4) and 64 rec's (7.4). He did suffer a hip injury and had only 4 attempts vs Kansas and was limited for a few other games. Griffin's only game over the century mark last season was a 201 yard effort vs Air Force. His backup the last two years has been Renaldo Works (6-1 209, PS#38) who had 496 total yards offense as a true frosh and 359 last year. The fastest of the RB's last year was Jerad Estus (6-1 182 Jr, PS#151) who had 51 yards rushing after enrolling as a PQ in 2000. Donta Hickson (5-10 195 rFr, PS#12) and Kejuan Jones (5-9 187 rFr, PS#22) could both contend for the starting job. Last year Chris Toney was the top blocking HB with 39 yards. Also in the mix is Brian Odom (5-11 205 So, PS#46DB) and Minnesota transfer Larry Pinson (6-2 228 So) who was PS#125. This group has even more talent and experience than it had last year and will benefit from the added emphasis on the rush attack by new run game coordinator Kevin Wilson, who comes over from Northwestern.

RECEIVERS - When Stoops took over and implemented the pass attack, the majority of the receivers were athletes from different positions like RB, QB and DB who were moved to the WR spot and had to learn the position. In 2000 they had to replace their top 2 receivers and had a receiving corps dominated by underclassmen. Last year everyone was back and they added some super signees. Seven receivers topped 30 rec's in 2000 and last year 6 did so. Last year the unit was a bit depleted because Andre Woolfork, who had 42 rec's (14.6) in 2000, not only split time at CB but also was injured and had just 6 rec's. WR Damian Mackey, who had 30 rec's in 2000, was bothered by concussions and had just 2 rec's. TE Trent Smith emerged as the team's best offensive weapon. Not only was he 1 of 3 finalists for the Mackey Award, but he was voted the Offensive Player of the Year for the Sooners. I list the 2 deep below and there are some VHT's in the group. In addition to Mackey, they lose starting HB Josh Norman who had 52 rec's (9.2). Not listed below is TE Chris Chester (6-4 244 rFr, PS#55) and Stoops calls true frosh DaBryan Blanton (PS#29) possibly the fastest player in the NCAA. Four current players are among the top 6 in career rec's here at OU in Antwone Savage (PS#157) #2, Quentin Griffin #3, Trent Smith #4 and Curtis Fagan (PS#39DB) #6. With basically everyone back this unit looks stronger, and while last year's unit did not live up to its preseason hype, this year's could.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Sooners averaged 3.7 ypc rushing but more importantly allowed just 19 sacks in 489 attempts (3.9%) with a veteran OL. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 1 backup and then lost starting C Josh Smith in the 3rd week of the season so two true frosh logged a lot of starts last year in C Vince Carter and RT Jerod Fields. They also lost 3 of my projected backups prior to the season. The OL paved the way for 3.5 ypc and allowed 35 sacks. This year they lose LG Howard Duncan (13 sts, OL of Yr, 2 yr st'r), and LT Frank Romero (13 sts, 3rd Tm AA, 2 yr st'r). Despite having about equal experience as they did heading into last year, I think this year's line looks stronger and they have worked heavily on new run blocking schemes in the spring.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 basically 4 starters returned to the front wall and OU allowed 3.1 ypc rushing while recording 33 sacks as a team. Last year the losses were much heavier as they had to replace 2 full-time starters and 3 backups. Three players returned with starting experience but 3 true frosh worked their way into the lineup including Tommie Harris (PS#2) who was the first ever true frosh DL to start an opener for OU. Starting DE Dan Cody had 5 tackles in the opener but missed the rest of the season and was granted a medical redshirt. The defense allowed just 2.4 ypc while recording 32 sacks. This year the only losses are DE Cory Heinecke (13 sts, 45 tkls, 3 sks, 4 pbu) and backup DT Bary Holleyman (28 tkls, 8 tfl). They get an outstanding newcomer in Lynn McGruder (PS#7) who had 7 tackles and 1 sack as a true frosh at Tennessee. Also, Jonathan Jackson (PS#12LB) and Ronbrose Jones (PS#10LB) saw limited action as true frosh and will now have much bigger impacts. Not even listed in the 2 deep below are DT Juan Prishker (6-2 289 Sr, PS#72JC), who saw limited action last year due to injuries, DE Eric Hilaire (6-3 228 Sr) and DE David Jones (6-2 250 Jr). Don't forget about this year's talented true frosh who as we saw last year could compete immediately. This is clearly one of the best DL's in the NCAA.

LINEBACKERS - In the Sooners' National Title year, they had all 3 starting LB's back and arguably the best LB corps in the country. Last year they had to replace a 3rd Tm AA and 2 other players who combined for 13 starts. They did return their 1st Team AA, Rocky Calmus, who won the Butkus Award for the top LB in the country last year and had 128 tackles, 17 tfl and 10 pbu and was 1st Tm AA once again. For the 2nd straight year they lose 2 starters in Calmus (#3DC of TEN) and SLB Brandon Moore (10 sts, 39 tkls, 4 tfl). Last year's LB corps was so thin that Moore was listed as the backup to both of the other starters and the only other backup was walk-on Derrick Hurst (6-1 238 Sr). Ted Lehman has amazing speed for a LB (4.4) despite his weight (230 lbs) and has AA potential. They also get 2 big time JUCO transfers in Lance Mitchell (PS#23JC) and Pasha Jackson (PS#46JC). Neither was in for the spring however. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and they do have some VHT frosh as well as 2 HT true frosh added to the mix. This looks like another solid LB corps and while almost as experienced as last year's group, with the loss of a player like Calmus, they are clearly weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Sooners had a very young secondary in 2000 but still finished #8 in my pass D rankings. Last year 3 full-time starters were supposed to return but CB Michael Thompson was injured in a car accident in May and redshirted. Three of the Sooners were named to the watch list for the Thorpe Award in Brandon Everage, Derrick Strait and Roy Williams. Williams garnered Heisman votes and won both the Thorpe and Bronko Nagurski Awards in a dominating year with 107 tackles, 14 tfl, 5 int's, 27 pbu. His talent will clearly be missed (#1DC of DAL). They return 3 starters and 8 players overall who have starting experience including a ton of HT's in the 2 deep. Michael Thompson's return is also a plus. Thompson, who ran 4.4 in 2000, was back only to 4.8 speed in the spring but should continue to improve and was moved to SS. Not even listed below are Brandon Shelby (5-11 185 So, PS#21), Avery Shine (6-0 200 rFr, PS#79), Justin Williams (5-10 185 So, PS#163) and two VHT true frosh. Overall, OU surprisingly dropped a little to #12 in my pass D rankings, allowing 45.2% and a 9-21 ratio, but they took on a light slate of opposing QB's. This unit is just as experienced as it was heading into last year but with the loss of a super talent like Roy Williams, I'll call it a little weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One of the big reasons for OU's turnaround has been the vast improvement of the special teams play which has gone from among the weakest in the NCAA to a strength under Stoops. They finished #110 and #101 in 1996 and 1997 but in Stoops' first year in 1999 they finished #2 and in 2000 were still near the top at #11. One key to the Sooners' success has been punter Jeff Ferguson who was among the best in the NCAA with super net punting averages the last 4 years of 37.7, 39.9, 37.1 and 38.5. Kicker Tim Duncan has a strong leg, hitting a 64 yard FG in fall scrimmages. He hit his first 5 FG's last season but then went into a slump, missing 8 of 11. He finished the year strong, however, missing only 1 more FG and 59% of Duncan's KO's were TB's. Both Ferguson and Duncan will be missed. Stoops spends a great amount of time on special teams and last year had 16 starters playing on the special teams units including Butkus Award winner Rocky Calmus. Damian Mackey was the top PR (8.5) but was injured and Curtis Fagan replaced him (6.9). Surprisingly, Brandon Jones had 150 yards on just 7 PR's vs Tulsa (21.4) but did not return another punt the rest of the year. The top KR, Antwone Savage, is back and he had a lofty 28.0 average. After blocking 3 punts in 2000 they did not block any last year. You will notice a Ferguson is punting this year, but it is Jeff's brother Blake, who transferred in from N Carolina where he averaged 36.9 in 2000. OU finished #29 in my rankings last year, and with the loss of Jeff Ferguson and Duncan, this unit may drop a notch or two. However, since Stoops places such a high priority on special teams, they should remain near the top of my rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Oklahoma did not have a single starter miss a single game due to injury, and benefitted from +9 turnovers. They simply stunned the nation by winning the National Title despite not being ranked in the preseason Top 20. The Sooners were 7-0 last year when they lost at Nebraska but had a shot at the Big 12 Title game and the Rose Bowl until they were stunned in the season finale by Okla St, a game in which they were outgained 334-220. After beating Arkansas in the bowl game they finished #6 in the final polls. Last year's team had 6 senior starters returning while there are only 5 this year. Overall OU ranks 3rd in the Big 12 with 15 returning starters in 2002. Despite the youth, this club has been winning a lot of games, as their 24 wins over the last two seasons is the most in IA play. They must replace OC Mark Mangino but bring over Kevin Wilson who was the OC at Northwestern and they will put more of an emphasis on running the football. They have 8 offensive starters back including 2 experienced QB's and should easily outscore last year's squad which put up 30.5 ppg. The offense was a problem last year, as despite a 6-2 conference record and having an outstanding defense they only outgained league foes by an average of 56.5 ypg which was 5th best in the league. Their offense averaged just 329.0 ypg in league play which was #8. The Sooners had my #2 ranked defense in the Big 12 last year, allowing a paltry 13.0 ppg. This year's defense loses some major players in LB Rocky Calmus and SS Roy Williams. The Sooners again benefitted from +10 in turnovers last year. The schedule gets a little easier as they do not have to Nebraska or Kan St on their schedule. The majority of their toughest foes are at home and the only 2 question marks on the schedule appear to be Texas (in Dallas) and a road trip to Texas A&M, but the Sooners have beaten Texas by a 77-17 margin the last 2 years and won their last trip to Kyle Field, so clearly this is an Oklahoma team that has a shot at an undefeated record and is again a National Title contender.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JASON WHITE JR. 6-2 224 *PS#40. 2 sts in 2001 (until inj), 681 yds (64.6%), 5-3 ratio.* ***Nate Hybl*** *(6-4 220 Sr)* ***PS#27****. 11 sts, 2553 yds (59.6%) 16-15 ratio 2Y.*

FB QUENTIN GRIFFIN SR. 5-7 190 *PS#331. 4.36 spd, 615 squat. 823 yds, #1 w/51 rec in 2000. 3rd Tm B12 LY, 860 yds (4.4), 64 rec (7.4). Renaldo Works* ***PS#38****, 690 yds (5.0), 24 rec 2Y.*

HB MARK CLAYTON SO. 5-11 169 *PS#85. 9 sts as rFr, OU Fr record 46 catches (11.4), HM B12. Brandon Jones (6-3 208 So)* ***PS#13****, 2 rec as true. Jejuan Rankins is PS#7.*

WR CURTIS FAGAN SR. 6-0 175 ***PS#39****. 11 sts, 73 rec in '99 & 2000. 11 starts in 2001, 32 rec (9.3). Ataleo Ford (6-0 180 So) PS#41. Will Peoples (6-1 181 So) PS#46.*

WR Antwone Savage Sr. 6-0 185 *PS#157. 37 rec (13.6) as true. 50 rec (12.4) in 2000. 35 rec (12.8),* ***2nd Tm B12*** *LY.* ***Andre Woolfolk*** *(6-1 191 Sr) 13 sts, 42 rec (14.6) in 2000. DB/WR LY.*

TE TRENT SMITH SR. 6-5 230 ***PS#2****. 12 sts, 31 rec (10.4) in 2000.* ***2nd Tm AA*** *LY, 66 rec (9.1). NCAA's #1 TE in rec. Lance Donley (6-4 218 Jr) PS#43. James Moses (6-3 234 So) PS#6.*

C VINCE CARTER SO. 6-3 277 ***PS#58****. L/10 sts as* ***true****, 1st Tm Frosh AA. Brad Davis (6-0 306 Sr) lettered in 2000. 1 st at RG LY. John Flynn (6-1 242 So) Scout Tm Off POY.*

RG MIKE SKINNER SR. 6-5 309 *PS#128. 8 games as rFr. 13 starts at RG in 2000. 12 starts at RG in 2001. Cliff Takawana (6-3 313 So) PS#92OL. 2nd string in 2001.*

LG Chris Bush rFr. 6-4 274 *PS#25TE. Kelvin Chaisson (6-5 290 rFr) PS#205. Jeff Lebby is PS#19. 2nd string in 2001. Aaron Rooney (6-2 276 rFr) PS#180.*

RT Jerod Fields So. 6-7 302 *DNQ in 2000. Took off RS midyear LY, 5 sts as* ***true****, 1st Tm Fr All-B12. Jammal Brown (6-6 310 So) PS#68DL. 2nd string as rFr, 3 gms, lettered.*

LT WES SIMS SO. 6-5 317 ***PS#2OL****. 5 starts at LG, 3 at RT until inj in 2001. Bret Rayl (6-7 302 rFr) PS#44DL, added 30 lbs. Chike Ozumba (6-3 286 Sr) 2 letters.*

K Josh Roberts Fr. 6-0 165 ***PS#8K****. Hit 11 of 12 FG's in high school last year with a long of 51. 34 of 36 on PAT's. 85% of KO's were TB's. 44.4 average as a punter.*

DEFENSE

DE Jonathan Jackson So. 6-3 227 ***PS#12LB.*** *8 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl, 2 pbu as* ***true****. Dan Cody (6-5 252 So) PS#77QB. 11 tkls, 2 sks as true. 1 st LY, 5 tkls then medical redshirt.*

DT KORY KLEIN JR. 6-2 285 *PS#103. 7 sts as rFr, 31 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. 13 sts LY,* ***2nd Tm B12****, 28 tkls, 5 tfl.* ***Lynn McGruder*** *(6-3 290 So) PS#7. 7 tkls as true at Tennessee.*

DT TOMMIE HARRIS SO. 6-3 278 ***PS#2****. 13 starts,* ***1st Tm Big 12*** *as* ***true****. 34 tkls, 2 sks, 15.5 tfl. Dusty Dvoracek (6-3 271 So) PS#66DL. 22 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl as* ***true****.*

DE JIMMY WILKERSON JR. 6-4 252 *PS#62LB. 18 tkls, 5 tfl at LB as* ***true****. 12 sts LY,* ***1st Team B12****, 71 tkls, 7 sks, 13 tfl, 10 pbu.* ***Ronbrose Jones*** *(6-2 225 So)* ***PS#10****. Scout MVP.*

WLB TED LEHMAN JR. 6-2 230 *PS#66LB. 4.4 speed. 11 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 89 tkls, 3 sks, 8.5 tfl.* ***Zach Latimer*** *is* ***PS#13LB.*** *Brandon Pryor (5-11 225 Sr) PS#69LB.*

MLB Lance Mitchell Jr. 6-3 245 *PS#126, orig signed w/WSU.* ***PS#23JC****. Clint Ingram (6-2 232 rFr) PS#114. Gayron Allen (5-10 195 So) PS#131, 6 tkls LY. Wayne Chambers is PS#34.*

SLB Pasha Jackson Jr. 6-3 240 ***PS#46JUCO****. 4.5 speed. Russell Dennison (6-3 235 rFr) PS#75LB. Derrick Hurst (6-1 238 Sr) 3 tkls LY. Rufus Alexander is PS#133LB.*

CB ANDRE WOOLFOLK SR. 6-1 191 *PS#169. 13 sts, 42 rec (14.6) in 2000. 10 sts at CB LY. 19 tkls, 2 pbu. Antonio Perkins (6-0 182 So) PS#44WR, 4.35. 40"VL, 3 sts, 3 int, 7 pbu as a rFr.*

CB DERRICK STRAIT JR. 5-11 191 *PS#99. 13 sts as rFr, 2 int, 15 pbu. 13 sts LY, 3 int, 15 pbu, 2nd Tm B12. Jowahn Poteat (6-1 190 rFr) PS#100, 4.38. Darren Stephens (6-3 183 So) PS#16.*

SS Michael Thompson Jr. 6-1 183 *PS#58. 13 sts at CB, 61 tkls, 13 pbu in 2000. RS LY. Eric Bassey (6-1 188 rFr) PS#62, 4.36. Matt McCoy (5-11 193 Jr) 3 sts, 4 int, 13 pbu LY.*

FS BRANDON EVERAGE JR. 6-0 185 *PS#57QB. 2 sts, 2 int, 9 pbu, 3rd Tm B12 in 2000. 12 sts, 80 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu LY. Terrance Simms (6-1 184 Sr) PS#67JC.* ***Bobby Klinck*** *(5-10 209 rFr),* ***PS#25****.*

P Blake Ferguson So. 6-0 190 ***PS#26K****. Hit 57 and 51 yd FG's in HS. 42.0 average as P. 40 punts at N Carolina in 2000, 36.9 average, 6 inside the 20, net of 31.5 as true.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Jejuan Rankins	5-11 160 PS#7
LB	Zach Latimer	6-3 215 PS#13
DB	Michael Hawkins	6-2 180 PS#5
DB	Aaron Miller	6-1 175 PS#8
OL	Jeff Lebby	6-3 285 PS#19
WR	Jason Carter	6-0 178 PS#28
WR	DaBryan Blanton	5-11 170 PS#29
OL	Davin Joseph	6-4 270 PS#24
LB	Lance Mitchell	6-3 250 PS#23JC
LB	Wayne Chambers	6-3 235 PS#34
WR	Travis Wilson	6-3 200 PS#41
QB	Noah Allen	6-3 215 PS#25
QB	Paul Thompson	6-4 185 PS#29
TE	J.D. Runnels	6-1 230 PS#15

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Tulsa (Fri)	A						OU has covered just 2 of the last 8 vs the Jayhawks. Sooners are 2-11-2 ATS vs KSU since 1986, the dog is 9-3-2 ATS. Oklahoma is 1-1 SU and 0-2 ATS vs the ACC in bowls the last 2 years.
Sep. 7	Alabama	G						Oklahoma is 14-7 ATS since 1980 in their 1st away game. OK is 8-1 SU but 4-5 ATS their last 9 vs current WAC schools.
Sep. 14	UTEP	G						The Sooners last regular season meeting vs the SEC was in 1982. OU is 15-32-1 ATS their last 48 as a home favorite, 2-8 ATS the last 10.
Sep. 21								Sooners are 3-7-1 ATS S/'93 in the 2nd of B2B HG's, but 3-0 ATS under Stoops. Oklahoma is 14-21-1 ATS as a double digit home favorite since 1990.
Sep. 28	S Florida	G						For more information on South Florida see pages 226 and 227. OU is 1-7 ATS S/'89 in their 3rd straight scheduled gm not leaving Norman.
Oct. 5	at Missouri	G						The Sooners are 19-40-1 ATS their last 60 October contests. Oklahoma is 13-1 SU last 14 and 14-7-1 ATS last 22 vs Mizzou.
Oct. 12	† Texas (Dallas)	G						OU is 13-9 ATS as an away dog since 1996. Oklahoma is 5-9 ATS their last 14 vs the Longhorns.
Oct. 19	Iowa St	G						Sooners are 5-12-1 ATS the week after playing Texas, but 4-0 ATS L/4. OU owns a 63-5-2 SU mark vs Iowa St, including 7 in a row.
Oct. 26								
Nov. 2	Colorado	G						Oklahoma is 5-9 ATS their last 14 the week after a bye. Sooners are just 2-9 ATS their last 11 vs Colorado.
Nov. 9	at Texas A&M	G						OU came into 2002 with a 7-11-1 ATS mark their last 19 as an AF. The home team has covered 6 of the last 7 in this series.
Nov. 16	at Baylor	G						Sooners are 18-29-2 ATS as a favorite since 1994. Oklahoma is 8-0 SU vs Baylor, 3-0 on the road.
Nov. 23	Texas Tech	G						The Sooner Schooner has ridden to a 16-10 ATS mark in home finales. Including a bowl game, OU is 7-2 SU and 6-3 ATS vs Texas Tech.
Nov. 30	at Oklahoma St	A						OU is 15-1-1 SU vs OSU at Lewis Field, but 3-7 ATS last 10. Oklahoma leads the all-time series 75-14-7 SU.

BOB STOOPS (Career 31-7)

4th Year at Oklahoma

Stoops' records AT OKLAHOMA

31-7	Straight Up	7-8	Home Favorite
19-14-1	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Dog
4-1	Off A S/U Loss	5-4-1	Away Favorite
13-11-1	Vs Conference	5-2	Away Dog
		6-3	Vs Non-Conf

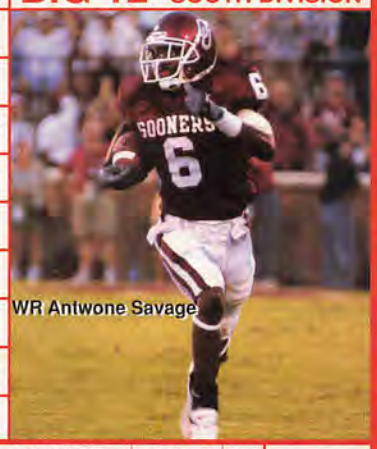
2001 RECORD: **(11-2)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (23,16,0)
Lost: 17 (6,9,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 75,384

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION



WR Antwone Savage

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STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (75,004)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-5-1	3-8	4-8	5-6	7-4	12-0	10-2	46-33-1
ATS	2-9	5-6	5-7	5-6	7-3	6-5-1	6-6	36-42-1
Home Fav	2-3	0-2	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-3	2-5	11-16
Home Dog	0-1	1-2	1-3	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	6-6
Away Fav	0-3	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2-1	3-0	6-9-1
Away Dog	0-2	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-1	2-0	1-1	13-11
Favorite	2-6	1-2	1-2	1-3	4-2	3-5-1	5-5	17-25-1
Dog	0-3	4-4	4-5	4-3	3-1	3-0	1-1	19-17
Grass	2-5	2-6	4-5	5-5	7-2	5-4-1	4-5	29-32-1
Artificial	0-4	3-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	7-10
vs Conf	0-7	5-3	2-6	4-4	5-3	4-4-1	4-4	24-31-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-3	3-1	1-2	2-0	2-1	2-2	12-11
Off SU Win	1-4	2-1	1-2	1-3	4-2	5-5-1	5-5	19-22-1
Off SU Loss	0-4	3-4	4-4	3-3	3-1	0-0	1-0	14-16

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Quentin Griffin	201	919	59	860	9	4.4
Renaldo Works	48	306	9	297	6	6.4
Jason White	52	258	94	164	1	3.2
Nate Hybl	85	250	208	42	3	0.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Nate Hybl	412	246	59.7	2409	14	13
Jason White	113	73	64.6	681	5	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Trent Smith	66	603	9.1	6	28	
Quentin Griffin	64	472	7.4	2	47	
Mark Clayton	46	524	11.4	3	48	
Josh Norman	52	479	9.2	2	57	
Antwone Savage	35	448	12.8	5	75	
Curtis Fagan	32	298	9.3	1	26	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jeff Ferguson	80	3438	43.0	–	38.5	1	23
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Tim Duncan	10-12	6-7	5-8	0-2	21-30	47	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rocky Calmus	128	5	12	10	1
Roy Williams	107	4	10	27	5
Teddy Lehman	89	3	8.5	3	1
Brandon Everage	80	1	2	4	1
Jimmy Wilkerson	71	7	13	10	0
Derrick Strait	57	1	2	15	3
Cory Heinecke	45	3	0	4	0
Bradon Moore	39	1	3	1	0
Tommie Harris	34	2	15.5	1	0
Matt McCoy	33	0	1	13	4
Bary Holleyman	28	4	4	1	0
Kory Klein	28	2	3	1	1
Dusty Dvoracek	22	2	2	0	0
Andre Woolfolk	19	0	0	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Curtis Fagan	52	357	6.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Antwone Savage	16	448	28.0	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	John Hancock	-6'	Texas Tech	41-10	W
94	Copper	+1	BYU	6-31	L
99	Independence	-4	Mississippi	25-27	L
00	Orange	+10	Florida St	13-2	W
01	Cotton	-13	Arkansas	10-3	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OKLAHOMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	30.5	19	115	3.5	242	60.7	11.8	+9	2001	5	13.0	13	86	2.4	161	45.2	19.0
6*	37.0	21	129	3.7	288	64.2	11.3	+7	2000	7	14.9	15	102	3.1	179	49.2	18.8
7*	35.8	24	104	3.9	327	63.7	12.0	-6	1999	7	19.1	18	128	3.4	218	50.8	18.6
6*	16.7	14	184	3.8	110	43.2	17.6	-6	1998	7	20.8	15	121	3.1	158	47.2	13.4
6*	19.3	17	208	4.2	128	49.3	17.3	-22	1997	6	31.6	19	186	4.3	177	55.0	11.5
3*	23.2	19	199	4.7	183	44.3	16.5	-8	1996	6	35.6	19	143	3.2	212	58.8	9.9

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Carolina	12	33-108	3.3	21-31	178	3	20	35-64	1.8	17-41	226	3	+4
at Air Force	21	35-237	6.8	14-31	161	0	15	53-137	2.6	11-28	112	0	+1
N Texas	24	29-190	6.6	29-42	353	1	11	39-117	3.0	12-26	180	1	0
Kansas St	14	26-9	0.3	18-39	316	1	16	42-189	4.5	12-32	257	1	-1
†Texas	15	31-63	2.0	20-33	143	2	15	25-27	1.1	24-42	198	5	+4
at Kansas	20	37-237	6.4	23-40	166	0	8	40-84	2.1	9-26	139	1	+1
Baylor	28	39-60	1.5	32-44	343	8	12	35-106	3.0	11-30	138	3	0
at Nebraska	21	29-105	3.6	22-50	234	3	13	44-164	3.7	11-19	165	0	-1
Tulsa	25	25-175	7.0	39-53	366	1	12	34-48	1.4	14-32	90	5	+1
Texas A&M	23	43-157	3.7	25-38	195	3	5	27-74	2.7	11-23	58	1	-2
at Texas Tech	23	34-92	2.7	34-51	292	2	9	16-(-7)	-0.4	24-37	254	3	+1
Oklahoma St	13	27-0	0.0	22-48	220	7	23	40-76	1.9	21-47	258	0	+1
†Arkansas	11	34-56	1.6	24-32	175	4	6	42-37	0.9	2-13	13	9	+1
TOTALS	250	422-1489	3.5	323-532	3142	35	165	472-1116	2.4	179-396	2088	32	+9
AVERAGES	19.2	32-115	3.5	25-41	242	2.7	12.7	36-86	2.4	14-30	161	2.5	0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Northwestern	+4'	0-24	L
Syracuse	+11	36-34	W
at California	+4'	36-40	W
Louisville	-7'	35-14	W
at Kansas	-3'	17-20	L
† Texas	+4'	24-27	W
Baylor	-15'	24-23	L
Kansas St	+10	7-26	L
at Nebraska	+37	7-69	L
Oklahoma St	+6	7-30	L
Texas A&M	+15	7-51	L
at Texas Tech	+24	32-21	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-18	37-9	W
at TCU	-5'	10-9	L
California	-3	12-13	L
Colorado	+4	25-27	W
† Texas	+8	3-34	L
at Missouri	+16'	6-20	W
at Oklahoma St	+8'	26-41	L
Iowa St	-7	17-14	L
at Texas A&M	+19	0-29	L
at Baylor	+4	28-16	W
Texas Tech	+7	20-17	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	49-0	–
Baylor	-12'	41-10	W
at Louisville	E	42-21	W
at Notre Dame	+6	30-34	W
† Texas	+5	28-38	L
Texas A&M	+3'	51-6	W
at Colorado	-4'	24-38	L
Missouri	-11	37-0	W
at Iowa St	-7	31-10	W
at Texas Tech	-13	28-38	L
Oklahoma St	-13'	44-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-27	55-14	W
Arkansas St	-32	45-7	W
Rice	-33	42-14	L
Kansas	-24'	34-16	L
† Texas	+2'	63-14	W
at Kansas St	+8'	41-31	W
Nebraska	+2'	31-14	W
at Baylor	-39	56-7	W
at Texas A&M	-10	35-31	L
Texas Tech	-24'	27-13	L
at Oklahoma St	-26	12-7	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Carolina	-20'	41-27	L
at Air Force	-17'	44-3	W
N Texas	-41	37-10	L
Kansas St	-4'	38-37	L
† Texas	+3	14-3	W
at Kansas	-21'	38-10	W
Baylor	-35'	33-17	L
at Nebraska	+4	10-20	L
Tulsa	-41	58-0	W
Texas A&M	-17'	31-10	W
at Texas Tech	-7'	30-13	W
Oklahoma St	-27	13-16	L

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TEXAS A&M AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 1994 Mark Farris was drafted with the #11 pick of the MLB draft by Pittsburgh, one choice ahead of the Red Sox's Nomar Garciaparra. Farris, much like Chris Weinke, took 5 years off to play baseball following HS and then won the starting QB job here in 2000 as a "sophomore" just a few days before the opener. Farris put up better numbers than Weinke did as a first year starter, throwing for 60.6% with a 12-10 ratio and setting an Aggie school record with 2,684 yards. He returned last year to his third QB coach in 3 years. At times he and OC Babers were believed to be at odds but Slocum smoothed that over prior to the bowl. Farris took every snap in the first 9 games despite suffering a turf burn on his right elbow vs Texas Tech. Farris became only the second Aggie QB in history (Corey Pullig was the other) to have back-to-back 2,000 yard seasons. Overall his numbers were below expectations as he threw for just 2,285 yards (57.9%) with a 9-9 ratio but he did have to learn a new offense and had a receiving corps that was decimated by injuries. Farris returns for his senior season and is the career leader here in completion percentage at 58.7% and could become the career passing yards leader. Last year's backup, Vance Smith (PS#25), decided to forego his senior year. Dustin Long (6-2 194 So, PS#38) got in one rush attempt last season. Jason Carter (6-1 188 So, PS#34) was a PQ last year and was the offensive scout team MVP. This year's biggest signee is Reggie McNeal (PS#3) who led his team to the Texas 5A Championship in HS. He has sprinter's speed and a strong arm and Slocum said he will have a shot at being the first true frosh QB to start here since Pullig in 1992. Look for McNeal or Carter to at least run some option plays this year if not contend for the top job. Whoever wins the starting job will certainly improve on last year's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In both 1999 and 2000 this unit was hit hard by injuries and used a lot of different feature backs. Richard Whitaker became just the 4th frosh RB in Aggie history to lead the team in rushing in the regular season with 471 yards (5.1) in 2000. Last year he was injured prior to the opener and then was moved to WR. FB Joe Weber has 7 starts in 3 years and 886 yards rushing. Prior to the season A&M talked of having one solo feature back and it appeared that Keith Joseph (PS#39) would take that role. Joseph rushed for 165 yds in the first 2 games but then separated his shoulder and would be used sparingly the rest of the year. He finished with 384 yards (3.6) and has been moved to FB. Oschlor Flemming (5-10 204 Jr, PS#53) started against Okla St, rushing for 71 yds, but it was decided that true frosh Derek Farmer would take off his redshirt in the 3Q of that game. Farmer rushed for 100 yards the next week against Notre Dame in his first start. He ended up leading the team with 536 yards (4.2) in 7 starts. He injured his knee and over the final 3 regular season games had only 13 carries. This year basically everyone is back and hopefully Farmer and Joseph will stay healthy. They also add in WR Dwain Goynes who has 4.25 speed (fastest on team), with 7 starts last year and 24 rec's. He was a RB in HS and adapted well to his old position in the spring. The Aggies' running game was very poor last year (worst rush total since 1970!!!) and I look for it to be considerably stronger in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Aggies had to replace a starting WR and TE and two of their top three WR's overall. They then were decimated by injuries. WR Bethel Johnson was the leading returning receiver but injured his spleen after getting six rec's against Wyoming and was lost for the season. WR Greg Porter broke his foot in the second game. Porter has great size (6-4 228) and possibly the best hands on the team and he returned for limited action down the stretch. RB Whitaker was moved to WR due to the lack of depth but injured his knee and missed five full games. While the WR's were banged up, their injury woes paled in comparisons to the TE's. The Aggies simply lost their top 4 TE's due to injury and Thomas Carriger, a true frosh DE who was supposed to RS, moved to TE in September and ended up starting six games. He didn't catch his first pass until the bowl game where he had 2 rec's for 57 yards. I list the 2 deep below and while some of last year's TE's could return, it's more likely that true frosh will dominate this position. WR Terrence Murphy, a true frosh who led the team in receiving yards with 518 returns as does ND transfer Jamaar Taylor who led the team in rec's with 40 (12.6). Interestingly, Murphy had never played WR before after playing only QB in HS and should be improved. Porter missed the spring to play baseball and his return is questionable. Whitaker was not 100% and may need a 3rd arthroscopic surgery. They also add in some solid rFr and even a VHT true frosh, L'Tydrick Riley, this year. The only losses are TE Michael de la Torre (5 sts, 4 rec's), WR Mickey Jones (3 sts, 15 rec's) and WR Dwain Goynes who moved to RB (24 rec's). This figures to be one of the most improved receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the OL had to replace 2 starters but averaged a solid 3.9 ypc while allowing just 11 sacks despite the most pass attempts in school history. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but had 5 players returning with starting experience. C Seth McKinney, who was one of only 5 centers in college football history to be a 4 year starter and was the most valuable OL the last 2 years, departs (#3DC of MIA) as does OT Mike Mahan (10 sts, 3 yr st'r). Eight of the top 10 are back. One super addition last year was LT Jami Hightower (PS#5). RC Slocum has a policy of redshirting linemen but Hightower started the last 6 games at LT as a true frosh and looks to be already one of the best LT's in the Big 12. A&M averaged just 3.1 ypc rushing, their weakest total in recent memory, but the line did allow just 20 sacks. McKinney's loss will be felt but this year's unit has more experience and should be stronger at establishing the running game.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Aggies allowed 3.3 ypc rushing and the defense had 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters, both of whom were NFL DC's, as well as a top backup but they did get back an injured 2000 starter in DE Rocky Bernard as well as their tfl leader, Ty Warren. The DL got a little banged up last year with Warren missing a good portion of 2 games due to injury as did DE Evan Perroni. This year they must replace Perroni (8 sts, 40 tkls, 2 tfl) and Bernard (#5DC SEA, 12 sts, 75 tkls, 5 sks, 12 tfl) but 4 of the top 6 are back including 4 with starting experience. They nearly lost their other returning starter in Ty Warren, but he turned down the chance to enter the NFL. Basically they used a 5 man rotation last year as true frosh David Ross (6-2 264, PS#173DL) was a backup all season but managed to redshirt. A&M allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing last year and the defense accounted for 45 sacks. Not listed below is Robert Bailey (6-4 281 Sr). I'm very high on Warren and have him on my 1st Team Big 12 list and they may have better depth, due to some top-notch rFr and true frosh who are added. However, they are a little less experienced overall even though 3 starters are VHT's.

DE Ty Warren

LINEBACKERS - A&M's "Wrecking Crew" defense is known for their LB's year in and year out. After having a very experienced group in 2000, last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation as well as a backup. This year the group is much more experienced as the losses are OLB Christian Rodriguez (11 sts, 41 tkls, 7.5 sks, 8 tfl) and ILB Harold Robertsen (2 sts, 39 tkls, 4.5 tfl) who was the best pass defender of the LB's. Also gone is backup ILB Amon Simon (55 tkls, 1sk). This unit looks stronger and the 3 projected starters are VHT's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies traditionally finish high in my pass D rankings and prior to 2000 Solcum said "I've been here 28 years and this is the youngest secondary we've had." They still managed to finish #21 that season and last year only had to replace 1 starter (6th round DC) and had 5 players back with starting experience. The Aggies finished #13 in my rankings, allowing 177.6 ypg (55.4%) with a 7-18 ratio. They did lose one of their starters, FS Jay Brooks (55 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 pbu), to injury after 4 games and Wes Bautovich (61 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu) filled in for him, and they both depart. A&M may have the best set of CB's in the country in Sammy Davis (who turned down the NFL) and Byron Jones, who had 3 int's in the bowl game. Despite a question mark at FS this is one of the best secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies are famous for their 12th Man special teams and have always treated this group as a priority. They've had FOUR Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings and were #20 in 1998, #11 in 1999 but slipped to #42 in 2000. Last year they dropped down to an unheard of (for them) finish at #50. In 2000 they actually allowed a PR TD, the first ever in the Slocum era, but they did not allow a TD last year. FS Jay Brooks had 5 blocked punts in 2000-'01, but now departs. Overall the team blocked 2 punts but suffered 2 blocks. Part of the reason for the special teams problems last year was that true frosh kicker Chris Simms (PS#33) was expected to handle all of the kicking duties but suffered a back injury and ended up quitting the team. That meant that punter Cody Scates had to handle all of the jobs and it not only hurt his effectiveness punting, but clearly the FG kicking suffered as he hit just 8 of 16 with a long of 48. In one game (vs Wyoming) he was kicking in what Slocum called ankle deep grass and missed 3 FG's and an XP. The top PR, Dawon Gentry (12.4), missed five games and his replacements were not as solid. The top KR, Sammy Davis, avg'd just 18.0. I look for dramatic improvement in Scates (PS#21) as a punter, as he averaged 44.8 in HS and will not have to handle all the kicking jobs now. Once again they simply bring in PS#1 this year in Todd Pegram to handle the FG and KO duties. All of the top returnmen are back and should fare better and overall I clearly see the Aggies moving back up toward the top of the special teams rankings where they belong.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A&M fans are rather tough on RC Slocum at times but he's done a fine job here. He's guided the team to 11 bowl games in 13 years and they've been undefeated at Kyle Field 8 times in that span. RC is the only active coach of 10+ years without a losing season besides Paul Pasqualoni of Syracuse. Since 1990 Slocum is #2 in coaching wins. A&M has now had 19 consecutive non-losing seasons and last year, despite having just 11 starters back (2nd fewest in the league) and losing 6 players to the NFL, they started the season out 7-1 before dropping their final 3 regular season games. A&M has the 4th best home record since 1990 with a 64-7 SU mark. This year A&M is more experienced as they lose just 16 lettermen which is the fewest in the league and have 16 starters back which is the 2nd most. Last year was the first time ever here that the leading rusher and receiver were both freshmen and they both return. In 2001 A&M was also hit hard by injuries in the receiving corps. Last year's offense was geared to throwing the ball to players that were stationary targets but this year the QB's have been instructed to hit the receivers in stride, so you can expect better yards per pass. They were #106 in the NCAA in total offense last year and their 113.0 yards rushing was their lowest since 1970. I look for significant improvements on all offensive numbers this year. Defensively the Aggies have the potential to have the best defense in the Big 12. Last year's defense was tops in the conference at midseason but then was ravaged by injuries down the stretch. They only had 2 players drafted by the NFL and the last time that happened came after the 1997 season and in 1998 they simply won the Big 12 Title. This year's Aggie squad is capable of doing the same. The majority of their toughest games are at home (including Nebraska and Oklahoma), where they are very tough. I give the Aggies a very solid shot of winning those 2 games and having the potential to be 11-0 when they travel to Texas in the season finale. That makes Texas A&M not only a contender in the Big 12 South, but a National Title contender as well.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MARK FARRIS SR. 6-2 206 PS#29 in '94. MLB. 12 sts here in 2000, 2684 yds (61%), 12-10 ratio. 12 sts LY, 2285 yds (58%) 9-9 ratio. **Reggie McNeal, PS#3, 4.35 spd.**

RB DEREK FARMER SO. 5-11 192 PS#38. 7 sts as **true**. 536 yds (4.2). **Dwain Goynes** (5-10 184 Sr) PS#49WR, **4.25 spd**. 7 sts, 24 rec (10.4) at WR LY. Oschlor Flemming 232 yds (4.2).

FB JOE WEBER SR. 6-1 230 **PS#7**. 264 yds (5.3) as true. 1 st, 446 yds (4.3) in 2000. 6 sts LY, 176 yds (3.5), 18 rec (4.6). **Keith Joseph** (6-2 234 So) PS#39, 3 sts, 494 yds LY.

WR JAMAAR TAYLOR JR. 6-1 192 PS#36. Orig at Notre Dame. 10 sts here LY, 40 rec (12.6). Terrence Murphy (6-1 185 So) 8 sts as **true**, 36 rec (14.4). John Roberson (5-9 163 rFr) PS#46.

WR BETHEL JOHNSON SR. 5-11 188 PS#99. 8 sts in 2000, 43 rec (11.0). 2 sts, 8 rec then inj LY. Terrence Thomas (5-9 174 So) PS#37, 8 rec as true. **L'Tydrick Riley** (6-3 210 Fr) **PS#14DB**.

TE THOMAS CARRIGER SO. 6-3 261 PS#226DL. L/6 sts as true, 2 rec in bowl. Quinlin Germany is PS#49DL. Joey Perot (6-3 257 So) was PS#52. Patrick Fleming is PS#91OL.

C Geoff Hangartner So. 6-5 287 PS#42. 2nd string C as true but RS. 2nd string LY, 2 games. Cole Smith (6-2 268 rFr) PS#51. James Milkavich (6-2 290 Jr) was PS#369.

RG TAYLOR WHITLEY SR. 6-4 305 PS#105. 12 gms as rFr & lettered. 12 sts in 2000. 12 sts in 2001. Quentin Holman (6-2 359 rFr) PS#150OL. 2nd string last year but RS.

LG BILLY YATES SR. 6-2 283 PS#142. 1 st as rFr, 12 gms. 1 st until inj in 2000. 12 sts in 2001. John Kirk (6-4 286 Jr) 2L. Dominique Steamer (6-3 333 rFr) PS#142.

RT Andre Brooks Jr. 6-4 298 PS#133. Last 3 sts at LT as rFr. 6 sts at RT in 2001. Aldo DeLaGarza (6-4 315 Fr) PS#55 in 2001. Brandon Flanagan PS#141, in for spg.

LT JAMI HIGHTOWER SO. 6-3 323 **PS#5**. L/6 sts at LT as **true**. 1st true OL to play here S/'96. Alan Reuber (6-6 294 Jr) PS#33, 2 sts LY, 2L. Kasey Cheshier (6-4 279 So) PS#60.

K Todd Pegram Fr. 6-0 180 **PS#1**. 9 of 11 FG's as Jr in HS in 2000. 9 of 12 FG's as Sr in HS in 2001, long of 48, 28 of 28 xp's. **Cody Scates** 8 of 16 FG's LY, L/48, 1 miss 50+.

OLB Jesse Hunnicutt Sr. 6-3 238 9 gms FB/LB as true. 1 sk in 2000. 1 st in 2001, 23 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. **John Boutte** (6-1 220 rFr) **PS#26TE**. **Kelvin Flood** is **PS#25LB**, **4.4 spd**.

DE TY WARREN SR. 6-4 295 PS#13DL. 9 sts, 41 tkls, 5 sks, 11 tfl at DE in 2000. 11 sts (inj) LY, **1st Tm Big 12**, 43 tkls, 5.5 sks, 8 tfl. Donny Stringer (6-4 236 rFr) PS#128.

NG Marcus Jasmin So. 6-4 310 PS#60. Scout Tm MVP in 2000. 4 sts at NG as rFr, 34 tkls, 2 tfl. Brian Patrick is PS#55DL. Johnny Jolly (6-3 260 Fr). Brandon Fails is PS#109.

DE Linnis Smith Jr. 6-4 262 PS#42DL. 14 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 1 start last year, 23 tkls, 1.5 sks, 2 QBH. Lawrence Hooper (6-3 256 rFr) was PS#38DL. Dennis Ellis is PS#40

LB JARROD PENRIGHT SR. 6-2 240 **PS#18**. 1 st in 2000, 17 tkls, 2 tfl. 12 sts LY, 71 tkls, 11 sks, 10 tfl. **1st Tm B12**. Everett Smith (6-2 211 Jr) PS#57DB. Toron Woolridge (6-1 220 Jr) PS#51.

LB JARED MORRIS JR. 6-3 240 **PS#20**. 17 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 10 sts LY, 73 tkls 2 sks, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Nurahda Manning is PS#45. Randall Webb (6-3 214 So) PS#209, 8 sts LY.

LB BRIAN GAMBLE SR. 6-2 225 **PS#35**. 11 sts, 63 tkls in '99. 12 sts, **2nd Tm B12**, 119 tkls, 4 sks in 2000. 12 sts, 73 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Archie McDaniel PS#29. Brandon Johnson (6-1 229 So).

CB BYRON JONES SO. 5-10 171 **PS#17**. 1 st as **true**, 3 int's in bowl! 36 tkls, 5 pbu. **Sean Weston** (5-9 171 Jr) PS#73. 11 sts, 15 pbu in 2000. 11 sts LY, 1 int, 7 pbu, 34 tkls.

CB SAMMY DAVIS SR. 6-1 183 **PS#6**. 12 sts in 2000, 40 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu. **1st Tm B12** LY, 77 tkls, 5 int, 11 pbu, turned down NFL. **Jonte Buhl** (5-9 165 Jr) PS#30, 40 tkls, 6 pbu 2Y.

SS TERRENCE KIEL SR. 5-11 201 PS#50. 11 sts as So, 63 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu, 12 sts LY, #1 w/100 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, HM B12. Jaxson Appel (5-10 186 rFr) PS#37. Adam Black (5-10 178 Jr) **PS#7**.

FS Dawon Gentry Jr. 5-11 196 PS#51. 5 tkls as true. 1 int, 9 tkls, 317 return yds until inj LY. Jarvis Mays (6-2 175 rFr) PS#39. Eric Crutchfield (6-1 188 So) PS#176WR, 8 gms.

P CODY SCATES JR. 6-0 194 PS#21K. 44.8 avg in HS. 59 punts in 2000, 39.5 avg and net of 33.5. 21 TB's on 44 KO's LY, 8 of 16 FG's, 78 punts, 40.8 avg, net of 34.7.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Reggie McNeal 6-3 190 PS#3	
DB	L'Tydrick Riley 6-3 210 PS#14	
LB	Kelvin Flood 6-2 210 PS#25	
LB	Archie McDaniel 6-2 225 PS#29	
K	Todd Pegram 6-0 180 PS#1	
DL	Dennis Ellis 6-4 245 PS#40	
DL	Quinlin Germany 6-3 255 PS#49	
DL	Brian Patrick 6-4 294 PS#55	
LB	Andy Matakis 6-3 235 PS#44	
LB	Nurahda Manning 6-3 235 PS#45	
RB	Courtney Lewis 5-11 175 PS#71	
OL	Patrick Fleming 6-5 265 PS#91	
OL	Taylor Schuster 6-4 255 PS#105	
DL	Brandon Fails 6-3 305 PS#109	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score A&M	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	Louisiana-Lft	G					
Sep. 7	at Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 14							
Sep. 21	Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 28	Louisiana Tech	G					
Oct. 5	Texas Tech	G					
Oct. 12	at Baylor	G					
Oct. 19	at Kansas	A					
Oct. 26	Nebraska	G					
Nov. 2	at Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 9	Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 16	Missouri	G					
Nov. 23							
Nov. 29	at Texas (Fri)	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Aggies are a perfect 13-0 SU in non-lined games.
A&M is 6-0 SU, 5-1 ATS vs S Mississippi.
Texas A&M is 5-0 SU and 3-2 ATS vs Iowa St.

The Aggies are 10-3 SU, 8-5 ATS in their first lined game of the season and 12-2 ATS in their first lined home game the last 14 years.

A&M is just 2-9 ATS in their last 11 road openers.
Texas A&M is 6-3 ATS prior to a bye.

Bonus: The Aggies are 4-10 ATS as an away dog since 1993.

Aggies are 12-4-1 ATS at home over the last 3 seasons, pending opener.
Could apply: Texas A&M is 6-1-1 ATS as a home dog under Slocum.

Pending prior results TY, A&M is 23-14 ATS their last 37 non-conf games.
Aggies are 7-0 SU and 2-1 ATS vs Louisiana Tech.

Texas A&M is 5-7 ATS in their first conference game of the season.
The Aggies are only 6-16 ATS in this state of Texas tussle.

Pending LW's result, Aggies are 13-21 ATS in October since 1994.
The visiting team is 8-4 ATS the last 12 in this series.

Texas A&M is 10-15 ATS on artificial turf the last 7 years.
Aggies are 12-5 ATS since 1989 in their 2nd straight away game.

Texas A&M is 1-3 SU and ATS vs Nebraska since 1988.
A&M is 21-11 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1981.

Aggies are 33-8 SU but only 21-18-1 ATS in their last 41 November games.
Wrecking Crew is 6-0 SU and 4-2 ATS vs Oklahoma St.

Pending prior results, A&M is 26-36-1 ATS vs conf opponents since 1994.
Texas A&M is 5-2 ATS and 4-3 SU their last 7 meetings vs OU.

The Aggies last meeting with Mizzou was a 51-14 road win in 1999.
May apply: Texas A&M is 16-11 ATS as a favorite of 21 or more the last 27.

Bonus: Texas A&M is 9-4 ATS in road finales.

These schools have played each other since 1894, 108 overall meetings.
The Aggies are 1-5-1 ATS the last 7 series meetings with the Longhorns.

R.C. SLOCUM (Career 117-41-2)
14th Year at Texas A&M

Slocum's records AT TEXAS A&M

117-41-2 Straight Up	37-29 Home Favorite
74-69-1 Vs The Spread	6-1-1 Home Dog
13-13-1 Off A S/U Loss	25-27 Away Favorite
47-50-1 Vs Conference	6-12 Away Dog
27-19 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (22,25,1)
Lost: 16 (7,9,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,711

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

CB Sammy Davis

STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (82,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-6	9-3	11-2	8-3	7-4	7-4	56-25
ATS	4-6	5-7	5-6	7-6	7-4	6-5	3-6-1	37-40-1
Home Fav	2-3	3-2	3-2	1-4	4-1	3-1	2-2	18-15
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-0-1	4-1-1
Away Fav	2-2	2-3	1-3	3-2	2-2	1-2	0-1	11-15
Away Dog	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-2	1-3	4-9
Favorite	4-5	5-5	4-5	4-6	6-3	4-3	2-3	29-30
Dog	0-1	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-1	2-2	1-3-1	8-10-1
Grass	1-0	3-7	4-2	4-5	7-2	6-4	2-5-1	27-25-1
Artificial	3-6	2-0	1-4	3-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	10-15
vs Conf	2-5	3-5	4-5	5-4	4-4	4-4	2-5-1	24-32-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-2	3-0	2-1	1-1	13-8
Off SU Win	3-4	2-4	5-4	5-5	3-4	5-2	2-5	25-28
Off SU Loss	0-2	3-2	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	1-1-1	9-10-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derek Farmer	127	589	53	536	2	4.2
Keith Joseph	107	421	37	384	4	3.6
Oschlor Flemming	55	252	20	232	0	4.2
Joe Weber	51	178	2	176	8	3.5
Mark Farris	52	70	160	-90	3	-1.7
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mark Farris	366	212	57.9	2285	9	9
Vance Smith	3	1	33.3	-1	0	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Jamaar Taylor	40	504	12.6	3	64	
Terrence Murphy	36	518	14.4	3	45	
Dwain Goynes	24	250	10.4	1	38	
Joe Weber	18	82	4.6	0	16	
Greg Porter	16	144	9.0	0	20	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Cody Scates	78	3180	40.8	–	35.1	2	17
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Cody Scates	2-3	2-3	4-9	0-1	8-16	48	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Terrence Kiel	100	1	3	5	1
Sammy Davis	77	0	2	11	5
Rocky Bernard	75	5	12	0	0
Jared Morris	73	2	1	1	0
Brian Gamble	73	2	2	2	1
Jarrod Penright	71	11	10	4	0
Wes Bautovich	61	0	2	5	2
Jay Brooks	55	2.5	4	4	0
Amon Simon	55	1	0	1	0
Ty Warren	43	5.5	8	1	0
Christian Rodriguez	41	7.5	8	4	1
Evan Perroni	40	1	1	1	0
Harold Robertson	39	1.5	3	2	0
Byron Jones	36	0	0	5	3
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Dawon Gentry	16	199	12.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Sammy Davis	9	162	18.0	0	

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Cotton	+14	UCLA	23-29	W
98	Sugar	+12'	Ohio St	14-24	W
99	Alamo	+7	Penn St	0-24	L
00	Independence	-1'	Miss St (OT)	41-43	L
01	galleryfurniture.com	-5	TCU	28-9	W

TEXAS A&M'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	20.7	16	113	3.1	192	57.6	14.8	+8	2001	5	17.8	18	102	2.7	178	55.4	15.7
6	29.0	20	152	3.9	227	60.1	13.0	+5	2000	7	19.9	17	118	3.3	203	52.7	16.1
8*	26.5	20	140	3.3	220	50.1	13.6	0	1999	8	19.3	17	119	3.2	183	55.5	15.7
7*	23.9	17	151	3.4	161	52.8	13.1	+15	1998	6	15.3	17	130	3.4	172	55.6	19.8
8*	34.2	18	204	5.0	161	55.7	10.7	+18	1997	6	18.2	18	164	3.5	157	52.6	17.7
5	32.0	19	230	4.9	174	48.0	13.8	-4	1996	8	23.4	16	107	2.8	222	52.5	15.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
McNeese St	21	35-120	3.4	24-40	254	2	15	35-103	2.9	13-30	138	1	+1
at Wyoming	26	42-166	4.0	30-42	341	0	18	32-102	3.2	11-26	171	3	+1
Oklahoma St	15	42-148	3.5	14-25	92	0	11	36-64	1.8	15-30	135	6	-1
Notre Dame	17	40-133	3.3	15-27	177	0	12	33-70	2.1	12-27	121	7	+3
Baylor	21	46-116	2.5	21-36	260	2	15	34-85	2.5	19-38	147	4	+1
at Colorado	19	19-42	2.2	30-50	334	2	19	52-170	3.3	14-28	183	1	-2
at Kansas St	9	32-51	1.6	11-20	138	2	24	61-258	4.2	12-24	100	1	+3
Iowa St	14	35-190	5.4	11-21	132	2	26	34-97	2.9	30-48	348	3	0
at Texas Tech	18	38-166	4.4	22-31	206	2	23	34-44	1.3	39-47	311	7	-2
at Oklahoma	5	27-74	2.7	11-23	58	1	23	43-157	3.7	25-38	195	3	+2
Texas	10	31-48	1.5	17-38	117	4	14	35-97	2.8	16-33	138	3	-2
†TCU	17	49-104	2.1	9-20	191	3	11	24-(-26)	-1.1	15-30	144	6	+4
TOTALS	192	436-1358	3.1	215-373	2300	20	211	453-1221	2.7	221-399	2131	45	+8
AVERAGES	16.0	36-113	3.1	18-31	192	1.7	17.6	38-102	2.7	18-33	178	3.8	0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	59-6	–
SW Louisiana	-38	66-0	W
at N Texas	-31'	36-10	L
at Colorado	+3	16-10	W
Iowa St	-33	56-17	W
at Kansas St	E/-1	17-36	L
at Texas Tech	-5	13-16	L
Oklahoma St (OT)	-9'	28-25	L
Baylor	-21	38-10	W
at Oklahoma	-15	51-7	W
Texas	-16'	27-16	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Florida St	+15'	14-23	W
Louisiana Tech	-22	28-7	L
at S Mississippi	-2'	24-6	W
N Texas	-34'	28-9	L
at Kansas	-13'	24-21	L
Nebraska	+11'	28-21	W
at Baylor	-7	35-14	W
TexasTech	-9	17-10	L
at Oklahoma St	-5'	17-6	W
Oklahoma	-19	29-0	W
Missouri	-6	17-14	L
at Texas	-2'	24-26	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	-14'	37-17	W
Tulsa	-31'	62-13	W
S Mississippi	-11	23-6	W
at Texas Tech	-16	19-21	L
Baylor	-30	45-13	W
Kansas	-32	34-17	L
at Oklahoma	-3'	6-51	L
Oklahoma St	-11	21-3	W
at Nebraska	+13'	0-37	L
at Missouri	-7	51-14	W
Texas	+2'	20-16	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	+3	10-24	L
Wyoming	-14	51-3	W
UTEP	-26	45-17	W
Texas Tech	-14'	33-15	W
Colorado	-8	19-26	L
at Baylor	-27	24-0	L
at Iowa St	-3	30-7	W
Kansas St	+5'	26-10	W
at Oklahoma St	-15'	21-16	L
Oklahoma	+10	31-35	W
at Texas	+5'	17-43	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
McNeese St	NL	38-24	–
at Wyoming	-15'	28-20	L
Oklahoma St	-10'	21-7	W
Notre Dame	-3	24-3	W
Baylor	-25	16-10	L
at Colorado	+8'	21-31	L
at Kansas St	+9	31-24	W
Iowa St	-6	24-21	L
at Texas Tech	+6	0-12	L
at Oklahoma	+17'	10-31	L
Texas	+14	7-21	T

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

QB Kliff Kingsbury

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Mike Leach last year vented about the fact that his QB, Kliff Kingsbury, did not receive the type of attention he felt was deserved. Kingsbury broke most of the school records in his first year as a starting QB, throwing for 3,725 yards (62%) with a 25-19 ratio. Last year Kingsbury threw for 3,811 yards with 68.2% completions and improved his ratio to 26-12 although 3 int's came in the bowl game. Part of the reason for his amazing 68.2% completions was the fact that he dumped off 95 passes to RB Ricky Williams who averaged just 6.6 yds per rec. Kingsbury has had a problem maintaining weight as he weighed just 188 lbs in 2000 and bulked up to 212 last year although he looked more like 200 lbs at season's end. Kingsbury did go out in the 3Q vs Kansas due to a thumb injury and backup BJ Symons (6-1 194 Jr, PS#77) hit just 2 of 9 for 15 yards with an int and the Jayhawks were able to rally for the upset. For the season Symons did much better when not under intense pressure, hitting 23 of 35 (65.6%) for 160 yards. Symons (PS#77) is more mobile than Kingsbury and has now played in 8 games in two years. Cody Hodges (6-0 187 rFr) was PS#134. He suffered a shoulder injury last year but should be healthy for the fall. With all 3 QB's back, providing Kingsbury stays healthy, he could for the second consecutive season break all of his previous year's school records.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1998 Ricky Williams rushed for 1,667 yards (5.1) and began 1999 as a Heisman Trophy candidate. He was injured in the opener and missed the season. He returned in 2000 but rushed for just 476 yards (3.5) with 54 rec's (4.3). Last year Williams, another year away from his injury, put up some big numbers with 756 yards rushing (5.0) and 14 TD's and also he set a school record with 95 rec's but only averaged 6.6 ypc on those. He leaves as the school's #3 all-time leading rusher with 3,611 yards and #3 in all-purpose yards. His likely replacement will be JUCO Johnnie Mack. Mack had 1,500 yards at JC last year playing for a 12-0 team and was in for the spring here. Also in the mix is Ivory McCann (PS#92) who's one of the team's fastest. He was a dangerous returnman last year. He played WR, RB and CB in the spring in an effort to get him on the field more. Loliki Bongo-Wanga (5-10 203 Jr) was PS#144JC and had 1,264 yards and 16 TD's at JUCO in 2000 but tore his Achilles tendon last August. Foy Munlin (5-10 219 Jr) has 87 yards rushing in 2 years and Preston Hartfield (6-1 213 Sr) played in 7 games in 2001. Taurean Henderson (5-9 187 rFr) was PS#92. This group does have some potential but with the loss of a player like Williams, I'll call it weaker.

RECEIVERS - Last year Texas Tech had to replace their top two receivers but did have some interesting additions in VHT's Anton Paige (6-5 207, PS#5JC, 4.48 speed) and Armon Dorrough (PS#17). Unfortunately Dorrough had a bad hamstring and played in just 3 games. Paige had just six rec's in the first 5 games due to a hamstring injury but came on down the stretch. Those two should have a much bigger impact this year. I list the 2 deep below. This year they lose TE Cole Roberts (7 sts, 39 rec, 8.2, 245 lbs), WR Darrell Jones (18, 9.0) and IR King Scovell (21, 5.9). Basically five of the top six receivers from this unit are back. Not listed below are Trey Haverty (6-0 187 So, PS#180) and Derek Noble (6-2 172 rFr). They do lose a lot of size at TE as the replacements I list below are both under 220 lbs. Overall this unit is in much better shape than last year.

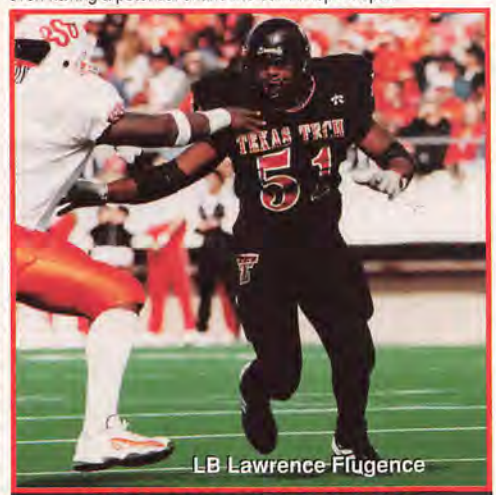
OFFENSIVE LINE - Last season Tech returned 4 starters from an injury plagued front wall of 2000 and 7 players returned with starting experience. After averaging 2.6 ypc rushing in 2000 in the first year of the new offense, Tech improved that to 3.4 and after allowing 35 sacks in 2000 they gave up just 26 last year. This year they must replace LG Matt Heider (8 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Paul Erickson (8 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Lance Williams (3 sts) and RT Jason May (10 sts). Five players do return with starting experience including a pair of full-timers (both at least made Big 12 HM). RT Casey Keck probably would have seen more action but sprained his ankle early on (had 7 starts in 2000). Daniel Loper started the last 4 games of the year at LT, so 3 of the 5 players that finished the year in the starting lineup are back. I list the 2 deep below. With 3 starters back, this group looks a little stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tech has had excellent run defenses through the years. However, in 2000 they allowed 3.9 ypc rushing, their highest amount in 5 years. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and one backup, but they did get back DT Lamont Anderson who missed most of 2000. Tech's D was led by Aaron Hunt (14 sacks). Overall Tech surprisingly allowed 4.1 ypc rushing but the team recorded 40 sacks which was an improvement from 2000's 21. This year the good news is that practically everyone is back on the DL. Only DE Josh Ratliff (2 sts, 14 tkls) transferred out. DT Robert Wyatt (6-2 311 Sr) was a 12 game starter in 2000 but is now a backup while four players return who started at least 8 games last year. They have the potential to have a nice sized (6-3 279 avg) D-line if McKinney stays at 287 lbs. They also add a JUCO and a top-notch rFr and I look at this as a much improved defensive front in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tech had to replace 2 starters due to graduation but did have their #1 tackler, Lawrence Flugence, returning and another projected starter had 66 tkls in 2000. This year they are in even better shape. The only loss from this group is OLB Jonathan Hawkins (12 sts, 132 tkls, 8 tfl, HM Big 12). Three players return with starting experience and overall 5 of the top 6 are back so this is their most experienced LB corps in a couple of years. Flugence simply led the Big 12 in tackles last year and he was 3rd Team AA. Mike Smith was very productive at OLB with 91 tackles in 8 starts and was HM Big 12. They also get the addition of 4 true frosh and 2 rFr and one of the true frosh not listed in the Top Newcomers is Chris Campbell, who benches 400 lbs and has 10.4 speed in the 100m. There is a lot of talent here and this looks like one of the best LB corps in the Big 12.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech finished #34 in my pass D rankings in 2000, led by SS Kevin Curtis (1st Team Big 12). Last year they once again had to replace 3 starters but then brought in a couple of VHT newcomers although one (Tory Mitchell) did not become eligible. The other one CB Ricky Sailor (PS#10JC) became a starter by year's end. Tech's inexperienced secondary dropped to #66, allowing 56.5% with a 17-18 ratio but faced a very light slate of opposing pass attacks. This year the group is much more experienced. They do lose star SS Curtis (111 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu, #4 DC of SF), CB CJ Johnson (6 sts, 41 tkls, 5 pbu), S Paul McClendon (4 sts, 62 tkls, 5 pbu), FS Anthony Terrell (40 tkls, 2 int's, 3 pbu) and CB Ronald Ross (7 tkls). Three players return with starting experience and Mitchell (PS#14) is now available as are JUCO's Josh Rangel and Raymond Pierce and true frosh Ricky Wilson (PS#40). Despite the loss of 5 of their top 8 players, this unit has more starting experience than it did heading into last season and should have a higher finish in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Spike Dykes had the Raiders special teams units finish in my top 25 in 2 of his last 4 seasons although his last two years were #95 and #65 finishes. In Mike Leach's first year they finished #70 but last year slipped to #85. Clinton Greathouse, who took over the punting duties in the 2H of 2000, is outstanding at keeping the ball away from opposing returnmen. As an example, in the bowl against Iowa, Kahlil Hill came in as the Mosi Tutupu winner and although Greathouse punted 5 times, Hill was not able to get a single return. Greathouse is actually better than his 34.1 and 36.7 net avg's attest as in the last two years as he also had kicked the ball out of bounds in 2000 against teams like Kan St and Nebraska to keep it out of their returnmen's hands. Tech has had 5 punts blocked against them in the last two years while only blocking one but have recorded 4 TD's in the return game. Wes Welker avg'd 13.3 on PR's in 2000 but only 7.5 in 2001. Welker did have one TD and he also had an 80 yard PR for a TD against Nebraska called back. The kicking duty was up in the air coming into last season but Robert Treese, a walk-on who did not join the team until late August, took charge of the job and hit an outstanding 15 of 18 FG's with a long of 42. Greathouse was called on for any longer FG's as he regularly hit 55 and 60 yarders in practice. Kicker Wich Brenner (PS#89) had a groin injury and got a medical RS. He handled the KO's in 2000 and could return healthy this year. Brandon Stroud (6-2 185 Jr) also has a strong leg. The big news for the unit was the insertion of Ivory McCann and his blazing speed. McCann averaged 25.3 per KR including a 108 yard KR vs N Mex (the NCAA counts it as a 100 yard return). Baylor used high, short KO's to keep the ball away from him. I'm surprised with the talent on hand that Tech finished as low as they did last year and look for much stronger numbers with everyone back. I'd rate them as even having a potential chance to earn a top 20 spot.


LB Lawrence Flugence

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Mike Leach's first season the team went 7-6. Tech was 7-0 vs non bowl teams and 0-6 vs bowl eligible teams. Last year they made a little improvement, finishing at 7-5, but even though Leach said it was important to beat Iowa in the bowl game, that loss was their 7th straight bowl loss and the Tech program is now 5-19-1 in bowls. They did have 2 impressive victories last season, beating both Texas A&M and Kansas St at home. They have 17 starters back which is the most in the Big 12 and return 76% of their lettermen, also tops in the league. This looks like one of Tech's best teams in recent history. They should be very potent on offense, led by QB Kliff Kingsbury and with 8 defensive starters overall may even top last year's 33.5 ppg. Defensively, Greg McMackin has done a fine job even though the Big 12 is known for tough defenses and with 9 starters back they should rank near the top half of the league on that side of the ball. Tech is actually 1 game above .500 in the Big 12 over the last 5 years and should be favored in 7 or 8 of their games this season. Since they play 13 regular season games, the Red Raiders need 7 wins to get to a bowl but they should be able to record their 10th straight winning regular season.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KLIFF KINGSBURY SR. 6-4 208 13 sts, 3725 (62%), 25-19 ratio, 271 (3.1), **2nd Tm B12**. 12 sts, 3811 (68%), 26-12, 207 yds rush LY, **2nd Tm B12**. BJ Symons, 216 yds, 52%, 2Y.

RB Johnnie Mack Jr. 5-8 185 PS#47JC, 4.35 spd, 1500 yds, 24 TD's at JC LY. Ivory McCann (5-8 158 So) PS#92, HM B12 KR as true. Taurean Henderson (5-9 187 rFr) PS#92WR.

IR WES WELKER JR. 5-9 174 PS#65WR. 29 rec (12.0), 704 ret yards. 3rd Tm Big 12 as ret spec as true. 9 sts, 56 rec (11.5), 99 yds rush, 294 ret yds LY. Thomas Bachman is PS#65.

WR CARLOS FRANCIS JR. 5-9 192 PS#206. 4 sts, 43 rec (12.4) as rFr. 55 rec (14.4), 12 sts, **HM Big 12** LY. **Armon Dorrough** (6-1 169 So) **PS#17WR**. Inj'd LY. 3 rec in 4 games.

WR ANTON PAIGE SR. 6-5 207 **PS#5JC**. 10 sts here LY, 23 rec (8.5), 4.48 speed. 17 rec L/7 (after healing). Nehemiah Glover (5-8 174 So) PS#167, 38 rec (10.2), 2 sts LY.

TE MICKEY PETERS JR. 6-3 201 QB in HS & as true. 3 rec as rFr. 6 sts LY, HM B12, 59 rec (10.7), 4 pass att's. Clay McGuire (6-1 223 So) PS#100QB. 1 rec, 7 gms. Gabe Hall is PS#35.

C Dylan Gandy So. 6-3 280 PS#435. 1 st at LG last year as rFr, 2 tkls on special teams & lettered. **EJ Whitley** (6-5 315 rFr) **PS#68**. Michael Bailey (6-6 279 rFr) PS#354.

RG REX RICHARDS SR. 6-4 315 PS#93. Last 7 sts as **true**. 12 sts in 2000, HM Big 12. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm Big 12**, 3L. Cody Campbell (6-4 302 So) PS#435, 2nd string LY.

LG TOBY CECIL JR. 6-4 295 PS#338OL. 11 sts as rFr (9@C), HM Big 12. 12 sts at C in 2001, HM Big 12. JJ Williams (6-5 292 Sr), 1L. Josh Lale (6-4 289 rFr) PS#377.

RT Casey Keck Jr. 6-4 295 PS#316OL. 7 sts as rFr. (6 at RG, 1 at LT), 13 games. 1 start LY, limited due to inj. Jon Rodriguez (6-4 299 So) PS#435OL. +32 lbs since HS.

LT Daniel Loper So. 6-7 309 PS#435OL. 2nd string as true but RS. 5 starts at OT in 2001 as rFr including last 4 starts. Bryan Kegans (6-5 284 rFr) PS#117OL.

K ROBERT TREECE SR. 5-8 185 Hit super 15 of 18 FG's in 2001 w/long of 42. Clinton Greathouse did long FG's, 1 of 2 w/ long of 50. Brandon Stroud (6-2 185 Jr) is JUCO.

DE AARON HUNT SR. 6-3 258 13 sts in 2000, 73 tkls, 8 sks. 12 sts LY, TT rec **14 sks**, 21 tfl, **1st Tm Big 12 in 2001**. Adell Duckett (6-4 245 So) 21 tkls, 6 sks, 1 tfl, 3 pbu as rFr.

DT CLAYTON HARMON SO. 6-6 285 **PS#50DL**. 8 sts as **true**, 33 tkls, 3 tfl, HM Big 12. Josh Page (6-2 284 Sr) 20 tkls in 2000, 20 tkls, 3 sks in 2001. Patrice Majondo-Mwamba is **PS#160JC.**

DT LAMONT ANDERSON SR. 6-2 285 **PS#37.** 2 sts, 27 tkls as true. 10 tkls in 2000 until inj. 11 sts LY, 45 tkls, 4 tfl. **Robert Wyatt PS#83**, 7 sts in '99, **12 sts** in 2000. 2 sts LY, 81 career tkls, 6 tfl.

DE RODNEY McKINNEY SR. 6-1 287 PS#231JC, 11 sts here LY, 47 tkls, 4 sks, **3rd Tm Big 12**, 2 tfl. Fred Thrweatt (6-3 339 rFr) **PS#137DL**. Gathan McGinnis (6-2 244 Jr). 1 sk LY.

OLB Randall Cherry rFr. 6-3 230 PS#155LB, 10.9 in 100m. Jason Wesley (6-0 227 Jr) 22 tkls 2 yrs. Marquis Turner (6-1 210 Jr) 4.42 speed. John Saldi (6-4 210 rFr) PS#148.

MLB LAWRENCE FLUGENCE SR. 6-2 235 13 sts in 2000, 169 tkls, 11 tfl, 4 pbu, 2nd Tm B12. 12 sts LY, **#1 B12 153 tkls, 1st Tm B12,** 5 tfl, **3rd Tm AA**. Geremy Woods (6-1 244 So) PS#88, 14 tkls LY.

OLB MIKE SMITH SO. 6-2 218 PS#293. 8 sts as rFr, 91 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, HM Big 12. Toby Shain (6-0 247 Sr) PS#296RB. 4 sts LY, 30 tkls, 1 pbu. Joe Norman (6-2 231 Jr) 15 tkls, 2Y.

CB RICKY SAILOR SR. 5-10 195 **PS#10JC** LY. 6 sts here LY, 42 tkls, 2 tfl. **Tory Mitchell** (6-0 191 So) **PS#14DB** & orig at Miami, Fla. Trans in 2001. Tried as FS in spg TY.

CB JOSELIO HANSON SR. 5-9 167 PS#271JUCO. 12 sts here LY, 55 tkls, 1 int, **20 pbu**, HM Big 12. Damian Chandler (5-11 170 So) PS#150DB. Ricky Wilson is PS#40DB.

SS RYAN AYCOCK JR. 6-0 198 PS#266. 12 tkls, 1 int as rFr. 8 sts LY, 89 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 int, 6 pbu. Josh Rangel (6-2 209 Jr) PS#264JC. RS LY. Cody Davis (6-0 186 Sr) TCU trans.

FS Raymond Pierce Jr. 6-3 195 PS#193JUCO. Sprinter at JUCO. 5 int's LY. BJ Johnson (6-0 190 Jr) 10 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Marcus Boyd (6-0 194 Jr) 4 tkls in 11 games last year.

P CLINTON GREATHOUSE SR. 5-11 221 42 punts as true, 39.7 avg, net of 34.1. 48 punts in 2001, 39.9 avg & net of 36.7. Great job directing punts away from opponent's top PR's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Johnnie Mack	5-8 185 PS#47JC
DB	Ricky Wilson	5-10 174 PS#40
WR	Thomas Bachman	5-9 176 PS#65
TE	Gabriel Hall	6-5 240 PS#35
DB	Micah Sweats	6-0 189 PS#79
DL	Joseph Edwards	6-3 272 PS#91
WR	Joel Filani	6-3 205 PS#88
RB	Vincent Meeks	5-11 175 PS#112
LB	Scott Lee	6-3 225 PS#95
LB	Fletcher Session	6-0 210 PS#119
LB	Kellen Tillman	6-2 218 PS#125
DL	Patrice Majondo-Mwamba	6-4 285 PS#160JC
WR	Brandon Douglas	5-11 175 PS#146
DB	Raymond Pierce	6-3 195 PS#193JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 24	at Ohio St (Pigskin Classic)	G					
Sep. 7	at SMU	G					
Sep. 14	Mississippi	A					
Sep. 21	NC State	A					
Sep. 27	at New Mexico (Fri)	G					
Oct. 5	at Texas A&M	G					
Oct. 12	at Iowa St	G					
Oct. 19	Missouri (HC)	A					
Oct. 26	at Colorado	G					
Nov. 2	Baylor	A					
Nov. 9	Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 16	Texas	A					
Nov. 23	at Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Red Raiders are 51-24-2 ATS on artificial turf since 1993.
Techsters are 10-4 ATS their last 14 as a home dog.
TT is 10-0 SU and 7-3 ATS as a double digit away favorite.

OSU won the last meeting ('90) 17-10 but TT covered as a 9' pt dog.
Texas Tech is 15-10-1 ATS since 1994 vs non-conference opponents.

The Red Raiders lead this Texas tussle 25-16 SU.
Raiders are 6-2 ATS in their 2nd straight away from Lubbock.

TT is 7-1-1 ATS and 8-1 SU in their last 9 home openers.
Texas Tech is 30-16-1 ATS in Jones Stadium the last 8 years.

Only 3 prior meetings, the last one back in '93. NCS won 36-34 as a 2 pt dog.
Red Raiders are 9-3 ATS in their 2nd straight home game since 1995.

Texas Tech leads this series 30-5-2 SU.
TT is 7-2 ATS the last 5 years as away chalk.

Raiders are 28-8 ATS in their last 36 October contests.
Texas Tech is 10-3 ATS vs the Aggies since 1989.

Red Raiders came into this season 54-29-1 ATS in their L/84 conf contests.
Texas Tech is 7-16 SU after playing Texas A&M.

TT is 15-9 ATS in their last 24 Big 12 home games.
Red Raiders are 8-2 ATS in their last 10 Homecoming games.

Pending earlier results, Texas Tech is 3-7 ATS their last 10 on grass.
TT is 26-14-1 ATS in their L/41 as an away dog, pending earlier games.

Texas Tech came into 2002 with a 26-4 ATS mark off a SU loss since 1994.
Raiders are 9-2 ATS their last 11 games vs Baylor.

This series dates back to 1935. TT leads the series 17-9-3 SU.
TT came into this season 28-13-1 ATS their last 42 as a home favorite.

The road team is 8-5 ATS in the last 13 series meetings, 1-3 the L/4.
Red Raiders are an amazing 15-1 ATS in their last 16 lined home finales.

Including bowls, Texas Tech is 3-6 ATS their last 9 vs Oklahoma.
The underdog is 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series.

MIKE LEACH (Career 14-11)

3rd Year at Texas Tech

Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH

14-11 Straight Up	5-3-1 Home Favorite
13-8-1 Vs The Spread	1-3 Home Dog
6-1 Off A S/U Loss	3-0 Away Favorite
10-6 Vs Conference	4-2 Away Dog
3-2-1 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (25,22,3)
Lost: 16 (9,7,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 46,101

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

DE Aaron Hunt

STADIUM: JONES SBC STADIUM (50,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	6-5	7-4	6-5	7-5	7-4	48-30
ATS	7-4	7-3-1	7-4	7-4	5-6	7-5	6-3-1	46-29-2
Home Fav	3-1	4-1	2-2	2-3	1-1	4-2	1-1-1	17-11-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	0-2	1-1	8-4
Away Fav	2-1	0-2	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-0	9-5
Away Dog	1-2	2-0-1	3-1	2-0	0-4	3-1	1-1	12-9-1
Favorite	5-2	4-3	3-2	4-4	2-2	4-2	4-1-1	26-16-1
Dog	2-2	3-0-1	4-2	3-0	3-4	3-3	2-2	20-13-1
Grass	3-0	0-2	1-1	2-1	1-4	1-1	1-1	9-10
Artificial	4-4	7-1-1	6-3	5-3	4-2	6-4	5-2-1	37-19-2
vs Conf	3-4	5-2-1	6-2	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	34-20-1
vs Non-Conf	4-0	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-2	1-0-1	12-9-1
Off SU Win	3-4	3-3	3-3	4-3	1-4	2-5	4-2	20-24
Off SU Loss	3-0	4-0	4-0	2-1	4-1	4-0	2-1	23-3

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ricky Williams	151	787	31	756	14	5.0
Wes Welker	**16**	**100**	**1**	**99**	**0**	**6.2**
Kliff Kingsbury	**75**	**207**	**213**	**-6**	**0**	**-0.1**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kliff Kingsbury	**578**	**394**	**68.2**	**3811**	**26**	**12**
BJ Symons	**35**	**23**	**65.7**	**160**	**2**	**2**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Ricky Williams	95	630	6.6	4	40	
Mickey Peters	**59**	**629**	**10.7**	**2**	**40**	
Carlos Francis	**55**	**793**	**14.4**	**3**	**45**	
Wes Welker	**56**	**644**	**11.5**	**6**	**68**	
Cole Roberts	39	321	8.2	4	33	
Nehemiah Glover	**38**	**388**	**10.2**	**1**	**42**	
Anton Paige	**23**	**196**	**8.5**	**4**	**31**	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Clinton Greathouse	48	1913	39.9	–	36.7	2	13
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Robert Treece	5-6	7-8	2-3	1-1	15-18	50	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lawrence Flugence	**153**	**3**	**5**	**4**	**1**
Jonathan Hawkins	132	3	8	4	2
Kevin Curtis	111	4	8	5	4
Mike Smith	**91**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Aaron Hunt	**90**	**14**	**21**	**0**	**0**
Ryan Aycock	**89**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**4**
Paul McClendon	62	0	1	5	1
Joselio Hanson	**55**	**1**	**0**	**20**	**1**
Rodney McKinney	**47**	**4**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Lamont Anderson	**45**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**1**
Ricky Sailor	**42**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**2**
CJ Johnson	41	0	0	5	0
Anthony Terrell	40	0	1	3	2
Clayton Harmon	**33**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Wes Welker	38	284	7.5	1	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Ivory McCann	27	682	25.3	1	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Copper	-4	Air Force	55-41	W
96	Alamo	-3'	Iowa	0-27	L
98	Independence	-9'	Mississippi	18-35	L
00	galleryfurniture.com	-1	E Carolina	27-40	L
01	Alamo	-1	Iowa	16-19	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	33.5	22	82	3.5	335	67.8	12.4	+6	2001	4	23.4	20	173	4.1	187	56.6	15.4
6	25.4	20	66	2.6	297	60.9	14.3	+6	2000	4	21.4	19	164	3.9	169	52.4	15.6
7*	23.0	17	149	3.5	175	48.1	14.1	-2	1999	6	25.6	18	145	3.6	195	53.9	13.3
6	27.7	22	192	4.0	203	52.8	14.3	-6	1998	5	19.8	15	121	2.9	170	49.8	14.7
4*	22.3	18	150	3.6	159	51.3	13.9	+13	1997	6	19.7	19	137	3.2	185	53.4	16.4
8*	26.9	21	256	5.1	156	43.8	15.3	+9	1996	6	19.3	19	148	3.8	200	45.3	18.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
New Mexico	22	28-62	2.2	30-49	364	0	17	47-210	4.5	11-24	122	2	-1
at N Texas	23	27-121	4.5	35-46	286	1	15	38-160	4.2	14-32	125	3	+4
Texas	15	11-37	3.4	40-58	260	2	23	43-209	4.9	21-26	224	0	+0
Kansas	22	33-101	3.1	25-47	257	3	22	57-288	5.1	13-32	116	3	-1
Kansas St	21	20-66	3.3	32-48	409	2	24	50-146	2.9	16-40	197	6	-2
at Nebraska	26	17-67	3.9	34-64	373	3	30	56-335	6.0	10-22	196	3	+0
at Baylor	29	33-194	5.9	39-61	324	1	16	38-79	2.1	19-40	200	5	+3
Texas A&M	23	34-44	1.3	39-47	311	7	18	38-166	4.4	22-31	206	4	+2
at Oklahoma St	27	26-106	4.1	44-56	440	1	17	32-93	2.9	26-41	252	6	+2
Oklahoma	9	16-(-7)	-0.4	24-37	254	3	23	34-92	2.7	34-51	292	2	-1
Steven F. Austin	32	16-110	6.9	48-56	432	1	14	32-116	3.6	17-27	153	3	+3
†Iowa	20	20-80	4.0	29-49	309	2	20	44-178	4.0	19-26	161	3	-3
TOTALS	269	281-981	3.5	419-618	4019	26	239	509-2072	4.1	222-392	2244	40	+6
AVERAGES	22.4	23-82	3.5	35-52	335	2.2	19.9	42-173	4.1	19-33	187	3.3	0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+25	17-52	L
SW Louisiana	-28	59-14	W
N Texas	-32	27-30	L
at Baylor	-5	35-14	W
Kansas	-9'	17-7	W
at Nebraska	+36'	0-29	W
Texas A&M	+5	16-13	W
Kansas St	+6'	2-13	L
at Texas	+1	24-10	W
at Oklahoma St	+5	27-3	W
Oklahoma	-24	21-32	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-17'	35-3	W
at N Texas	-22	30-0	W
Fresno St	-13'	34-28	L
at Iowa St	-6	31-24	W
Baylor	-12'	31-29	L
Oklahoma St	-3'	24-17	W
at Colorado	+5	17-19	W
at Texas A&M	+9	10-17	W
Missouri	-1'	26-28	L
Texas	+2'	42-35	W
at Oklahoma	-7'	17-20	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+6'	13-31	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-22	38-17	L
N Texas	-31	14-21	L
Texas A&M	+16	21-19	W
at Oklahoma St	+3'	21-41	L
Colorado	+5	31-10	W
at Baylor	-8'	35-7	W
at Missouri	+1	7-34	L
Iowa St	-2'	28-16	W
at Texas	+16	7-58	L
Oklahoma	+13	38-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-16'	24-3	W
Utah St	-21	38-16	W
N Texas	-30'	13-7	L
Louisiana-Lft	-32	26-0	L
at Texas A&M	+14'	15-33	L
Baylor	-20	28-0	W
Nebraska	+20	3-56	L
at Kansas St	+31'	23-28	W
at Kansas	+3	45-39	W
Texas	+10	17-29	L
Oklahoma St	-10	58-0	W
at Oklahoma	+24'	13-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-12	42-30	T
at N Texas	-18	42-14	W
at Texas	+18	7-42	L
Kansas (2OT)	-13'	31-34	L
Kansas St	+14'	38-19	W
at Nebraska	+26	31-41	W
at Baylor	-12	63-19	W
Texas A&M	-6	12-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6'	49-30	W
Oklahoma	+7'	13-30	L
Stephen F Austin	NL	58-3	–

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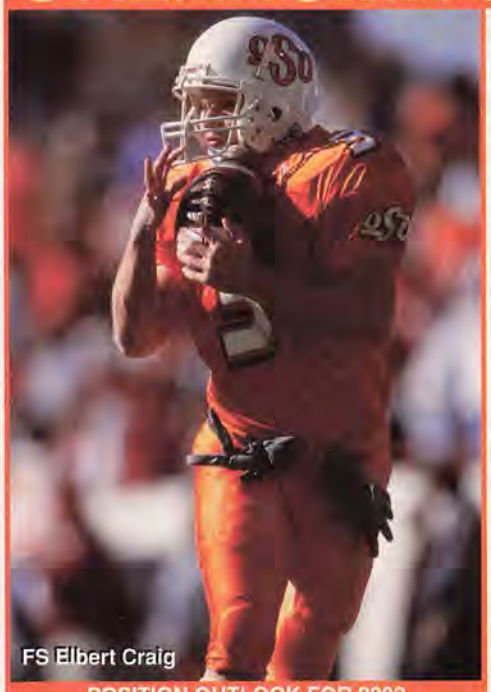
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 starting QB Tony Lindsay was injured early and strong armed Aso Pogi (6-4 238 Jr) started the final six games, throwing for 1,550 yards (56%) with a 6-11 ratio while rushing for 295 yards. He set OSU's frosh passing record and was the Big 12 Player of the Week vs Baylor with 4 rushing TD's. He had 328 yards passing in his first start against Iowa St. Last year he dropped 10 lbs over the summer to add quickness. Miles signee Josh Fields (PS#86) had hernia surgery in August which set him behind. That forced Safety Chris Massey to work as the #2 QB. Pogi got banged up early and Fields saw his first action vs Texas A&M at Kyle Field. In that game Massey was called upon to run a 4th & 1 option that was stopped and he would not see any more QB action. Pogi was injured vs Texas Tech and Fields threw an int that was returned for a TD with 2:57 left that ended any hopes for a comeback. Pogi was injured on the 3rd series against Baylor and Fields hit 10 of 18 for 231 yards and led the game winning TD drive. In the season finale vs Oklahoma, Pogi threw 2 int's in the 1H and Fields came in and hit 19 of 38 for 231 yards, leading OSU to the big upset over their rival. For the season Pogi threw for 1,854 yards (60.5%) and an 11-7 ratio. Fields threw for 451 (50.7%) with a 3-3 ratio. They both return this year to battle for the job although Fields split his time between baseball and spring practices and Pogi got injured in a car accident in December and was limited in the spring. Notably, Miles moved spring practices around to fit into Fields' busy schedule and Fields took all of the snaps with the #1 offense when he was available. It was of little surprise when Miles named Fields his starter at the conclusion of spring. Will Ahrberg (6-4 191 rFr) was PS#256. This year they signed PS#96 Jamie Beeghley. With both players who started last year back this unit is more experienced than it was heading into last season and I expect solid production.

RUNNING BACKS - Reggie White rushed for 1,049 yards (5.0) in 2000. He was told he would go as high as the 2nd round in the 2001 NFL draft and opted to leave early but was not even drafted. Tatum Bell wanted to redshirt in 2000 as a true frosh to get bigger but was forced to play and rushed for 251 yards (5.1). He has 4.34 speed and had a 60 yard TD run vs Oklahoma that year. Bell was the feature back last season and got in 10 starts. Durability was a problem for him. Bell was injured during the 4Q or in overtime often. He upped his weight to 198 last year, but wants to play at 205 this year, which he is on course to achieve. Bell was left home against Iowa St for disciplinary reasons and Richard Schwarz got the start, rushing for 86 yds on 22 carries. Overall the running game really struggled. In fact, the team rushed for less than 100 ypg (93.6) for only the 2nd time since 1940. Bell finished the year with 776 yards but only a 3.9 ypc. Schwarz left the team this spring to concentrate on academics and is not expected to return. FB Michael Denard was the team's #3 rusher with 77 yards (3.7). Bell's biggest challenge this year figures to be Seymore Shaw (PS#14) who originally signed at Oklahoma and was a PQ here last year. Both were slowed by injuries in spring practices but Shaw busted out with 137 yds and 4 TD's in the spring game. Greg Jones (5-10 205 So) has good size and had 31 yards as a true. An improved Bell and the addition of the talented Shaw makes this a much stronger group in 2002.

RECEIVERS - The Cowboys returned all of their top WR's in 2001 but had to replace their top two TE's and then lost a 7 game starter from 2000 for the season due to injury. Their leading returning receiver was Rashaun Woods and he really blossomed as a soph, as he led the Big 12 in receiving yards and set a school record with 80 rec's and 1,023 yards (12.8). Terrance Davis-Bryant was a dangerous returnman, and had 38 rec's but only 9.7 ypc. The deep threat is WR John Lewis who was PS#64JC. He has 4.3 speed and averaged 19.0 yards on his 24 catches last year. All 3 return as do all of the top TE's. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are Willie Young (6-2 222 Sr, PS#51, 3 career starts), TE Kyle Hix (6-5 260 rFr) PS#167DL, and WR Errick McCown (5-11 160 rFr, PS#219). They also add a solid class of true frosh signees. Leonard Jones (6-0 180 rFr, PS#94) has yet to qualify but may be in for the fall. This group has even more experience and looks like one of the Big 12's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last season the Cowboys had 9 of their top 10 OL's returning from a veteran front wall that had paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed 36 sacks in 2000. The veteran group did improve on their sacks allowed (30), but the team averaged just 2.7 ypc rushing, which was unexpected. This year all 6 in the middle are departing. Gone are C Jon Vandrell (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Bryan Phillips (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Jeff Machado (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backups C DJ Grissom, LG Jason Johnson and RG Jason Rannebarger. They do bring in a top-notch JUCO C Sam Hall who looks to claim one spot but this unit is smaller and less experienced than last year's and is clearly Miles' major concern on the offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cowboys had a veteran D-line in 2000 but allowed 3.7 ypc while recording 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace the bulk of that line as 4 players who combined for 35 starts departed. The line was also on the small side as only 2 players were over 250 lbs and new DC Clay said that when he was at UAB most of his DL's benched 400 lbs but none did here last year. The Cowboys were rolled over by Iowa St for 285 rushing yards (4.9) but did show improvement the next week, holding Colorado to 170 (3.5). Overall the defense only allowed 3.4 ypc rushing, but the sack total dropped to 25. This year 9 of the top 10 DL's return with the only losses being DE Jake Riffe (1 st, 9 tkls, 2 sks) and backups NG Chris Tyler (6 tkls) and DE Matt Henson (4 tkls). They bring in 2 JUCO's this year including a VHT Lance Carson (PS#17JC) and move OL Jed Newkirk in to add size to the middle. Six players in the 3 deep listed below now top 255 lbs so the group is bigger and more experienced and is starting to resemble a Big 12 D-line.

LINEBACKERS - OSU runs a 4-2-5 defense but I will list the WS under LB. Last season this unit had 5 of their top 6 back, having to replace just 1 starter due to graduation. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are MLB Dwayne Levels (11 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 110 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 10 tfl), WS Marcus Jones (9 sts, 59 tkls, 2 sks), WS Roger Bombach (5 sts, 26 tkls) and backup LB's Ron Able (21 tkls, 1 tfl), Robbie Gillem (8 tkls, 1 sk) and DD Cox (PS#73RB) who transferred to N Mexico to play RB. This is one area where I project some true frosh to have an immediate impact and I list 5 in the 3 deep below. Clearly this unit has a lot less experience and I will call it weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cowboys ran the "46" defense here for years, which can be susceptible to the pass, and in 1998 they finished #89 in my pass D rankings. In 1999, despite having to replace both their safeties, they moved up to #30 and in 2000 their 4 starters had a combined 4 career starts between them and they dropped to #62. Last year basically everyone returned and they added a JUCO but overall they only moved up to #57, allowing 60.6% with a 19-13 ratio. This year they must replace CB Michael Cooper (7 sts, 37 tkls), CB Paul Jones (2 sts, 23 tkls) and S Jason Howard (5 tkls). They have perhaps the best safety tandem in the Big 12 in Elbert Craig (PS#32) and Chris Massey (PS#4QB) and keep in mind at the end of last season they had lost both starting CB's due to injury. Overall 6 players return with starting experience and I look for this unit to move up in the pass D rankings in 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This area was always a strength for former Coach Simmons as they ranked #13, #23, #22, #39, #21 and #35 respectively from 1995 to 2000 in my special teams rankings. The Cowboys blocked 6 punts in Simmons' final year and only 2 a year ago. Last year they had to replace Lou Groza semifinalist kicker Seth Condley as well as their top KR. Miles said that the special teams would improve in 2001 and went out and signed two top-notch freshmen in kicker Cole Farden and punter Ryan Wimberly (avg 49.2 in HS). Surprisingly, walk-on kicker Luke Phillips emerged and had a tremendous season, hitting 15 of 17 FG's including a pair of 52 yarders against Oklahoma but surprisingly was only 2nd Team Big 12. Miles hired Joe DeForest as the special teams coach and the return game was outstanding. Chris Massey had 5 KR vs Texas Tech and set a school record with 280 yards and ended up as the #1 KR in the NCAA with a super 34.8 average. Terrance Davis-Bryant was #12 in the NCAA, averaging 13.5 on PR's. Punter Scott Elder proved to be highly motivated by the signing of Wimberly and had by far his best season, averaging 43.6 ypp with a super net of 39.6. Overall, as OSU was strong in all areas and they finished #3 in my special teams rankings. This year they must replace P Elder but much is expected of Wimberly and all of the other key players are back. This unit will clearly contend for Top 20 honors once again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

OSU suffered 3 tough losses in a 3-8 season in 2000. Last year they had a veteran team back with 14 returning starters and just 16 lettermen lost. In the opener against S Miss 4 turnovers did them in. They lost to Missouri in OT. They led Texas 10-0 in the 1Q and led Colorado 19-14 with 6:00 left in the game. Still they staggered through a 3-7 season until their stunning upset of Oklahoma in the season finale which cost the Sooners the Big 12 South Title and a shot at the Rose Bowl. In that game, they held the Sooners to zero yards rushing and outgained them 334-220 so there was nothing fluky about the result. That victory has given the team a lot of confidence heading into this year and with a mediocre non-conference schedule they should get off to a great start. They do pull both Nebraska and Kansas St from the Big 12 North, which makes for a tough conference schedule, and last year the Cowboys were outgained by an average of 115.3 ypg in Big 12 play. Last year's offense had 2,343 yards passing, the 2nd best in school history, but struggled to run the ball. I look for a stronger running game this season especially with 8 starters back on that side of the ball and they should top last year's 22.0 ppg. The defense also has 8 starters back and is now in the 2nd year of DC Bill Clay's system. Clay came over from UAB after he turned the Blazers D into a tough unit. While they had just 18 sacks prior to the season finale, they did record 7 vs Oklahoma. The Cowboys possibly will be favored in 4 or 5 of their games this year and proved last year they are capable of an upset and therefore need just 1 or 2 of those upsets to flirt with a winning record.

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2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JOSH FIELDS SO. 6-1 215 **PS#86**, 451 yds (51%) **as true**. **Aso Pogi** (6-4 238 Jr) PS#137LB. 6 sts, 1550 yds (56%), 6-11 ratio as rFr. 11 sts LY, 1854 yds (60.5%) 11-7 ratio.

RB TATUM BELL JR. 5-11 200 PS#37. 251 yds (5.1) as true. 10 sts LY, 776 yds (3.9), 18 rec. +10 lbs TY. **Seymore Shaw** (6-0 215 So) **PS#14**, PQ LY but impressive on Scout Tm.

FB MICHAEL DENARD SR. 5-11 235 PS#345DB. 4 sts LY, 77 yds (3.7), 12 rec (6.4). Tim Burrough (6-1 235 Jr) PS#189. 5 sts, 221 ttl yds 2Y. Shawn Willis (6-1 239 rFr) PS#76.

WR JOHN LEWIS SR. 6-0 185 PS#64JC. 10 sts, 24 rec here LY, super **19.0 ypc**. **Terrance Davis-Bryant** (5-9 185 Sr) PS#130, 24 rec (12.0) in 2000. 7 sts LY, 38 rec (9.7) HM B12.

WR RASHAUN WOODS JR. 6-2 187 PS#69. 8 sts as rFr, 29 rec (11.3). 11 sts LY, **#2 in B12 w/80 rec** (12.8). Gabe Lindsay (5-8 180 Sr) PS#113RB. 7 sts, 28 rec (12.8) in 2000. Inj'd LY.

TE MARK MILOSEVICH SO. 6-4 255 PS#46TE. 10 starts as rFr, 17 rec (9.3). Billy Bajema (6-5 240 So) PS#63, 4 rec as true. 4.6 speed. Kyle Williams (6-5 265 So) PS#51TE.

C Sam Hall Jr. 6-4 276 PS#343JUCO. In for spring. Ben Buie (6-2 307 So). **PS#84DL**. 2 games LY. Missed spring w/inj. Chris Akin (6-2 280 So) PS#226OL.

RG Sam Mayes So. 6-4 317 PS#294OL. 3 sts at RT in 2001 as rFr. Dustin Vanderhoof (6-4 305 Sr) 2nd string last 2 years. Derek LaFargue (6-5 276 Jr) PS#312OL.

LG Jon Hayhurst Jr. 6-3 269 PS#232OL. 1 game as rFr, lettered. 6 games in 2001 & lettered. Kellen Davis (6-5 258 rFr) PS#175. Matt Wakefield (6-5 267 rFr) PS#333.

RT JASON RUSSELL SR. 6-6 280 PS#141. 4 tkls, 1 sk at DL as rFr. 2 sts on OL in 2000. 9 sts at RT in 2001 (inj'd 2). Missed spg TY w/inj. Clint Gillispie (6-2 307 Jr) PS#57OL.

LT KYLE EATON SR. 6-8 291 5 sts on OL as rFr. 11 sts at LT in 2000. 10 sts in 2001 (missed 1 inj), **HM Big 12**. Doug Koenig (6-4 293 Jr) PS#224OL, 2nd string 2 years.

K LUKE PHILLIPS JR. 6-0 170 Hit super 15 of 17 FG's LY, 2 from 50+ with long of 52. Groza semifinalist, 2nd Tm Big 12. Cole Farden (5-11 203 So) did KO's as a true.

DEFENSE

DE GREG RICHMOND JR. 6-2 240 PS#96LB. 1 st, 21 tkls in 2000. 9 sts LY, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. **Lance Carson** (6-5 270 Jr) **PS#17JC**, in for spg! Thomas Glapion (6-5 250 Sr) PS#61TE.

DT LaWAYLON BROWN SR. 6-5 294 PS#228. 26 tkls, 6 tfl in 1st 2Y. 11 sts LY, 47 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Jed Newkirk (6-4 290 Sr) PS#190JC. 8 gms on OL LY. Marcus Craig (5-11 290 So) PS#149.

DT KEVIN WILLIAMS SR. 6-5 284 PS#78. 11 sts, 28 tkls, HM B12 as rFr. 8 sts, 35 tkls, 4 sks in 2000. 11 sts, 36 tkls, 10.5 tfl, 4 pbu LY. Clay Coe (6-2 260 So) **PS#62**. 2 sts, 14 tkls, 1 sk LY.

DE KHREEM SMITH SR. 6-4 234 PS#477JC. 4.6 speed. NFL potential. 11 sts here LY, 33 tkls, 4.5 sks, 2 tfl. Kyle Beck (6-3 235 Sr). 10 tkls in 2000. 16 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl LY.

LB Paul Duren rFr. 6-1 219 PS#107QB & was MLB on Scout Tm LY. Pagitte McGee is PS#68. Darnell Smith (6-3 220 Fr) PS#306. Justin Deason (6-2 203 Sr) is PS#323LB.

MLB TERRENCE ROBINSON SR. 6-1 220 PS#145. 7 tkls as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, 55 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. 11 sts last year, 75 tkls, 10 tfl, 5 QBH. Lawrence Pinson (6-2 245 Fr) is PS#28.

WS Fath' Carter Jr. 6-3 217 PS#280WR in 2000. 10 games as true, 6 tkls. 8 games LY (inj 3). 10 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Thomas Wright is PS#77DB. Glenn Jackson is PS#96.

CB Darrent Williams So. 5-9 163 PS#421. Last 4 sts as **true**, 33 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. Andre Johnson (5-10 180 rFr) PS#192WR. Josh Letourneau (5-11 185 rFr) PS#255WR.

CB RICKLAN HOLMES SR. 5-11 191 PS#192. 1 st, 11 tkls in 1st 2Y. 8 sts LY (susp), 21 tkls. **Kobina Amoo** (5-10 190 Sr) PS#94, 4.4 spd, 1 st, 28 tkls LY. Chris Wright (5-11 170 So) PS#206.

SS CHRIS MASSEY SR. 6-0 204 PS#4QB. 11 sts in 2000, 61 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. 6 sts LY, 46 tkls, 1st Tm B12 KR. Kirk Milligan (6-1 190 Sr) 11 tkls LY. Chay Nease (6-1 195 So) PS#144WR.

FS ELBERT CRAIG JR. 6-1 208 PS#32. 11 sts at SS as rFr, 81 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu. 10 sts at FS LY, HM Big 12, 98 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu, 4 tfl. Chase Holland (6-0 202 rFr) PS#284.

P Ryan Wimberly rFr. 6-0 187 PS#33. Avg 49.2 on punts as senior in HS. 1000 yds rush with 4.6 speed in HS. Sky Rylant (6-0 210 Jr) PS#54. Cole Farden (5-11 203 So).

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DL	Sean Harmon	6-5 245 PS#46
WR	Dameon Collins	6-2 200 PS#53
LB	Pagitte McGee	6-0 205 PS#68
WR	D'Juan Woods	6-2 175 PS#74
DB	Thomas Wright	6-1 190 PS#77
DB	Vernon Grant	5-10 175 PS#84
DI	Glenn Jackson	6-1 210 PS#96
OL	Kurt Seifried	6-4 290 PS#119
RB	Daniel McLemore	5-8 170 PS#105
QB	Jamie Beeghley	6-3 190 PS#96
DB	Jamar Ransom	5-11 205 PS#136

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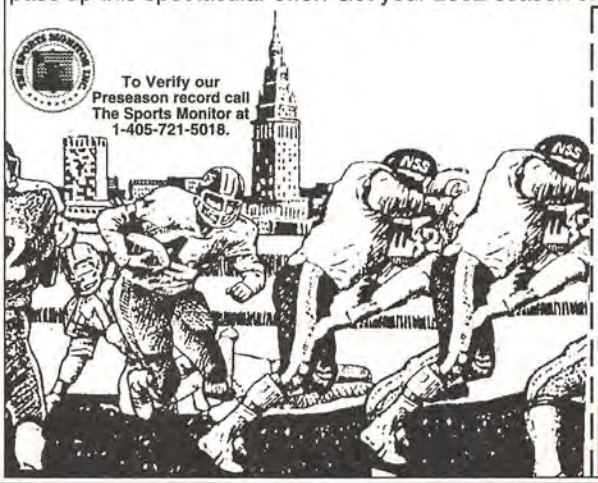

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at LA Tech (Shreveport)	G						OSU is 36-28-5 SU vs Tulsa, 2-5 SU their last 7 at Tulsa. The home team is 12-2 ATS in that series, dog is 6-2 ATS. Cowboys are 6-2 ATS their last 8 sandwiched home games.
Sep. 7	N Iowa	A						Cowboys are 3-8-1 ATS on grass the last 3 years. OSU is 3-7 ATS in non-Big 12 games the last 4 years.
Sep. 14	UCLA	A						NI was 9-2 SU in the reg season LY and made it to the 3rd round of the Div IAA playoffs. OSU is 12-0 SU S/'85 in NL games, but 4 of those wins were by 3 or less.
Sep. 21	SMU	A						Cowboys are 4-9-1 ATS off a SU win the last 4 years. Last gm vs a Pac 10 tm resulted in a 12-10 SU loss, but OSU covered as 14 pt dogs.
Sep. 28								Could apply: OSU is 2-8-2 ATS their last 12 as a double digit favorite. This is the Cowboys first meeting with SMU since 1950.
Oct. 5	at Texas	G						Bonus: OSU is 10-3 ATS prior to a bye week. Bonus: Cowboys are 13-22 ATS in October since 1993.
Oct. 12	at Kansas St	A						OSU is 1-5 SU and 2-4 ATS vs Texas the last 6 years. The avg score in this series is 63.3 ppg S/'96 (OSU 22.5 ppg & TX 40.8 ppg).
Oct. 19	Nebraska	A						Cowboys are 4-9 ATS their last 13 off a SU loss. Oklahoma St is 2-8 SU, 2-7-1 ATS vs Kansas St.
Oct. 26								OSU is 3-7 ATS as a home dog since 1998. Cowboys are 4-7 ATS last 11 but have covered the last 2 vs Nebraska. Bonus: Okie St is 8-14 ATS in the 1st of back to back home games.
Nov. 2	Texas A&M (HC)	A						OSU is 4-3 SU and 6-1 ATS on Homecoming the last 7 years. The Aggies were also OSU's Homecoming foe in '98 & beat the Cowboys 17-6.
Nov. 9	at Texas Tech	A						Pending earlier results: Okie St is 11-16 ATS as an away dog since 1995. The home team is 4-2 SU and ATS in the last 6 series meetings.
Nov. 16	at Kansas	A						Cowboys are 3-6-1 ATS the last 10 years in road finales. Okie St is 11-3-1 ATS their last 15 vs Kansas.
Nov. 23	Baylor	A						OSU is 6-1 SU and 5-0-2 ATS vs Baylor since 1994. Cowboys are 3-5 SU but 5-2-1 ATS before Oklahoma the last 8 years.
Nov. 30	Oklahoma	A						Oklahoma St is 14-6 ATS in this "Bedlam Battle." OSU is 8-14-3 ATS in their last 25 season finales.

LES MILES (Career 4-7)

2nd Year at Oklahoma State

Miles' records AT OKLAHOMA ST

4-7	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
4-6	Vs The Spread	1-2	Home Dog
2-4	Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	2-2	Away Dog
		1-1	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 8* DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (17,18,2)
Lost: 23 (9,12,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 40,360

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Straight Up	4-8	5-6	8-3	5-6	5-6	3-8	4-7	34-44
ATS	6-5	5-5	9-2	5-5-1	4-6-1	3-7	4-6	36-36-2
Home Fav	0-0	2-0	2-2	2-1-1	3-1	1-0	0-2	10-6-1
Home Dog	3-1	2-2	2-0	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	10-10
Away Fav	0-2	0-0	3-0	1-1	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	5-4-1
Away Dog	3-2	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-3	0-4	2-2	11-16
Favorite	0-2	2-0	5-2	3-2-1	3-1-1	1-1	1-2	15-10-2
Dog	6-3	3-5	4-0	2-3	1-5	2-6	3-4	21-26
Grass	3-1	0-2	4-0	2-0	0-3-1	0-3	3-2	12-11-1
Artificial	3-4	5-3	5-2	3-5-1	4-3	3-4	1-4	24-25-1
vs Conf	5-2	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	27-26-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-0	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-1	9-10
Off SU Win	1-2	2-2	5-2	1-3-1	1-3-1	1-1	1-2	12-15-2
Off SU Loss	5-2	4-2	3-0	3-3	3-2	2-5	2-4	22-18

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tatum Bell	197	883	57	776	6	3.9
Richard Schwarz	36	116	3	113	0	3.1
Mike Denard	21	84	7	77	0	3.7
Aso Pogi	70	136	144	-8	3	-0.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Aso Pogi	296	179	60.5	1854	11	7
Josh Fields	69	35	50.7	451	3	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Rashaun Woods	80	1023	12.8	10	42	
Terrance Davis-Bryant	38	368	9.7	0	38	
John Lewis	24	455	19.0	1	39	
Tatum Bell	18	97	5.4	0	16	
Mark Milosevich	17	158	9.3	1	19	
Tim Burrough	13	96	7.4	1	17	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Scott Elder	61	2658	43.6	–	39.6	1	22
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Luke Phillips	7-7	3-4	3-3	2-3	15-17	52	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dwayne Levels	110	0	10	5	1
Elbert Craig	98	0	4	2	1
Terrence Robinson	75	2	8	4	1
Marcus Jones	59	2	0	8	3
LaWaylon Brown	47	4	2	3	0
Chris Massey	46	0	3	2	1
Michael Cooper	37	0	1	3	0
Kevin Williams	36	5.5	5	4	0
Greg Richmond	36	2	5	1	0
Khreem Smith	33	4.5	2	3	0
Darrent Williams	33	0	0	2	2
Kobina Amoo	28	0	0	1	0
Roger Bombach	26	0	1	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrance Davis-Bryant	22	296	13.5	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Terrance Davis-Bryant	17	383	22.5	0
Chris Massey	15	522	34.8	1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Gator	-1	S Carolina	21-14	W
85	Gator	+7	Florida St	23-34	L
87	Sun	E	W Virginia	35-33	W
88	Holiday	-2'	Wyoming	62-14	W
97	Alamo	+4'	Purdue	20-33	L

OKLAHOMA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	22.0	18	94	2.7	213	58.6	13.9	-8	2001	7	25.5	22	135	3.4	241	60.6	14.7
5*	18.4	20	161	4.1	199	53.4	19.6	-4	2000	4	27.5	21	126	3.7	253	56.7	13.8
6*	24.3	17	153	3.4	158	52.7	12.8	-5	1999	6	24.9	16	113	3.3	185	47.2	11.9
8*	27.5	18	204	4.1	162	50.4	13.3	+4	1998	7	26.9	17	120	3.2	211	51.6	12.3
7	29.3	20	221	4.2	154	55.5	12.8	+12	1997	5	19.4	16	115	3.5	201	48.4	16.2
8*	22.1	22	223	4.6	167	52.3	17.7	-3	1996	6	29.7	20	225	5.3	182	50.6	13.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at S Mississippi	16	26-45	1.7	26-38	294	5	20	39-53	1.4	22-37	277	5	-4
Louisiana Tech	18	48-165	3.4	11-22	137	1	20	26-13	0.5	29-54	286	3	-1
at Texas A&M	11	36-64	1.8	15-30	135	6	15	42-148	3.5	14-25	92	1	+1
Northwestern St	19	39-106	2.7	21-29	222	2	11	32-118	3.7	10-25	67	3	+1
Missouri	23	50-147	2.9	28-38	272	6	27	41-149	3.6	23-39	275	1	-2
Texas	10	30-65	2.2	11-23	97	1	26	52-241	4.6	19-31	238	1	-2
at Iowa St	18	18-42	2.3	24-39	234	1	30	58-285	4.9	16-19	150	0	-1
Colorado	15	29-98	3.4	18-34	248	1	24	48-170	3.5	20-29	295	1	0
Texas Tech	17	32-93	2.9	26-41	252	6	27	26-106	4.1	44-56	440	1	-2
at Baylor	23	33-129	3.9	14-26	194	1	31	50-202	4.0	27-43	315	2	+3
at Oklahoma	23	40-76	1.9	21-47	258	0	13	27-0	0.0	22-48	220	7	-1
TOTALS	193	381-1030	2.7	215-367	2343	30	244	441-1485	3.4	246-406	2655	25	-8
AVERAGES	17.5	35-94	2.7	20-33	213	2.7	22.2	40-135	3.4	22-37	241	2.3	-0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+6	21-14	W
at SW Louisiana	-5'	31-7	W
Fresno St	-8'	35-0	W
NE Louisiana	-20	38-7	W
Texas	+6	42-16	W
Colorado	+3	33-29	W
Missouri (2OT)	-10	50-51	L
at Texas A&M (OT)	+9'	25-28	W
at Oklahoma	-6	30-7	W
Texas Tech	-5	3-27	L
at Baylor	-9'	24-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	-8'	38-28	W
at Tulsa	-8'	20-35	L
Mississippi St	-1	42-23	W
† Nebraska	+26	17-24	W
at Texas Tech	+3'	17-24	L
at Kansas St	+21'	20-52	L
Oklahoma	-8'	41-26	W
Texas A&M	+5'	6-17	L
at Texas	+11'	34-37	W
SW Louisiana	-35	44-20	L
Baylor	-14	24-10	T

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-34	24-7	L
Tulsa	-9	46-9	W
at Mississippi St	+3	11-29	L
at Nebraska	+27	14-38	W
Texas Tech	-3'	41-21	W
Kansas St	+6'	21-44	L
at Texas A&M	+11	3-21	L
Texas	+8	21-34	L
Kansas	-7	45-13	W
at Baylor	-20	34-14	T
at Oklahoma	+13'	7-44	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulsa	-14	36-26	L
SW Texas St	NL	23-0	–
S Mississippi	+6	6-28	L
at Texas	+20'	7-42	L
at Missouri	+3	10-24	L
Iowa St	+6	26-33	L
at Colorado	+11	21-37	L
Texas A&M	+15'	16-21	W
at Texas Tech	+10	0-58	L
Baylor	-16'	50-22	W
Oklahoma	+26	7-12	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Mississippi	+12'	9-17	W
Louisiana Tech	-10	30-23	L
at Texas A&M	+10'	7-21	L
Northwestern St	NL	24-0	–
Missouri (OT)	-6'	38-41	L
Texas	+17'	17-45	L
at Iowa St	+8'	14-28	L
Colorado	+10	19-22	W
Texas Tech	+6'	30-49	L
at Baylor	-7	38-22	W
at Oklahoma	+27	16-13	W

BAYLOR BEARS

WR Reggie Newhouse

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The Bears have not had consistent QB play for a few years. Things appeared to be in much better shape in 2000 with the addition of Greg Cicero (PS#10JUCO) who was originally PS#24 and signed with Texas in 1997. He is a take-charge type of QB and emerged as the starter, completing 63.3% in the first two games but broke his collarbone and was lost for the season. Five different QB's would play with four of them drawing starts the rest of the season and Baylor completed just 40.4% as a team. Cicero returned to win the starter's job again last year after adding 17 lbs of muscle in the offseason. However, he was benched in the 1Q vs Iowa St and in the 2Q vs Texas Tech and Josh Zachry (6-3 194 Jr), who had 2 starts in 2000, made 2 late season starts last year. Cicero completed just 50.6% for 1,239 yards with 6 TD's and 13 int's (3 of which were ret'd for TD's). Zachry threw for 526 yards (58.8%) with a 2-4 ratio but suffered from bruised ribs down the stretch and did not play in the final two games. At midseason Steele took the redshirt off of true frosh Davon Vinson who is a more mobile, running QB. He had 5 rushes and two pass attempts against Oklahoma but threw two interceptions in 5 attempts against Texas Tech. He saw action in every game after that and hit just 9 of 23 for 71 yards with a 0-3 ratio while rushing for 141 yards. Redshirt frosh Aaron Karas was finally given a shot to play and in the last five quarters of the season he threw for 526 yards, completing 67.9% with a super 5-1 ratio. Keep in mind that he did play vs Okla St (missing their top 2 CB's) when the team trailed big and vs IAA S Illinois but he was PS#45 and Steele says he has "Major Applewhite talent". Guy Tomcheck (6-4 223 Jr) had 5 starts in 2000 but played in just one game with 3 pass attempts last year. I look for whomever wins the starting job to put up solidly improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS -The Bears have had plenty of VHT's at TB over the past few years but still have struggled to establish a running game. After averaging 4.7 ypc in 1997, they have slipped to 2.8, 3.1, 2.2 and 2.6 ypc the last four years. Last year they had to replace their top man and their leading returning rusher had just 122 yards in 2000. Jonathan Golden (PS#44) began the year as the starting TB and rushed for 215 yards (2.9). Melvin Barnett rushed for 218 yards (3.5). Chedrick Ricks (5-9 198 Sr) missed the first three games due to a shoulder injury and had just 85 yards (2.6). Emerging at the end of the year was Anthony Krieg, a true frosh who finished as the team leader with a paltry 245 yards (3.5). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Eron Haynes (5-11 191 rFr) who has good speed and Jontue Fears-Hayes (6-1 232 rFr, PS#251). Some of this year's newcomers could take over the top jobs and I project PS#30JC Rashad Armstrong as the starter and Paul Mosley (PS#63) is a true frosh who will contend. The top FB is Jonathan Evans (6-1 244 So) who was PS#57 TE. Barnett and FB Derek Lagway (1 st, 43 yds) are the only losses and regardless of who wins the starter's job, this unit should be solidly improved.

RECEIVERS - Last year all of the top receivers were back, including WR Reggie Newhouse who in 2000 became the first Bear receiver in 18 years to catch 40 passes in a season. Andra Fuller was the top receiver in 1999 but was hampered by injuries in 2000 and he too was back. Naturally with the amount of passes thrown (school records in completions and attempts), these guys put up some good numbers. Newhouse (2nd Tm B12), who is perhaps the team's best player, had 61 rec's (11.6). Fuller was #2 with 36 (10.4) but he now departs as does starting TE Andrew Obriotti (8 sts, 1 rec). The only other losses are TE Anthony Dozier (2 sts, 4 rec) and WR Lanny O'Steen (4, 13.0). TE Shane Williams is a VHT (PS#20) that set a HS record in Arkansas for rec's with 93 in his senior year but surprisingly has yet to catch a collegiate pass. I list the 2 deep below and the Bears have 4 returning players with starting experience. Kerry Dixon (6-1 181 So) was injured and redshirted last year. He had two starts at QB and 65 pass attempts in 2000 and should have an impact. Marques Roberts (6-2 220 So) had 2 starts and 20 rec's (15.6) as a rFr and Ryan Jeffrey (6-4 186 rFr) was PS#135QB. J Fields (6-2 197 rFr) was PS#135. The top newcomer is JUCO Vince Copeland. This unit looks stronger this year and has added the speed which Steele has clamored for.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Baylor averaged a measly 2.2 ypc rushing and gave up 42 sacks in 2000. Last year 4 of 5 starters returned to the front wall and the team made some solid strides. They dropped the sack total down to 26 despite the fact that they threw the ball 78 more times and the rushing ypc improved slightly to 2.6. This year they have to replace 3 starters. Gone are C Joe Jackson (11 sts, HM B12, 4 yr st'r), RT Greg Jerman (11 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 4 yr st'r) and LG Jon Erickson (9 sts, 2 yr st'r). Those are some big losses. Two players who should be stars this year are RG Antoine Murphy who was PS#8JC and started 8 games last year, and LT Quintin Outland, who got in 2 starts as a true frosh and the staff thinks he has NFL potential. They also add in a super true frosh this year and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. I plugged Derek Long into the starting RT job, as he had 4 starts as an OT in 2000. This year's group is not as experienced and they will probably allow a few more sacks but should improve the ypc and have the makings of a solid OL & average 6-4 332 lbs!!

DEFENSIVE LINE - A major factor in a team's success is line play. Baylor made some strides on the D-line in 1999, allowing 4.4 ypc rushing. In 2000 they dropped back to 4.9 ypc with the defense having just 9 sacks. That was a young DL that had to replace 3 starters and last year they returned 7 of the top 8 plus got a super JUCO transfer in AC Collier and brought over T Ethan Kelley, a 2 year starter on the O-line. The results were hugely rewarding as the ypc dropped to 3.9 and the defense recorded 27 sacks, led by Collier's 6. This year Baylor has a veteran front again. The only losses are NT Ryan Gillenwater (10 sts, 35 tkls, 3.5 tfl, HM B12) and NT Demetrio Phillips (8 tkls). Once again 7 of the top 8 are back and they bring in a couple of solid rFr plus 2 JUCO's. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Khari Long (6-3 259 So), who had 15 tackles and 1 sack last year despite missing 3 games, Eric Sims (6-4 282 Jr), Shaun Jackson (6-2 239 Sr, PS#58JC) and Dominick Cravens (6-3 225 Jr, PS#234JC). This has the looks of a real Big 12 D-line and I look for continued improvement.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 the Bears had to replace 3 players who combined for 17 starts but had 3 returning with starting experience. Last year they had to replace 4 players who had 22 tackles or more, including their #1 tackler and another starter. A part-time starter was then kicked off the team prior to the year so the unit was once again light on experience. This year they are in better shape. Basically the top 7 LB's (all with starting experience) from last year all return and I list them below. Not listed below is Jack Wallace (6-1 227 So) who had 1 start and 21 tackles in 2001. They also bring in JUCO transfer James Washington and I expect much more out of Collin Allred (PS#59) who got in just 4 games after taking off his redshirt late last year. I'll call the unit one of the most improved LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 Baylor was #83 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace their top CB who was a #2 DC as well as another starting CB and a FS with 3 starts. They did have 7 players return with starting experience. However, they then lost a projected starting CB to injury and during the year lost both starting CB's. Also, Matt Amendola, a FS who had 6 starts in 2000, missed the first 5 games. By season's end, true frosh Michael Boyd, who was playing on the scout team, was forced to take off his redshirt with just 3 games left. Overall the Bears dropped to #101, giving up 247 ypg (60.7%) with a 19-11 ratio. This year only 3 players depart in FS Samir Al-Amin (109 tkls, 11 pbu, 11 sts), Marcus Stenix (75 tkls, 8 pbu, 4 sts) and SS Kyle Staudt (1 st, 37 tkls, 2 pbu). This is a more experienced group (7 players with starting exp) and they get a couple of super additions in true frosh Willie Andrews (PS#20) and JUCO's Tyson Hampton, Ahmad Rhodes (7 int's at JC) and Larry Bynum.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Baylor actually had two top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings under ex-coach Chuck Reedy but after finishing #46 in 1998, they have struggled. They finished #112 in 1999 and #105 in 2000, allowing 4 blocked punts and 3 returns for TD's. JUCO Adam Stiles had a strong leg and handled both punting and kicking duties last year. Stiles' 44.1 average ranked 10th in the nation and Randy Davis had a 93 yard KR but Stiles also botched 2 punt snaps, one of which resulted in a TD, and the team also allowed 2 other blocked punts, making it 10 that they have allowed in the last 3 years. Overall the unit did show improvement, moving up to #82 despite the fact that their top PR, Bobby Hart (11.2), who was also the top KR, missed the last 3 games due to injury. This year they must replace the strong leg of Stiles which could be a problem for the punting game but the return game seems to be in good hands with Hart and Davis both back. Overall they hit just 8 of 18 FG's last year. No less than 4 players attempted FG's in the spring game with Steele likely waiting for true frosh Jeremy Parker (PS#63) to arrive in August. This is not an overwhelming special teams unit but could show improvement once again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I felt Baylor made some mistakes in the mid 1990's by firing their coaches too early and the constant changes in the coaching staff has led this team to be the absolute worst team in the Big 12 over the last 4 years. Kevin Steele did not have a lot going for him (besides a great last name) when he inherited this program in 1999. Baylor does have an 82% graduation rate which is #1 in the Big 12 but have been absolutely dominated in Big 12 play. Not only are they 0-24 the last 3 years in conference play, they were outscored by an average of 43.4 to 7.6 in his first year, 42.8 to 10.25 in his 2nd year and last season 41.1 to 13.6! Baylor has now lost 30 consecutive Big 12 games. There were 2 minor positives to last season. Baylor outgained its first Big 12 opponent in 4 years when they outyarded Okla St and despite the fact that Baylor was outgained by an average of 469-281 in league play, it was only the 2nd worst ypg total in the league (next to Kansas). The offense made strides last year as, after averaging just 12 ppg in Steele's first 2 years, they averaged 18.6 last year and this year they bring in a new OC, Dave Baldwin from Cincinnati. They did average just 14.9 ppg last year if you take out their 56-12 romp over IAA S Illinois. This year Baldwin's goal is to run the ball close to 60% of the time after the 2001 squad set school records for pass attempts and completions in a season. Baldwin inherits some talent on the offensive side of the ball including WR Reggie Newhouse and they should easily top last year's figures. Defensively BU was actually #4 in the Big 12 in sacks, they gave up 688 yards to Nebraska, a school record, but allowed 23 ypg less overall. They hired a new DC in Paul Jette, but he resigned after the spring and Steele named Bill Parcells' former assistant, Bob Trott, as his successor. Trott inherits a group that has 9 starters back on that side of the ball, losing just 5 lettermen, and the stop unit should be much stronger. In each of Steele's seasons they have had just 12 or 13 seniors and this year they have 20 seniors and 24 juniors for his most veteran squad yet. Keep in mind Gary Barnett, in his 1st 3 years at Northwestern, had 3 losing seasons as did Bill McCartney when he was at Colorado and Mack Brown started out just 2-20 at N Carolina so major program turnarounds are certainly possible. Baylor has improved 1 win each season and should at least do so once again this year. This team also led Texas A&M at the half and trailed Nebraska just 14-7 at the half. I expect a great start for them as they could be 4-1 or even 5-0, but then it may be tough to win another game. I look for them to end their Big 12 winless streak against Kansas and not finish with the worst Big 12 record this year but they might need an upset in the season finale at Okla St to escape the Big 12 South cellar.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB AARON KARAS SO. 6-1 194 PS#45. 526 yds (68%) 5-1 ratio, 91 yds rush as rFr. Greg Cicero (6-4 229 Sr) PS#10JUCO. 8 sts LY, 1239 yds (51%),6-13 ratio, 243 rush.

TB RASHAD ARMSTRONG JR. 5-9 205 PS#30JC, 1373 yds (6.2) at JC LY. Jonathan Golden (6-1 221 Jr) PS#44, 2 sts, 305 yds (2.8), 2Y. Anthony Krieg (6-0 214 So) 5 sts, 245 yds as **true**.

WR Vince Copeland Jr. 6-3 180 PS#11JC, 69 rec at JC & also on JC track team. Ray Harrington (6-2 210 Sr) 50 rec at JC in 2000, 10 here (6.3) LY. Kerry Dixon PS#98QB.

WR REGGIE NEWHOUSE SR. 6-1 189 Son of Robert. 10 sts in 2000, 40 rec (15.7) 10 sts LY, 61 rec (11.6), **2nd Tm Big 12**. JT Thompson (5-10 190 Jr) **PS#48WR** out of HS. 48 rec at JC LY, fast.

WR ROBERT QUIROGA JR. 6-2 190 PS#115. On track tm. 17 rec (11.7) as true. 6 sts, 23 rec (10.1) LY. **John Martin** (6-0 184 So) PS#222, 4 sts as rFr, 32 rec (10.8), poss rec.

TE Shane Williams Jr. 6-3 234 PS#20. 93 rec as Sr in HS. Zero rec here in 16 gms. Luke Groth (6-4 251 So) PS#122, 1 tkl on DL LY. FB Jonathan Evans (6-1 244 So) PS#57TE.

C CEDRIC FIELDS JR. 6-3 302 PS#173OL. 6 sts at RG as rFr. 11 sts at LG in 2001. Chris Sipes (6-4 306 So) PS#257, 1 game as rFr. Brad Schlueter (6-4 276 So) 7 games.

RG ANTOINE MURPHY SR. 6-3 353 **PS#8JC**. 8 sts here LY, missed 3 (inj). Expected leader of OL. LaQualan McDonald (6-5 330) PS#63, mature enough to play as true TY.

LG Derrick Pearcy Sr. 6-3 324 PS#154OL. 1 start in 2000, 8 games. 9 games as backup OG LY. Matt Bickel (6-4 365 Sr) PS#153JC, 2nd string in 9 games last year.

RT Derek Long Jr. 6-5 306 PS#112OL. 4 starts at OT in 2000. 3 sts at RG in 2001. TJ Helmcamp (6-4 305 Sr) 9 games LY. Glen Oskin (6-4 293 rFr) PS#207.

LT Quintin Outland So. 6-4 332 PS#56OL. Started L/2 at LT as **true**, 2nd string LY, NFL potential. Ryan McDaniel (6-4 290 So) PS#435OL, 21 snaps as a rFr.

K Jeremy Parker Fr. 5-8 170 PS#63K. Hit 15 of 21 FG's in HS LY. 44.0 average per punt. Daniel Andino (5-11 245 Sr) 3 of 7 FG's long of 29, 2Y. 22 of 22 xp's LY.

DE A.C. COLLIER SR. 6-3 245 12 sks at JC in 2000. 7 sts here LY, 46 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. **3rd Tm Big 12**. Charles Mann (6-3 241 Sr) **PS#65**. 9 sts in 2000, 35 tkls. 6 sts LY, 32 tkls, 5 tfl.

DT KEVIN STEVENSON SR. 6-1 276 PS#109. 4 sts in '99. 10 sts in 2000, 67 tkls, 4 tfl, 11 sts LY, 57 tkls, 3.5 sks, 8 tfl. **HM Big 12**. Eric Jackson (6-4 274 rFr) PS#279. Lorenzo Davis (6-3 318 rFr) PS#227.

NT Ethan Kelley Sr. 6-2 301 PS#293. 11 sts on OL as rFr. 10 sts in 2000. 1st on DL LY, 58 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. **Travis Hicks** (6-2 297 Sr) **PS#52DL**, 3 sts, 99 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl 3Y.

DE AARON LARD JR. 6-2 257 10 sts as rFr, 50 tkls, 4 tfl. 9 sts LY, 59 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. Joseph Simmons (6-4 231 Jr) PS#313. 1 st as rFr, 27 tkls, 3 tfl. 23 tkls, 7 hurries, 8 games LY.

SLB STEPHEN SEPULVEDA JR. 6-2 218 10 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, 69 tkls, 4 tfl. James Washington (6-2 205 Jr) **PS#205JC**. Kelvin Chaisson (6-1 234 Sr) PS#182, 3 sts, 49 tkls in 1999. 35 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

MLB GREG WADE SR. 6-1 245 PS#254JC. 8 sts at WLB LY, 66 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. **Collin Allred** (6-1 240 So) **PS#59**, 11 tkls as true. Michael Tolbert (6-0 238 So) PS#269. 1 st, 32 tkls, 2 sks as rFr.

WLB JOHN GARRETT JR. 6-1 246 **PS#39**. 5 sts, 54 tkls, 6 tfl as true. 10 sts, 89 tkls, 10 tfl, HM Big 12 LY. Justin Crooks (5-11 220 So) PS#117. 53 tkls, 4 tfl as true. Jamaal Harper PS#150 LY.

CB TYSON HAMPTON SO. 6-1 185 PS#196JC. Cover CB. Willie Andrews is **PS#20DB. Matt Johnson** (5-8 181 Jr) PS#177. 2 sts, 37 tkls, 2Y. Michael Boyd (5-8 169 So).

CB BOBBY HART JR. 5-11 192 2 sts, 22 tkls in 2000. 8 sts LY, top cover CB, 65 tkls, 1 int, **15 pbu, HM Big 12. Randy Davis** (5-9 172 Sr) 5 sts LY until inj, 50 tkls, 4 pbu. Ahmad Rhodes PS#246JC.

SS DERRICK CASH JR. 5-11 206 PS#123. 1 st, 50 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. 10 sts LY, #2 w/**106 tkls, 5 int, 13 pbu**, 4.3 speed. Danielle McLean (5-11 192 Jr) PS#149, 2 sts, 17 tkls LY.

FS Matt Amendola Jr. 5-11 191 6 sts in 2000, 40 tkls, 1 int. Miss 5 LY, L/6 games, 22 tkls, 1 pbu. Anthony Arline (6-3 180 Fr) PS#107. Maurice Lane (5-11 180 rFr) PS#269DB.

P Jeremy Parker Fr. 5-8 170 PS#63K. Avg'd 44.0 per punt in high school LY. Grant Callison (5-10 203 So) PS#433RB in 2000. Almost in the mix at punter as a walk-on LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DB	Willie Andrews 5-11 180 PS#20
RB	Rashad Armstrong 5-9 205 PS#30JC
OL	LaQualan McDonald 6-5 330 PS#63
RB	Paul Mosley 6-3 215 PS#63
QB	Shawn Bell 6-1 185 PS#51
WR	Vince Copeland 6-3 180 PS#111JC
DB	Anthony Arline 6-3 180 PS#107
RB	Quincy Cosby 5-9 180 PS#132
DL	Corey Ford 6-3 247 PS#155
WR	Iris Williams 6-5 233 PS#149
CB	Tyson Hampton 6-1 185 PS#196JC
LB	James Washington 6-2 205 PS#205JC
DB	Larry Bynum 5-10 180 PS#219JC
WR	J.T. Thompson 5-10 190 PS#228JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	at California	G					
Sep. 7	Samford	G					
Sep. 14	at New Mexico	G					
Sep. 21	Tulsa	G					
Sep. 28							
Oct. 5	Kansas	G					
Oct. 12	Texas A&M	G					
Oct. 19	at Colorado	G					
Oct. 26	Kansas St (HC)	G					
Nov. 2	at Texas Tech	A					
Nov. 9	at Texas	G					
Nov. 16	Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 23	at Oklahoma St	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Bears have finished last in the Big 12 South Division for 6 consecutive seasons.

The Bears are 5-3 SU & ATS in their 1st AG of the season the last 8 years.
This is the first meeting between these two teams since 1979.

Samford was 5-5 SU last year as a IAA Independent.
Baylor is 14-1 SU in their last 15 non-lined games.

This will be the Bears 1st visit to Albuquerque.
Baylor is 2-0 SU & ATS vs New Mexico since 1984.

BU is 3-1 ATS as chalk under Steele, with 3 straight covers.
Bears are 8-3 ATS in games prior to a bye since 1992.

Strange but true: Bears are 1-15 ATS L/16 in the 1st of 2 (+) home games.
Bonus: Bears are 3-9 ATS the week after a bye.

Baylor is 3-9-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game since 1991.
Bears are 4-21-2 ATS in their last 27 Big 12 games.

Baylor is 4-10-1 ATS vs the Big 12 South Division the last 3 years.
The Bears are 3-8 ATS last 11 & 2-7 last 9 vs the Aggies, 0-15-1 SU L/16.

Bears are 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS their last 4 vs Colorado.
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Baylor is 3-7 ATS in their last 10 Homecoming games.
Mike Singletary's alma mater is 8-4 ATS in sandwiched home games.

Baylor is 5-10 ATS in the first of 2(+) straight away games.
Tech has raided the Bears with a 9-2 ATS mark the last 11 games.

Baylor is 3-5 ATS in their 2nd straight away from Waco.
The underdog is 13-6 ATS L/19 meetings, Baylor has been the dog 15 of 19.

The Bears are 6-22-1 ATS as a home dog since 1990.
BU came into 2002 with a 6-25-2 mark vs former Big 8 schools (1-13-1 L3Y).

Baylor is 2-8 SU and 0-7-2 ATS the last 10 years in season finales.
Bears are 0-6-2 ATS their last 8 overall vs the Cowboys (1-7 SU).

KEVIN STEELE (Career 6-27)

4th Year at Baylor

Steele's records AT BAYLOR

6-27	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
9-21-1	Vs The Spread	2-11-1	Home Underdog
5-17-1	Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
4-19-1	Vs Conference	4-9	Away Underdog
		5-2	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (24,24,2)
Lost: 18 (11,5,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,601

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	4-7	2-9	2-9	1-10	2-9	3-8	21-56
ATS	6-5	4-7	4-7	5-5-1	2-8-1	3-7	4-6	28-45-2
Home Fav	2-2	2-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	7-6
Home Dog	0-1	0-1	2-3	1-2	0-3-1	1-4	1-4	5-18-1
Away Fav	3-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	4-3
Away Dog	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-2-1	1-4	1-3	2-2	12-18-1
Favorite	5-2	2-4	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	11-9
Dog	1-3	2-3	4-6	4-4-1	1-7-1	2-7	3-6	17-36-2
Grass	2-1	1-1	2-4	3-4	1-6-1	2-4	4-6	15-26-1
Artificial	4-4	3-6	2-3	2-1-1	1-2	1-3	0-0	13-19-1
vs Conf	4-3	2-6	3-5	4-3-1	0-7-1	2-6	2-6	17-36-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	11-9
Off SU Win	3-4	3-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	8-12
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-5	4-4	4-3-1	1-7-1	2-5	2-5	16-30-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Krieg	70	252	7	245	1	3.5
Melvin Barnett	63	234	16	218	0	3.5
Jonathan Golden	75	257	42	215	2	2.9
Greg Cicero	65	243	136	107	1	1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Greg Cicero	255	129	50.6	1239	6	13
Josh Zachry	102	60	58.8	526	2	4
Aaron Karas	53	36	67.9	526	5	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Reggie Newhouse	61	706	11.6	8	48
Andra Fuller	36	376	10.4	0	26
John Martin	32	345	10.8	1	34
Robert Quiroga	23	233	10.1	1	26
Marques Roberts	20	311	15.6	2	70

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Stiles	70	3088	44.1	–	34.3	0	14

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Stiles	1-2	3-4	2-6	1-2	7-14	50

PLAYER	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
Samir Al-Amin	109	0	2	11	3
Derrick Cash	106	0	2	13	5
John Garrett	89	1	9	3	0
Marcus Stenix	75	0	2	8	1
Stephen Sepulveda	69	1	3	2	0
Greg Wade	66	2	3	2	0
Bobby Hart	65	0	1	15	1
Aaron Lard	59	4	6	0	0
Ethan Kelley	58	2	5	2	0
Kevin Stevenson	57	3.5	8	0	0
Justin Crooks	53	0	4	2	0
Randy Davis	50	0	0	4	1
A.C. Collier	46	6	5	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bobby Hart	19	212	11.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Robert Quiroga	13	250	19.2	0
Bobby Hart	13	221	17.0	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Liberty	E	LSU	21-7	W
86	Bluebonnet	-5'	Colorado	21-9	W
91	Copper	-3'	Indiana	0-24	L
92	John Hancock	+6'	Arizona	20-15	W
94	Alamo	+5'	Washington St	3-10	L

BAYLOR'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	18.6	19	96	2.6	215	53.5	16.7	-3	2001	7	32.5	23	171	3.9	247	60.7	12.9
8	12.6	14	73	2.2	149	40.4	17.6	-9	2000	5	36.1	22	209	4.9	232	56.9	12.2
7*	12.5	13	110	3.1	120	46.0	18.5	-5	1999	10	37.6	24	219	4.4	202	60.8	11.2
6	17.7	16	110	2.8	167	51.7	15.6	+3	1998	7	29.0	22	214	4.8	227	50.5	15.2
7*	18.2	18	185	4.7	151	54.3	18.5	-5	1997	5	34.1	22	274	5.8	164	56.7	12.8
8	24.2	18	150	3.8	182	50.5	13.7	-4	1996	7	29.5	24	287	5.6	181	48.6	16.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Arkansas St	18	45-175	3.9	14-31	192	0	12	40-66	1.7	12-29	106	6	+3
New Mexico	18	37-72	1.9	26-47	223	1	13	45-102	2.3	13-29	258	3	+1
at Iowa St	18	27-13	0.5	27-40	177	0	27	48-179	3.7	24-29	330	1	-2
at Texas A&M	15	34-85	2.5	19-38	147	4	21	46-116	2.5	21-36	260	2	-1
Nebraska	14	33-29	0.9	15-43	158	4	31	73-641	8.8	4-9	47	0	+1
at Oklahoma	12	35-106	3.0	11-30	138	3	28	39-60	1.5	32-44	343	8	0
Texas Tech	16	38-79	2.1	19-40	200	4	29	33-194	5.9	39-61	324	1	-3
Texas	16	36-8	0.2	24-44	187	4	20	42-130	3.1	17-32	276	3	-1
at Missouri	26	34-121	3.6	29-46	281	2	29	39-151	3.9	25-36	380	0	-1
Oklahoma St	31	50-202	4.0	27-43	315	2	23	33-129	3.9	14-26	194	1	-3
S Illinois	24	40-163	4.1	23-35	344	2	20	39-115	2.9	20-33	199	2	+3
TOTALS	208	409-1053	2.6	234-437	2362	26	253	477-1883	3.9	221-364	2717	27	-3
AVERAGES	18.9	37-96	2.6	21-40	215	2.4	23.0	43-171	3.9	20-33	247	2.5	-0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Fla)	+15'	14-45	L
at Fresno St	+1'	37-35	W
at Michigan	+28	3-38	L
Texas Tech	+5	14-35	L
Nebraska	+39	21-49	W
at Oklahoma	+15'	23-24	W
at Iowa St	-3'	17-24	L
Texas	+9	23-21	W
at Texas A&M	+21	10-38	L
at Missouri	+16'	24-42	L
Oklahoma St	+9'	14-24	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon St	+7	17-27	L
N Carolina St	+3'	33-30	W
at Colorado	+15'	16-18	W
at Texas Tech	+12'	29-31	W
Kansas	-6	31-24	W
Texas A&M	+7	14-35	L
at Texas	+17'	20-30	W
at Notre Dame	+14'	3-27	L
Kansas St	+30'	6-49	L
Oklahoma	-4	16-28	L
at Oklahoma St	+14	10-24	T

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College (OT)	+4'	29-30	W
UNLV	-10	24-27	L
at Oklahoma	+12'	10-41	L
Texas	+16	0-62	L
N Texas	-11'	23-10	W
at Texas A&M	+30	13-45	L
Texas Tech	+8'	7-35	L
at Kansas St	+38	7-48	L
at Kansas	+14	10-45	L
Colorado	+21'	0-37	L
Oklahoma St	+20	14-34	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Texas	-6	20-7	W
Minnesota	+8	9-34	L
S Florida	NL	28-13	–
Iowa St	+13'	17-31	L
at Texas Tech	+20	0-28	L
Texas A&M	+27	0-24	W
at Nebraska	+47	0-59	L
at Texas	+41	14-48	W
Oklahoma	+39	7-56	L
Missouri	+12	22-47	L
at Oklahoma St	+16'	22-50	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-7'	24-3	W
New Mexico (OT)	+4'	16-13	W
at Iowa St	+15	0-41	L
at Texas A&M	+25	10-16	W
Nebraska	+33	7-48	L
at Oklahoma	+35'	17-33	W
Texas Tech	+12	19-63	L
Texas	+32	10-49	L
at Missouri	+15	24-41	L
Oklahoma St	+7	22-38	L
S Illinois	NL	56-12	–

PAC 10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 PAC 10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Carson Palmer, USC	Chris Lewis, Stanford	Jason Gesser, Wash St	Cody Pickett, Wash
RB	Clarence Farmer, Arizona	Sultan McCullough, USC	Kerry Carter, Stanford	Akil Harris, UCLA
RB	Onterrio Smith, Oregon	Jermaine Green, Wash St	Steven Jackson, Oreg St	Justin Fargas, USC
WR	Reggie Williams, Wash	Kareem Kelly, USC	Shaun McDonald, Ariz St	James Newson, Oreg St
WR	Mike Bush, Wash St	Paul Arnold, Wash	Luke Powell, Stanford	Samie Parker, Oregon
TE	Alex Holmes, USC	Tim Euhus, Oreg St	James Hugo, Arizona	Brett Pierce, Stanford
C	Lenny Vandermade, USC	Todd Bachert, Wash	Tyler Hunt, Wash St	Dan Weaver, Oregon
G	Greg Schindler, Stanford	Shane Lehmann, UCLA	Elliott Zajac, Wash	Kanan Sanchez, Oreg St
G	Derrick Roche, Wash St	Zach Wilson, USC	Mike Kuykendall, Oreg St	Scott Tercero, Cal
T	Mike Saffer, UCLA	Khalif Barnes, Wash	Jacob Rogers, USC	Makoa Freitas, Arizona
T	Kwame Harris, Stanford	Corey Chambers, Oregon	Francisco Tipoti, Wash	Bryce Bohlander, UCLA
DL	Bernard Riley, USC	Kai Ellis, Wash	DD Acholonu, Wash St	Issac Brown, Wash St
DL	Eric Manning, Oreg St	Rodney Leisle, UCLA	Craig Albrecht, Stanford	Rien Long, Wash St
DL	Shaun Cody, USC	Matt Leonard, Stanford	Faafetai Tupai, Wash St	Daniel Nwangwu, Cal
DL	Terrell Suggs, Ariz St	Lorenzo Alexander, Cal	Matt Mason, Ariz St	Fred Shavies, Wash St
LB	Lance Briggs, Arizona	Matt Grootegoed, USC	Marcus Reese, UCLA	Joe Siofele, Arizona
LB	Kevin Mitchell, Oregon	Solomon Bates, Ariz St	Michael Pollard, USC	Nick Barnett, Oreg St
LB	Richard Seigler, Oreg St	Ben Mahdavi, Wash	David Moretti, Oregon	Michael Craven, Stanford
CB	Dennis Weathersby, Oreg St	Marcus Trufant, Wash St	Roc Alexander, Wash	Atari Callen, Cal
CB	Ricky Manning, UCLA	Michael Jolivette, Arizona	Lamar Baker, Ariz St	Jameel Powell, Cal
SS	Troy Polamalu, USC	Ben Emanuel, UCLA	Greg Carothers, Wash	Rasuli Webster, Oregon
FS	Matt Ware, UCLA	Nnamdi Asomugha, Cal	Mitch Meeuwsen, Oreg St	Keith Lewis, Oregon
K	John Anderson, Wash	Chris Griffith, UCLA	Drew Dunning, Wash St	David Davis, USC
P	Nathan Fikse, UCLA	Derek McLaughlin, Wash	Jose Arroyo, Oregon	Tim Parker, Ariz St
KR	Roc Alexander, Wash	Onterrio Smith, Oregon	Allan Amundson, Oregon	Gary Love, Arizona
PR	Luke Powell, Stanford	Keenan Howry, Oregon	Bobby Wade, Arizona	Jameel Powell, Cal

Washington St
RG Derrick Roche

Arizona RB Clarence Farmer

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 PAC 10 FORECAST

1. USC - It was an agonizing decision for me to put the Trojans #1 in the Pac 10 this year. Two main reasons go against me. First, in 1998, 1999 and 2000 I picked the them to win the Pac 10 and their under-achieving teams disappointed me each time. Last year I finally came to my senses and pegged them 5th in the conference and that is precisely where they finished. Secondly, last year USC was +16 in turnovers and you know how I feel about team's that benefit from double digit turnovers. Why would I possibly pick USC for 1st place this year? I do 7 sets of power ratings each year and all 7 say they are the most talented team in the league. They are the most improved team in the Pac 10 according to my ratings and last year could easily have won the division had they not given up last second FG's to both Oregon (:12 left) and Washington (:03 left). Despite their 5-3 record last year they outscored league foes by 12.3 ppg which was 2nd only to Oregon's 12.5 ppg. They also play UCLA on the road which is not really a road trip (basically same city). They have a favorable schedule with most of the key games at home. The non-conference slate is brutal with Auburn, Colorado, Kansas St and Notre Dame but I will pick the Trojans to have the best record in the Pac 10 and return to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1995.

2. UCLA - At one point last season the Bruins stood 6-0 and were ranked #4 in the country. They lost 4 of their final 5 games, most of them without star RB DeShaun Foster and keep in mind QB Paus was banged up all year with an injury. Overall the Bruins outgained league foes by an average of 62.5 ypg which was the best in the conference showing they were much stronger than their 4-4 record indicated. This year they have just 11 starters back which is the 2nd fewest in the conference but are loaded with talent on both sides of the ball. Their defense, which is not as strong as last year, is still ranked 3rd best in the league and offensively I have them #4. The schedule sets up well as they face a couple of the bottom teams in the league on the road and this should be yet another successful season. UCLA did not get to a bowl game last year despite their 7-4 record but will find itself in the postseason this year and possibly hosting a bowl game (catch my drift).

3. WASHINGTON - The Huskies have been the most fortunate team in the Pac 10 the last few years and last year had 5 come-from-behind wins in the 4Q. This year's Huskie contingent is the 2nd most improved team in the league and are much more talented than last year's version. Offensively they now have an experienced QB and 8 starters back overall. Last year's D was not up to standards and while Neuheisel says they may be a year or two away from getting to the standards they would like, they are improved despite having just 5 starters back. The schedule is tough as they must play USC, Ariz St, Oregon and Wash St on the road but if the game is close at the end, Wash has the confidence to win. Every year they are a contender for the Rose Bowl and such is the case this season.

4. WASHINGTON ST - Mike Price has never put together back to back winning seasons in his tenure as a head coach but he has a great shot at doing so this year. The Cougars have 13 starters back and the only 2 times that happened, the team went to a bowl game. WSU was +12 in turnovers last year but have arguably the best schedule in the conference. I think there is a clear line between the top 6 and bottom 4 teams in this league and the Cougars face 3 of the bottom 4 on the road making those games winnable. The rest of the tough teams must travel to Pullman where the Cougars can be very tough. The schedule gives them a shot at topping last year's 6 wins in Pac 10 play and I'll call for Price to have his first ever back-to-back winning seasons.

5. OREGON- Yes, I will admit that in each of the last 2 years I have pegged the Ducks for 4th place. They finished in a 3 way tie for first and won the Pac 10 last year, finishing #2 in the country. This year they must replace QB Joey Harrington and have just 12 starters back. Bellotti is doing a tremendous job and the 6 starters he has back on defense are actually the most he's had in the last 3 years so you know they'll be strong on that side of the ball. I also think they have the weapons offensively to be very potent provided the new QB adapts well. Last year they had most of their toughest Pac 10 games at home (where they are almost unbeatable) and this year face 3 tough rivals on the road. I think UO is a very dangerous team this year and should sweep their non-conference schedule and it wouldn't surprise me to see them contending once again for Rose Bowl honors.

6. OREGON ST - No one was tougher on the Beavers last season as I called for them to finish 7th in the league one year after they finished #4 in the country. It was an inexperienced OSU team that actually outscored league foes by 8 points despite finishing with a 3-5 record. They also outgained league foes on the season by 32.5 ypg which was 3rd best overall. They outgained USC 384-204 and Oregon 359-209 but came up short. This year OSU will return to the winning side of the ledger even with a tough road schedule in Pac 10 play. I think they will go through the non-conference schedule undefeated giving their young QB major confidence as they head for the opener. Overall this team has 15 starters returning and after being the most inexperienced team in the league last year, are one of the most experienced this season. Mike Riley and Dennis Erickson have done a great job rebuilding this team. The Beavers are set to move into the top part of the Pac 10 on a yearly basis and will be a contender this year as I rate the top 6 teams in the conference all very close.

7. ARIZONA ST - I pegged the Sun Devils for 9th in the Pac 10 last year and that is exactly where they finished but they would have likely finished higher had QB Jeff Krohn remained healthy. Krohn was injured vs USC when the team was leading 3-0 and then missed the final 4 games of which ASU failed to win any of. Krohn transferred but the winner of the 3 way QB derby may struggle behind an inexperienced OL. ASU will not match last year's 34.0 ppg. Defensively, however, the team is much stronger as they have 8 starters back on that side of the ball and have my #5 rated stop unit in the league. However, they do host both Stanford and California and the road trip to state rival Arizona is one they are comfortable making. I see them definitely improving upon last year's one Pac 10 win and they have a great shot at a winning season overall.

8. STANFORD - The Cardinal outgained Pac 10 foes by an average of 57.2 ypg last year which was the 2nd best in the league and finished with an outstanding 6-2 season. They have one of the top offenses in the Pac 10 with 7 starters back and I'm very high on QB Chris Lewis. They are switching to more of a pass offense after leading the Pac 10 in rushing last year (why mess with success?). Defensively they have just 2 starters back which means that it is most likely a rebuilding season.

9. CALIFORNIA - Cal has the most experienced team in the league with just 11 lettermen lost and last year were -18 in turnovers so you know better things are in the offing. This is a team that could actually flirt with a winning record as they have a very manageable non-conference slate and some winnable home games in Pac 10 play. Last year Cal was outscored by an average of 41.6 to 18.5 in league play and they are going through some new schemes on both sides of the ball. They clearly have the talent and experience to finish even higher in the Pac 10 standings but with such a large gap to make up from last year I'll peg them for 9th.

10. ARIZONA - I pegged the Cats for last place last year and they escaped the basement with two Pac 10 wins. They easily could have had more but had a couple of blown calls go against them versus both Washington and USC. The defense played well for the majority of the season allowing just 98 ypg rushing after taking away 3 games where they were very beat up on the DL. This team clearly has potential to bag a few more wins but have won just two Pac 10 home games in the last 3 years and have a tough home schedule. They actually have the fewest amount of lettermen returning in the league (35) so they may be a year away from having the depth that Mackovic desires. Despite the lack of home wins they have won 6 on the road the last 3 years and should they continue to be a strong traveller, they might be able to escape the basement.

PAC 10 Notes: Only one Pac 10 representative in the past 11 years has been the league's top defensive team and that was Arizona St in 1996. Of the last four Pac 10 Champions, UCLA was 9th in the league in defense in 1998, Stanford 10th in 1999, Washington was 5th in 2000 and Oregon was 4th last year. Since the AP poll began in 1936 only one Pac 10 school has finished #1 and that was USC who did it 3 times in 1962, 1967 and 1972. The Pac 10 had 32 players selected in this year's draft, the third highest among the conferences. The Pac 10 has had 7 Heisman winners from 1962 to 1981 but none since. Since 1991 no team has played in the Rose Bowl (or last year won the league crown) without a 4th year QB!!!! This year 8 teams fit that bill with only Oregon St and Stanford not having one. The Pac 10 was a much maligned conference in 1999 but has really turned it around the last two years. They had just 1 team make it into the top 25 in '99 and that was at #19. Last year 4 finished in the Top 25 and Oregon very nearly made it into the national title game and finished #2 in the polls. While USC has 6 players on my 1st Team Pac 10 to lead the league, Washington has 13 on my top 3 teams which is the most.

2001 PAC 10 VS PAC 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
5	Stanford	39.0	1	467.6	1	204.0	1	4.4	2	263.6	54.9	3	12.0	20	18
11	Oregon	35.1	2	424.0	2	203.9	2	5.3	1	220.1	57.6	2	12.1	9	9
15	Arizona St	27.5	8	408.6	4	155.6	4	4.3	3	253.0	46.4	9	14.9	21	32
21	Wash St	32.1	3	392.3	7	118.4	7	3.0	8	273.9	50.5	8	12.2	19	23
22	Washington	28.4	6	413.6	3	109.1	8	3.0	9	304.5	53.9	4	14.6	17	19
31	UCLA	30.4	5	398.3	5	169.4	3	4.2	4	228.9	51.6	7	13.1	22	25
43	Arizona	27.9	7	394.3	6	142.9	5	4.1	5	251.4	52.1	6	14.1	28	24
61	USC	31.1	4	332.3	10	90.8	10	2.5	10	241.5	58.3	1	10.7	14	23
64	Oregon St	23.9	9	357.0	8	124.1	6	3.3	6	232.9	52.9	5	15.0	20	16
76	California	18.5	10	333.6	9	107.0	9	3.2	7	226.6	44.1	10	18.0	25	21

2001 PAC 10 VS PAC 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
8	UCLA	23.1	4	332.6	3	124.6	4	3.5	3	208.0	49.6	4	14.4	19	24
12	USC	18.8	1	321.5	1	122.3	2	3.4	2	199.3	54.4	7	17.1	25	31
22	Oregon St	22.9	3	324.5	2	165.3	8	4.0	8	159.3	47.4	1	14.2	17	26
29	Oregon	22.6	2	406.9	6	122.4	3	3.4	1	284.5	49.7	5	18.0	18	16
38	Wash St	23.4	5	380.1	4	141.3	5	4.0	7	238.9	48.7	2	16.3	30	24
43	Stanford	33.3	7	410.4	7	100.6	1	3.6	4	309.8	49.1	3	12.3	25	14
53	Washington	29.6	6	396.8	5	165.5	9	4.1	10	231.3	58.2	9	13.4	18	13
65	Arizona	39.6	9	427.8	8	158.3	7	3.7	5	269.5	50.9	6	10.8	18	23
67	Arizona St	39.0	8	437.8	9	157.3	6	3.8	6	280.5	58.8	10	11.2	10	19
86	California	41.6	10	482.4	10	166.8	10	4.0	9	315.6	55.3	8	11.6	16	20

2001 PAC 10 STANDINGS

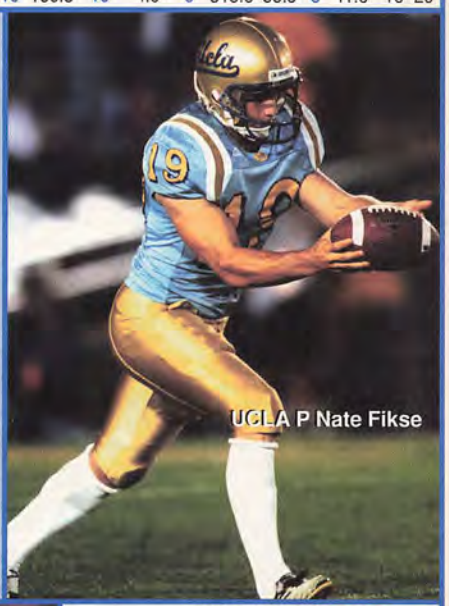
	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Oregon	7	1	281	181	10	1	374	240
Stanford	6	2	312	266	9	2	408	315
Washington St	6	2	257	187	9	2	387	242
Washington	6	2	227	237	8	3	310	323
USC	5	3	249	150	6	5	292	197
UCLA	4	4	243	185	7	4	317	225
Oregon St	3	5	191	183	5	6	287	259
Arizona	2	6	223	317	5	6	320	377
Arizona St	1	7	220	312	4	7	374	361
California	0	8	148	333	1	10	201	431

2000 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Oregon St	7	1	275	161	10	1	359	203
Washington	7	1	258	183	10	1	353	246
Oregon	7	1	215	172	9	2	316	219
Stanford	4	4	193	210	5	6	261	294
Arizona St	3	5	229	235	6	5	296	272
UCLA	3	5	251	282	6	5	333	347
Arizona	3	5	203	204	5	6	254	237
USC	2	6	208	256	5	7	309	337
Wash St	2	6	167	260	4	7	281	354
California	2	6	204	240	3	8	246	295

1999 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Stanford	7	1	313	197	8	3	409	347
Oregon	6	2	247	199	8	3	386	264
Washington	6	2	231	188	7	4	311	278
Arizona St	5	3	227	192	6	5	282	288
Oregon St	4	4	208	177	7	4	330	254
Arizona	3	5	229	252	6	6	339	364
USC	3	5	193	206	6	6	348	278
California	3	5	131	164	4	7	180	254
UCLA	2	6	137	241	4	7	230	311
Wash St	1	7	158	258	3	9	248	327



2001 PAC 10 LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Jeff Krohn, ASU	213	115	54.0	7	1942	9.1	19	153.4
Randy Fasani, Stanford	167	86	51.5	4	1479	8.9	13	146.8
Jason Gesser, WSU	**335**	**184**	**54.9**	**10**	**2729**	**8.1**	**25**	**142.0**
Joey Harrington, Ore	322	186	57.8	5	2414	7.5	23	141.2
Chris Lewis, Stanford	**163**	**90**	**55.2**	**8**	**1277**	**7.8**	**12**	**135.5**
Jason Johnson, Ariz	**298**	**169**	**56.7**	**13**	**2347**	**7.9**	**19**	**135.2**
Cory Paus, UCLA	**194**	**101**	**52.1**	**8**	**1740**	**9.0**	**8**	**132.8**
Jonathan Smith, OSU	317	180	56.8	10	2427	7.7	14	129.4
Carson Palmer, USC	**351**	**206**	**58.7**	**12**	**2567**	**7.3**	**13**	**125.5**
Cody Pickett, Wash	**301**	**169**	**56.1**	**14**	**2403**	**8.0**	**10**	**124.9**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDSPG	Rec PG	Rec AVG
Shaun McDonald, ASU	**11**	**47**	**1104**	**10**	**100.4**	**4.3**	**23.5**
Nakoa McElrath, WSU	11	67	1047	9	95.2	6.1	15.6
Reggie Williams, Wash	**11**	**55**	**973**	**3**	**88.5**	**5.0**	**17.7**
James Newson, OSU	**11**	**57**	**968**	**5**	**88.0**	**5.2**	**17.0**
Mike Bush, WSU	**11**	**45**	**913**	**9**	**83.0**	**4.1**	**20.3**
Bobby Wade, Arizona	**11**	**62**	**882**	**8**	**80.2**	**5.6**	**14.2**
Luke Powell, Stanford	**11**	**40**	**790**	**7**	**71.8**	**3.6**	**19.8**
Kareem Kelly, USC	**11**	**46**	**768**	**3**	**69.8**	**4.2**	**16.7**
Donnie O'Neal, ASU	11	45	711	4	64.6	4.1	15.8
Keenan Howry, Ore	**11**	**49**	**649**	**8**	**59.0**	**4.5**	**13.2**

RUSHING

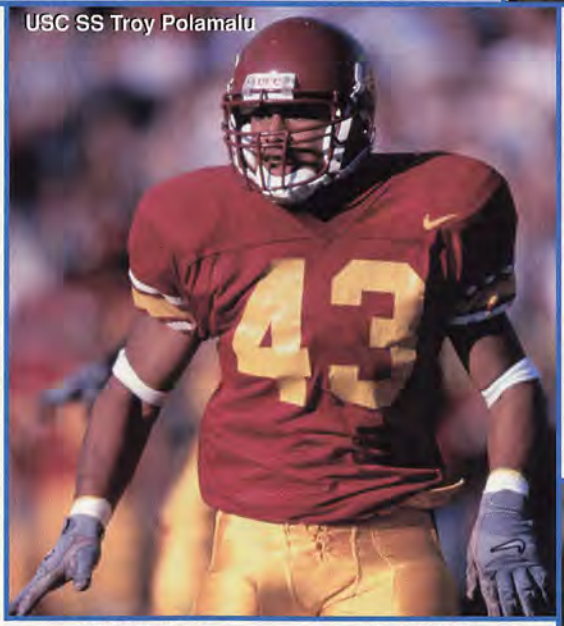
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Clarence Farmer, Arizona	**11**	**209**	**1229**	**5.9**	**10**	**111.7**
DeShaun Foster, UCLA	8	216	1109	5.1	12	138.6
Delvon Flowers, ASU	11	188	1041	5.5	11	94.6
Onterrio Smith, Ore	**11**	**161**	**1007**	**6.3**	**7**	**91.5**
Ken Simonton, OSU	11	239	971	4.1	8	88.3
Maurice Morris, Ore	10	169	960	5.7	8	96.0
Brian Allen, Stanford	11	174	899	5.2	9	81.7
Dave Minnich, WSU	8	175	764	4.4	6	95.5
Terrell Williams, Cal	**11**	**160**	**688**	**4.3**	**4**	**62.5**
Willie Hurst, Wash	10	138	607	4.4	7	60.7

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	CAR	NET	PASSING ATT	YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	YDSPG
Jason Gesser, WSU	**11**	**82**	**103**	**335**	**2729**	**2832**	**257.5**
Cody Pickett, Wash	**10**	**83**	**60**	**301**	**2403**	**2463**	**246.3**
Carson Palmer, USC	**11**	**82**	**85**	**351**	**2567**	**2652**	**241.1**
Joey Harrington, Ore	11	55	56	322	2414	2470	224.5
Jonathan Smith, OSU	11	32	-141	317	2427	2286	207.8
Randy Fasani, Stan	8	59	174	167	1479	1653	206.6
Jason Johnson, Ariz	**11**	**42**	**-91**	**298**	**2347**	**2256**	**205.1**
Jeff Krohn, ASU	10	46	-15	213	1942	1927	192.7
Kyle Boller, Cal	**10**	**77**	**66**	**271**	**1741**	**1807**	**180.7**
Chris Lewis, Stanford	**8**	**18**	**17**	**163**	**1277**	**1294**	**161.8**

TFL

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Robert Thomas, UCLA	24.5	72	Kenyon Coleman, UCLA	14.0	64
Tully Banta-Cain, Cal	**16.5**	**80**	**Lance Briggs, Arizona**	**13.5**	**66**
Terrell Suggs, ASU	**16.5**	**79**	Lonnie Ford, USC	13.0	50
Kevin Mitchell, Ore	**16.0**	**50**	Larry Tripplett, Wash	12.5	29
Richard Seigler, OSU	**16.0**	**44**	**DD Acholonu, WSU**	**11.0**	**73**

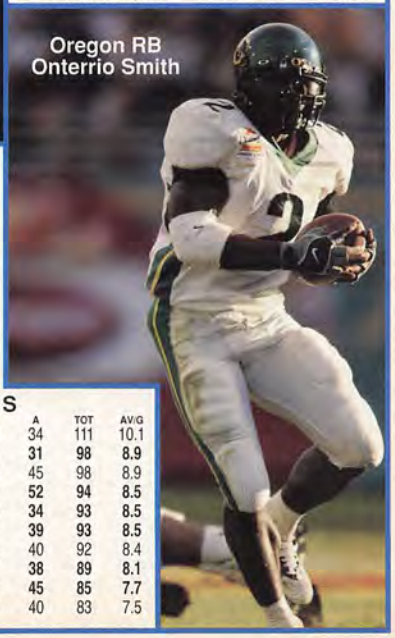


KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
David Davis, USC	**11**	**15**	**17**	**88.2**	**47**
Mark Jensen, Cal	**11**	**11**	**14**	**78.6**	**45**
Drew Dunning, WSU	**11**	**14**	**18**	**77.8**	**49**
Chris Griffith, UCLA	**10**	**10**	**13**	**76.9**	**49**
Sean Keel, Arizona	**11**	**9**	**14**	**64.3**	**52**
Mike Barth, ASU	**11**	**9**	**14**	**64.3**	**47**
John Anderson, Wash	**11**	**14**	**22**	**63.6**	**47**
Mike Biselli, Stanford	11	10	16	62.5	44
Ryan Cesca, OSU	**11**	**10**	**16**	**62.5**	**47**
Jared Siegel, Ore	**11**	**6**	**11**	**54.5**	**46**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tom Pace, ASU	17	537	1	31.6
Roc Alexander, Wash	**19**	**555**	**1**	**29.2**
Onterrio Smith, Ore	**12**	**338**	**1**	**28.2**
Allan Amundson, Ore	**13**	**354**	**0**	**27.2**
Brian Allen, Stanford	15	399	0	26.6
Gary Love, Arizona	**15**	**386**	**0**	**25.7**
Mike Williams, ASU	**14**	**328**	**0**	**23.4**
Patrick McCall, OSU	16	356	0	22.2
Ryan Wells, Stanford	18	389	0	21.6
Delvon Flowers, ASU	15	319	0	21.3



PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Nate Fikse, UCLA	**11**	**53**	**2342**	**44.2**
Derek McLaughlin, Wash	**11**	**52**	**2144**	**41.2**
Nick Murphy, ASU	11	52	2137	41.1
Alan Cox, WSU	11	58	2362	40.7
Tyler Fredrickson, Cal	**11**	**75**	**2959**	**39.5**
Carl Tobey, OSU	**11**	**68**	**2664**	**39.2**
Mike MacGillivray, USC	11	71	2780	39.2
Jose Arroyo, Ore	**11**	**58**	**2233**	**38.5**
Eric Johnson, Stan	**11**	**51**	**1943**	**38.1**
Ramey Peru, Arizona	**11**	**60**	**2274**	**37.9**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
DD Acholonu, WSU	**11**	**69**
Terrell Suggs, ASU	**10**	**57**
Kenyon Coleman, UCLA	9	54
Isaac Brown, WSU	**9**	**50**
Tully Banta-Cain, Cal	**8**	**57**
Lance Briggs, Arizona	**7**	**48**
Noah Happe, OSU	**7**	**39**
Robert Thomas, UCLA	7	36
Lonnie Ford, USC	7	26
Alex Luna, Arizona	6	24

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Luke Powell, Stanford	**19**	**304**	**0**	**16.0**
Charles Frederick, Wash	**13**	**190**	**1**	**14.6**
Keenan Howry, Ore	**32**	**465**	**2**	**14.5**
Bobby Wade, Ariz	**23**	**239**	**0**	**10.4**
Justin Taplin, ASU	**18**	**157**	**0**	**8.7**
Kevin Arbet, USC	**23**	**198**	**0**	**8.6**
Craig Bragg, UCLA	**14**	**118**	**0**	**8.4**
Daryl Lightfoot, ASU	**8**	**66**	**0**	**8.2**
Michael Sparks, Cal	**22**	**144**	**0**	**6.5**
Josh Hawkins, OSU	**33**	**211**	**0**	**6.4**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Robert Thomas, UCLA	11	77	34	111	10.1
Troy Polamalu, USC	**11**	**67**	**31**	**98**	**8.9**
Wesly Mallard, Ore	11	53	45	98	8.9
Kevin Mitchell, Ore	**11**	**42**	**52**	**94**	**8.5**
Lance Briggs, Arizona	**11**	**59**	**34**	**93**	**8.5**
Richard Seigler, OSU	**11**	**54**	**39**	**93**	**8.5**
Coy Wire, Stanford	11	52	40	92	8.4
Jason Shivers, ASU	**11**	**51**	**38**	**89**	**8.1**
Ben Mahdavi, Wash	**11**	**40**	**45**	**85**	**7.7**
LaMont Thompson, WSU	11	43	40	83	7.5

USC TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Carson Palmer (PS#7) has NFL size and arm strength. In '98 he started the last 5 games as a true frosh and threw for 1,755 yards (55%) with a 7-6 ratio. In '99 he was leading the Pac 10 in passing efficiency after 3 starts, throwing for 490 yards (73%) with a 3-3 ratio, but broke his collarbone and redshirted. Much was expected of him in 2000 but he hit just 55%, throwing for 2,914 yards with a 16-18 ratio. Last year super OC Norm Chow came in. In 2000 Chow took a raw true frosh QB in NC St's Philip Rivers and transformed him into one of the ACC's best QB's. He had even more talent and experience to work with in Palmer but the results were just 58.6% completions (did lead the Pac 10), 2,717 yards and a 13-12 ratio. Palmer was not helped out by an inconsistent receiving corps that dropped many passes as well as the Pac 10's weakest rush attack. His backup QB last year was Matt Cassel (6-5 225 So) who was PS#20 and got in 6 games and threw just 2 passes. He will contend for the #2 job but also will see time at TE. At one point last year they almost took the redshirt off of Matt Leinart (6-6 215 rFr, PS#9) and since he is a Carroll recruit he could become the backup. Billy Hart (6-3 205 rFr, PS#33) was impressive running the scout team and plays on the Trojan baseball team. Overall they have 4 NFL caliber QB's and since it is the second year in Chow's system I look for significant improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - This is a school known for its RB's with 4 Heisman Trophy winners in Mike Garrett, OJ Simpson, Charles White and Marcus Allen. Injuries decimated this group last year. They had practically everyone back from 2000 but leading RB Sultan McCullough, who had 1,163 yards (5.1) in 2000, was injured in the 2Q vs Ariz St and played in just six games (410 yds, 3.6 ypc) before season ending surgery. He is the fastest player in USC history and should be 100% healthy. Malaefou MacKenzie (5-11 225 Sr, PS#8) has 1,076 career total yards offense and was granted a 6th season after missing last year. This year they must replace starting FB Charlie Landrigan (3 yr st'r, 30 rec, 11.8) who was a rugged blocker and TB Chris Howard (PS#23) who had just 30 rushes a year ago. Darryl Poston (5-11 190 So, PS#19) played in 4 games with 8 attempts (injured). FB Sunny Byrd ended up starting as the TB down the stretch and finished the year with 336 yards. He had just 2.7 ypc, showing his lack of breakaway speed. They were last in the Pac 10 in rushing and McCullough's 410 yards was the lowest total for a leading rusher here since 1960. This unit gets the huge addition of Michigan transfer Justin Fargas (PS#1). Fargas had some injury problems at UM but was the 3rd fastest Trojan at timing day (4.26). They also get the addition of VHT true frosh Hershel Dennis (PS#10). FB looks solid with Byrd returning to his natural position. I list the top 3 below. Also in the mix there are Scott Huber (6-2 235 Sr, PS#26TE) and David Kirtman (6-1 225 rFr, PS#82). This unit, provided it stays healthier than last year, will have a huge upgrade in speed at the TB position and could be the most improved RB corps in the country.

WR Kareem Kelly's up & down career has mirrored USC's offensive fortunes.

RECEIVERS - The Trojans appeared to be well stocked in this area last year but for the second straight season lost Marcell Allmond (PS#5). He took a redshirt and has now been moved to DB. Kareem Kelly (PS#4) had a very inconsistent year, even being benched in one game, but still led the team with 49 rec's (16.3). Keary Colbert was PS#35 and took over the other starting spot and was #2 with 34 rec's (13.0). TE Kori Dickerson (PS#23) had 25 grabs (13.4) after moving over from LB and he departs, but Alex Holmes (PS#5) should be a capable replacement. I list 4 TE's below and Gregg Guenther is the team's tallest player and is a reserve center on the basketball team. Not listed below are D. Hale (6-1 185 Jr) who had 7 rec (15.1), Sandy Fletcher (6-1 200 Jr) and Frank Candela (5-8 175 rFr) who is 22 years old and played minor league baseball for four years. One player who I really wanted to list in the 2 deep below and did not have space for is William Buchanon (6-4 175 rFr) who was PS#23 who could contend for one of the starting spots. This impressively deep unit has more experience than it did last year and should thrive in the second year of the Chow offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit traditionally underperforms and did not top 4.0 ypc rushing from '96-'99. In 2000 they had 5 players returning with starting experience but did have to replace 5 who combined for 23 starts. The team averaged 4.1 ypc while allowing 41 sacks. Last year they had to replace their top OL and 2 others who combined for 12 starts but had 3 starters returning. While the RB's were banged up, and they were learning a new system, the unit clearly underachieved once again as they paved the way for just 2.6 ypc rushing and allowed 36 sacks. The sack total was surprising because Chow's quick passes are designed so the OL won't have to hold their blocks as long. Chow did comment after the Oregon game that they were only using 7 OL's and 4 were soph's. This year practically everyone returns. The only loss is LG Faaesea Mailo (8 sts, 2 yr st'r). All 5 players listed 1st string below had at least 8 starts last season and they do have some talent waiting in the wings, including 3 VHT true frosh. The team used many different combinations on the offensive front last year with Norm Katnik starting at 4 different positions. This unit has more talent and experience. All of it adds up to what I expect to be some dramatic improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Trojans had to replace 3 starters and a part-time starter due to graduation and then suffered some injuries when their lone returning starter and top DL, Bernard Riley, went down for the season to a torn knee ligament in the 5th game. After allowing just 126.1 ypg (3.1 ypc) rushing in 2000, the depleted front allowed 155.3 ypg and 3.9 ypc last year. This year they do lose 2 starters in NT Ryan Nielsen (11 sts, 31 tkls, 3 sks) and DE Lonnie Ford (12 sts, 40 tkls, 7 sks, 7 tfl, 2nd Tm Pac 10) as well as backups DE Bobby DeMars (2 sts, 5 tkls, 1 sk) and DT Nathan Goodson (0 tkls). However, the players that I list below are very talented. Take a look at the DT's, as Riley (PS#2) and Shaun Cody (PS#1) both have been very productive. They are now backed by a pair of VHT's. They add 2 JUCO DE's in Daniel Urquhart and Van Brown so this group gets a good upgrade in talent, is much more experienced and hopefully will remain healthier.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the LB corps was completely inexperienced after having to replace 2 starters due to graduation and then moving their other starter, Kori Dickerson, to TE. They moved safeties Matt Grootegoed and Frank Strong into the LB corps to add speed. WLB Chris Prosser (3 sts) missed 6 games and starting SLB Grootegoed missed 4 due to injury. Strong is gone this year (11 sts, 60 tkls, 6 tfl) as is John Cousins (3 sts, 28 tkls, 1 tfl). This year the unit is much more seasoned and basically 5 of the top 7 return plus they get the outstanding addition of Melvin Simmons, a full-time starter at Wash St in 2000. Carroll also adds 2 true frosh that could play immediately. Last year's unit performed better than expected and with this year's being much more experienced it looks like one of the Pac 10's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - USC finished #1 in my pass D rankings in '98. They had to replace 3 starters but still managed a #5 finish in '99. In 2000 they started 4 soph's in 2 games and dropped down to #50. Last year 7 players returned with starting experience and they moved back up to #16, allowing 175.6 ypg (54.7%) and an 11-20 ratio. Gone this year are FS/CB Antuan Simmons (12 sts, 33 tkls, 2 tfl), CB Kris Richard (#3DC of SEA, 12 sts, 48 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu), and CB Chris Cash (#6DC of DET, 9 sts, 2nd Tm Pac 10). I list the 3 deep below and 5 players return with starting experience plus they get some outstanding additions with a couple of VHT true frosh, a JUCO, and Marcell Allmond (PS#5WR) who had 4 starts at WR in 2000 but was suspended last year. The star of the group is Troy Polamalu who was the first 1st Tm AA here at SS since Mark Carrier in '89. This has the makings of a pretty good unit but it is clearly less experienced and it may take some time for the secondary to gel.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The 2000 special teams were a major factor in the Trojans' poor play as they finished #107 (12 kicks blocked vs them) despite having great talent. Last year practically everyone returned although they did lose their outstanding KO man (high % of TB's). They brought in David Davis, a JUCO, to take over the placekicking duties and he had an outstanding year, hitting 15 of 18 FG's with a long of 47 including 4 of 6 from 40-49. P MacGillivray departs after being a four year starter. He averaged 39.0 per punt (net of 36.1). Their top PR was Kevin Arbet (9.0) and the top KR was Darrell Rideaux (19.1). Their opponents averaged 6.7 on PR's and 20.2 on KR's. David Newbury handled the KO's but this was a problem area at times and they had just 1 touchback all year! His pooch kickoffs did result in 14 fair catches however. Most of the key players are back and while they must come up with a new punter, holder and kickoff man, they ranked #41 last year and clearly have the talent to move up in the ratings this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1950 to 1989, a period that ended with 3 consecutive appearances in the Rose Bowl, USC had only 8 seasons in which they lost at least 5 games. In the 12 years since, the Trojans have reached that 5 loss total nine times with their largest win total coming in 1995 with 9. They actually tied for last place in the Pac 10 in 2000, the first time ever for a USC contingent. The Trojans are perennially the biggest underachievers in the country as they have definitely had the best talent in the Pac 10 for the last 5 years yet are 2 games under .500 over that span. Last year the Trojans finished just 6-6 and while just 5-3 in league play, Oregon got a 32 yard FG with :12 left and Washington a 33 yard FG with :03 left to defeat them. Had they won those 2 games they would have been the Pac 10 champs. They also fumbled at the KSU 25 late in the 4Q when down by 4, likely costing them another win. In fact, last year 5 losses were by 5 or less. USC actually outscored league foes by an average of 31.1 to 18.8 and that 12.3 ppg difference was 2nd only to league champ Oregon (12.5). Last season I expected big things from new OC Norm Chow who took over a talented group but surprisingly they averaged less ppg (24.8) than they did the year before despite the fact that the defense and special teams contributed 9 TD's! Partly to blame was the RB injuries and if they remain healthy there, Carson Palmer should have a much better second season under Chow. USC had the 2nd best D in the Pac 10 last year and return 5 starters and have my #1 rated D in the league coming into this year. Two things scare me about my prediction for USC to win the Pac 10 Title. First of all, they were +16 in turnovers last year (see pg 295). The second is that I have called for USC to win the Pac 10 many times in the past 5 years and they've always disappointed. Last year I finally called for them to finish 5th and that is where they ended up. The non-conf schedule is brutal with Auburn, Colorado, Kan St and Notre Dame on it but this is just TOO talented of a Trojan team not to achieve a winning record and is a Rose Bowl caliber team.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB CARSON PALMER SR. 6-5 225 PS#7. 8 sts in '98-'99, 2245 yds (58.7%), 10-9 ratio. 2914 yds (55%), 16-18 ratio in 2000. 2717 yds (58.6%), 13-12 ratio, 285 rush yds LY.

RB SULTAN McCULLOUGH SR. 6-0 190 **PS#10**. 10.17 in 100m. **1163 yds** (5.1), 10 sts in 2000. 6 sts LY (inj) 410 yds (3.6). **Justin Fargas** (6-1 210 Sr) **PS#1**. 362 yds rush at Mich.

FB Sunny Byrd Sr. 6-0 215 PS#132JC. 6 sts at TB LY, 336 yds (2.7), 11 rec (7.4). Chad Pierson (6-0 240 Sr) PS#268, 367 yds ttl off, 3Y. Brandon Hancock is PS#19LB.

WR KAREEM KELLY SR. 6-0 190 **PS#4**. Track sprinter, 54 rec (16.7) as true, 55 rec (14.5) in 2000. 10 sts LY, 49 rec (16.3). Grant Mattos (6-2 225 Sr) PS#31JC LY, 10 rec (10.4) inj.

WR KEARY COLBERT JR. 6-1 200 PS#35. 5 sts as true, 33 rec (14.5). 11 sts LY, 34 rec (13.0). Devin Pitts (6-4 185 Jr) PS#93JC, 18 rec (7.1). Jason Mitchell PS#29JC, in for spg.

TE Alex Holmes Jr. 6-2 265 **PS#5**. 7 rec as true. 22 rec (7.5) LY. Dominique Byrd is **PS#3**. Doyal Butler (6-3 245 Sr) PS#25. Gregg Guenther (6-8 245 So) PS#30.

C LENNY VANDERMADE JR. 6-3 275 PS#27. 12 starts as rFr (5 at LG), Frosh AA. 8 sts in 2001 at C (benched midyear). AJ Single (6-2 275 So) PS#56DL, zero letters.

RG ZACH WILSON SR. 6-5 300 PS#84. L/7 sts as rFr. 2nd Tm Frosh AA. 12 sts in 2000. 11 sts at RG LY. Travis Watkins (6-3 300 So) PS#168, lettered LY. Chris Doyle is PS#46.

LG NORM KATNIK JR. 6-4 275 PS#242. 2 gms as rFr. 10 sts LY (1 at LT, 4 at C, 4 at LG, 1 at RG). Derek Graf (6-4 280 Sr) PS#245, 1L. Phillip Eaves (6-6 310 Sr) PS#75JC.

RT ERIC TORRES JR. 6-5 300 PS#122. 11 games as rFr, lettered. 12 sts LY (4@C, 1@RG, 7@RT). Nate Steinbacher (6-5 300 Jr) PS#33, 2L. Winston Justice is **PS#3**.

LT JACOB ROGERS JR. 6-6 305 PS#25TE. Lettered in 2000. 11 sts LY at LT, HM Pac 10. Joe McGuire (6-5 300 So) **PS#8**, 2nd string & lettered LY. Kyle Williams is PS#13.

K DAVID DAVIS SR. 5-11 160 PS#200JUCO last year & late signee. Most accurate K in Pac 10 with 15 of 18 FG's including 4 of 6 from 40-49, long of 47. HM Pac 10.

DEFENSE

DE Omar Nazel Jr. 6-5 235 PS#35LB. 5 games as rFr. 15 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl, 12 games LY. **Danny Urquhart** is PS#72JUCO. Austin Jackson (6-4 250 rFr) PS#27LB.

DT Bernard Riley Sr. 6-3 315 **PS#2**. 5 tkls as true. **7 sts** in 2000, 20 tkls, 3 tfl, **5 sts last year until injury**. 26 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. **Manuel Wright** is **PS#12**. 41 sks Jr/Sr HS.

DT SHAUN CODY SO. 6-5 275 **PS#1**. 8 sts as **true**, 39 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl, **1st TM Fr AA**. **Fred Matua** is **PS#12OL**. Mike Patterson (6-2 285 So) PS#140, 9 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl LY.

DE KENECHI UDEZE SO. 6-3 280 PS#69OL. 10 sts as rFr, 35 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. Van Brown (6-5 255 So) PS#211JUCO, signed at Mich St LY. Anthony Daye (6-1 260 Sr) PS#35LB.

SLB MATT GROOTEGOED SO. 5-11 205 **PS#3DB**. 7 sts as rFr until broken leg, 32 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 pbu. Bobby Otani (6-1 210 So) PS#141. 5 gms until inj LY. Lee Webb (5-11 240 So) 8 tkls.

MLB MICHAEL POLLARD SR. 6-0 220 PS#29. 8 tkls, 3 tfl as true. Torn ACL, RS in '99, 2 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY, 81 tkls, 8 tfl, 7 pbu, HM P10. Aaron Graham (6-1 225 Sr) PS#39, 5 sts, 41 tkls, 3Y.

WLB Melvin Simmons Jr. 6-1 215 PS#113. **10 sts at Wash St** in 2000, 59 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. Chris Prosser (6-2 225 Jr) PS#66. 2 sts in 2000, 7 tkls. 3 sts, 20 tkls, 4 tfl, missed 6 gms.

CB Kevin Arbet Sr. 5-11 190 2 sts as true. 4 sts in 2000, 31 tkls, 2 pbu. 25 tkls, 3 int. 6 pbu LY, 278 ret yds. Miguel Fletcher (5-11 195 Sr) **PS#38RB**, 10.36 in 100m. Justin Wyatt is PS#26.

CB Darrell Rideaux Sr. 5-9 170 **PS#3**. 2 sts as true, 31 tkls, 5 pbu. 10.27 in 100m. 6 sts, 29 tkls, 4 pbu L/2Y. Marcell Allmond (6-0 200 Jr) **PS#5WR**. 7 sts at WR in '99 & 2000, 30 rec (15.9).

SS TROY POLAMALU SR. 5-10 215 PS#141. 12 sts in 2000, 83 tkls, 7 pbu. 1st Tm P10, **FWAA 1st Tm AA**, 118 tkls, 13 tfl. 3 int, 6 pbu LY. John Walker (6-1 195 rFr) PS#77. Mike Ross is PS#83.

FS DeShaun Hill Sr. 5-11 200 PS#259JC. 5 sts in 2000, 39 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. 3 sts LY, 42 tkls, 2 int. Jason Leach (5-11 210 So) **PS#29**, 8 tkls as rFr. Darnell Bing is **PS#4**.

P Tom Malone Fr. 6-0 185 **PS#4**. In for spring. Avg'd 43.4 per punt in high school, 9 of 38 inside 10, 47 yard FG. Tommy Huff (6-1 220 Jr). Zach Sherwood (6-3 190 rFr).

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DB	Darnell Bing 6-2 220 PS#4
OL	Winston Justice 6-6 305 PS#3
RB	Hershel Dennis 5-11 175 PS#10
DL	Manuel Wright 6-6 285 PS#12
TE	Dominique Byrd 6-3 250 PS#3
OL	Fred Matua 6-3 305 PS#12
OL	Kyle Williams 6-6 280 PS#13
LB	Brandon Hancock 6-2 245 PS#19
WR	Mike Williams 6-5 210 PS#32
WR	Jason Mitchell 6-1 195 PS#29JC
DB	Dallas Sartz 6-5 210 PS#24
DB	Justin Wyatt 5-10 175 PS#26
OL	Chris Doyle 6-1 285 PS#46
LB	Danny Urquhart 6-2 250 PS#72JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								USC is 11-4-1 ATS as a home dog since 1984. The favorite in the Arizona series is 6-2 ATS the last 8. USC is 7-3 SU and ATS their last 10 vs the Big 10.
Sep. 2	Auburn (Mon)	G						Trojans are 3-12 ATS as a home favorite the last 3 years. USC is 7-3 ATS in their last 10 home openers but 0-3 L/3.
Sep. 7								
Sep. 14	at Colorado	G						The Trojans are a perfect 5-0 ATS the last 2 years as an away dog. Southern Cal is 3-6 ATS coming off a bye week.
Sep. 21	at Kansas St	A						USC is 8-3 ATS in their second straight away game. Southern Cal is 6-3 ATS their last 9 on artificial turf.
Sep. 28	Oregon St	G						Trojans are 4-13 ATS in their last 17 sandwiched home games. USC is 18-1 SU and 15-4 ATS in this series, but 0-3 ATS the last 3 years.
Oct. 5	at Washington St	A						Could apply: Trojans are 14-27 ATS off a SU win the last 7 years. USC is 10-20 ATS in their last 30 October games, but 3-1 ATS last year.
Oct. 12	California	G						Trojans are 3-11 ATS their last 14 October home games. "So" Cal is 4-8 ATS the last 12 vs their "No" Cal rivals.
Oct. 19	Washington	G						Could apply: USC came into 2002 with an 11-4-1 mark as a home dog. The underdog is 12-3-1 ATS in the last 16 series meetings.
Oct. 26	at Oregon	A						USC is 16-7 ATS on artificial turf since 1992, pending earlier outcomes. The visitor is 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series.
Nov. 2								
Nov. 9	at Stanford	G						Trojans are 2-5 ATS the last 7 years vs Stanford. USC is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 November road games.
Nov. 16	Arizona St (HC)	G						USC is 4-3 SU, but 1-6 ATS in their last 7 Homecoming games. The home team is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series.
Nov. 23	at UCLA	G						USC is 2-5 ATS (2-0 L/2) vs the Bruins when the gm is not their season finale. The underdog is 11-2 ATS the last 13 in this left coast rivalry.
Nov. 30	Notre Dame	G						The dog is 6-2 ATS the last 8 in this series. USC has covered 5 of 6 home finales.

PETE CARROLL (Career 6-6)

2nd Year at USC

Carroll's records AT USC

6-6 Straight Up	1-3 Home Favorite
6-5 Vs The Spread	1-1 Home Dog
4-1 Off A S/U Loss	2-1 Away Favorite
6-2 Vs Conference	2-0 Away Dog
0-3 Vs Non-Conf	

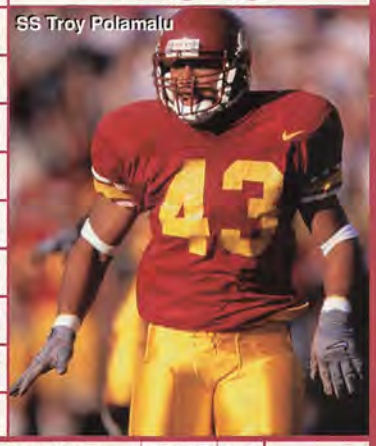
2001 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (24,18,1)
Lost: 19 (7,10,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,744

PAC 10


SS Troy Polamalu

STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-2-1	6-6	6-5	8-4	6-6	5-7	6-5	45-35-1
ATS	4-7	4-8	6-5	9-3	4-8	3-9	6-5	36-45
Home Fav	2-4	1-3	1-3	6-1	2-4	0-5	1-3	13-23
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	4-3
Away Fav	2-3	2-3	2-0	2-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	11-11
Away Dog	0-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-0	2-0	8-8
Favorite	4-7	3-6	3-3	8-1	3-6	0-7	3-4	24-34
Dog	0-0	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-2	3-2	3-1	12-11
Grass	3-6	2-6	5-4	7-3	3-6	3-8	4-5	27-38
Artificial	1-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	0-1	2-0	9-7
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	1-7	2-6	6-2	24-32
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	0-3	12-13
Off SU Win	3-5	1-4	2-4	4-3	2-3	0-5	2-3	14-27
Off SU Loss	0-1	3-3	3-1	4-0	1-5	2-4	4-1	17-15

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Sultan McCullough	115	467	57	410	5	3.6
Sunny Byrd	123	361	25	336	4	2.7
Chris Howard	30	158	22	136	3	4.5
Carson Palmer	88	285	251	34	1	0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Carson Palmer	377	221	58.6	2717	13	12
Matt Cassel	2	1	50.0	5	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kareem Kelly	49	801	16.3	3	93
Keary Colbert	34	442	13.0	2	45
Charlie Landrigan	30	353	11.8	2	63
Kori Dickerson	25	334	13.4	2	66
Alex Holmes	22	166	7.5	2	28
Devin Pitts	18	128	7.1	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Mike MacGillivray	79	3082	39.0	–	36.1	0	23

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Davis	5-6	6-6	4-6	0-0	15-18	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Troy Polamalu	118	1	12	6	3
Mike Pollard	81	0	8	7	0
Frank Strong	60	0	6	5	1
Kris Richard	48	2	2	6	2
Chris Cash	47	0	3	1	2
DeShaun Hill	42	0	1	1	2
Lonnie Ford	40	7	7	2	0
Shaun Cody	39	5	2	0	0
Kenechi Udeze	35	4	5	1	0
Antuan Simmons	33	1	1	3	2
Matt Grootegoed	32	1	7	2	0
Ryan Nielsen	31	3	2	1	0
John Cousins	28	0	1	0	1
Bernard Riley	26	1	4	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Arbet	25	225	9.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrell Rideaux	19	362	19.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Freedom	-17	Utah	28-21	L
94	Cotton	-6'	Texas Tech	55-14	W
95	Rose	-3	Northwestern	41-32	W
98	Sun	-16	TCU	19-28	L
01	Las Vegas	-3'	Utah	6-10	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	24.8	15	88	2.6	227	58.6	12.7	+16	2001	6	17.3	18	155	3.9	176	54.7	19.2
6*	25.8	22	154	4.1	262	54.9	16.2	-19	2000	9	28.1	18	126	3.1	217	51.3	12.2
9*	29.0	21	145	3.6	258	56.2	13.9	+14	1999	6	23.2	20	117	3.2	256	53.7	16.1
6*	26.6	16	127	3.7	217	52.9	12.9	+11	1998	8	18.5	18	156	3.8	177	49.7	17.9
8	21.2	18	139	3.6	200	53.1	16.0	+9	1997	7	21.2	20	94	2.7	266	55.5	17.0
4*	27.1	18	114	3.3	249	51.7	13.4	+7	1996	6	22.3	20	173	4.1	191	56.4	16.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
San Jose St	17	33 - 165	5.0	21 - 28	213	2	17	30 - 115	3.8	20 - 37	213	0	+2
Kansas St	13	30 - 100	3.3	16 - 36	197	2	20	57 - 340	6.0	7 - 16	26	2	+1
at Oregon	16	32 - 40	1.3	25 - 40	411	5	17	26 - 80	3.1	23 - 36	223	2	-2
Stanford	13	24 - 28	1.2	22 - 42	240	2	20	50 - 203	4.1	11 - 25	194	3	0
at Washington	15	41 - 134	3.3	8 - 14	152	2	22	41 - 174	4.2	19 - 34	267	1	+1
Arizona St	19	43 - 118	2.7	18 - 26	295	3	13	35 - 143	4.1	14 - 25	155	2	+3
at Notre Dame	12	33 - 60	1.8	19 - 30	230	5	19	53 - 208	3.9	10 - 14	138	3	0
at Arizona	18	30 - 64	2.1	24 - 49	248	2	20	34 - 101	3.0	23 - 43	311	6	+2
Oregon St	11	36 - 33	0.9	21 - 28	171	6	20	42 - 181	4.3	20 - 33	203	5	+2
at California	27	47 - 213	4.5	19 - 37	235	2	12	34 - 68	2.0	13 - 26	155	7	+2
UCLA	12	38 - 96	2.5	14 - 23	180	1	10	27 - 28	1.0	13 - 28	86	5	+3
†Utah	12	25 - 1	0.0	15 - 26	150	4	20	54 - 222	4.1	12 - 21	136	1	+2
TOTALS	185	412 - 1052	2.6	222 - 379	2722	36	210	483 - 1863	3.9	185 - 338	2107	37	+16
AVERAGES	15.4	34 - 88	2.6	19 - 32	227	3.0	17.5	40 - 155	3.9	15 - 28	176	3.1	1.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida St	+11'	7-14	W
Washington St	-7	21-28	L
at California	-3'	27-17	W
UNLV	-25	35-21	L
at Arizona St	+2'	7-35	L
at Notre Dame	+6	20-17	W
Oregon	-8	24-22	L
at Washington	+17	0-27	L
Stanford	-3'	45-21	W
at Oregon St	-12	23-0	W
UCLA	+9'	24-31	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Purdue	-7'	27-17	W
San Diego St	-19'	35-6	W
Oregon St	-14	40-20	W
at Florida St	+13	10-30	L
Arizona St	-3'	35-24	W
California	-11	31-32	L
at Washington St	-9	42-14	W
at Oregon	+7	13-17	W
Washington	-6	33-10	W
at Stanford	-10'	34-9	W
at UCLA	+5'	17-34	L
Notre Dame	-8'	10-0	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-26'	62-7	W
San Diego St	-24	24-21	L
at Oregon (OT)	+1'	30-33	L
Oregon St	-13	37-29	L
at Arizona	+1	24-31	L
at Notre Dame	+8	24-25	W
Stanford	-7'	31-35	L
at California	-5'	7-17	L
Arizona St	-6	16-26	L
at Washington St	-8'	31-28	L
UCLA	-6'	17-7	W
Louisiana Tech	E	45-19	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Penn St	+2	29-5	W
Colorado	-7	17-14	L
San Jose St	-23	34-24	L
at Oregon St	-6'	21-31	L
Arizona	-7	15-31	L
Oregon	+1	17-28	L
at Stanford	-5'	30-32	L
California	-8	16-28	L
at Arizona St (OT)	+3	44-38	W
Washington St	-11'	27-33	L
at UCLA	+3	38-35	W
Notre Dame	+1	21-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-15	21-10	L
Kansas St	+3	6-10	L
at Oregon	+6'	22-24	W
Stanford	-1'	16-21	L
at Washington	+5'	24-27	W
Arizona St	-2	48-17	W
at Notre Dame	-1	16-27	L
at Arizona	-6'	41-34	W
Oregon St (OT)	-6'	16-13	L
at California	-13	55-14	W
UCLA	+3'	27-0	W

UCLA BRUINS

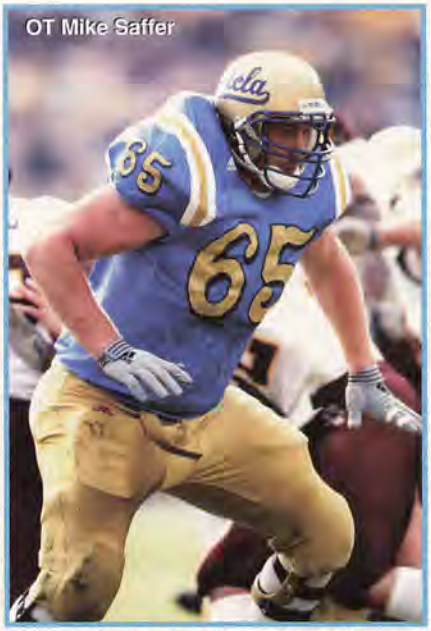
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The Bruins have been inexperienced and injury prone at the QB position for the last 3 years (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). Cory Paus (PS#15) threw for 2,154 yards (56%) with a 17-9 ratio in 2000 (145.8 pass efficiency top in Pac 10) and extended his streak to 198 passes without an interception until throwing one vs Stanford in 2001, a game in which he injured his thumb. He then threw 3 the next week vs Wash St in a game that he did not start. Paus said his thumb was very weak all year and he only threw for 1,740 yards (52.1%) with an 8-8 ratio. Scott McEwan (PS#30) guided the team to three 2H TD drives against Stanford and led the win vs Arizona St. He threw for 592 yards (57.9%) with a 5-3 ratio and graduates. Ryan McCann started vs Wash St and hit just 3 of 8 and got in only 18 attempts on the year. John Sciarra (6-2 194 rFr, PS#68) is the son of John who was the QB for the Bruins in the '76 Rose Bowl. They also signed a pair of top-notch true frosh in Drew Olson (PS#17) and Matt Moore (PS#19). McCann decided to transfer to a IAA school so Paus will battle the 3 frosh but this unit figures to be stronger provided Paus can stay healthy and out of off-field trouble.

RUNNING BACKS - DeShaun Foster was arguably the best RB in college football last year and possibly would have won the Heisman Trophy had he not been suspended before the Oregon game. Foster rushed for 1,109 yards with a super 5.1 ypc rushing until his suspension. Manuel White (PS#30) is 241 lbs and a solid receiver. He got in 1 start last year and rushed for 290 yards (4.6). Akil Harris (PS#34) is a slashing upfield runner. After rushing for 201 yards with 1 start in 2000 he had 2 starts last year and had 375 yards (4.9). Tyler Ebell was PS#15 and was very impressive on the scout team. Wendell Mathis (5-11 185 rFr, PS#155) had 89 yds in 4 att's in the spring game. I list the FB's below. In addition to losing Foster (#2DC of CAR), they also lose solid blocking FB Ed Ieremia-Stansbury (9 sts, 137 total yds) and FB Matt Stanley (1 st, 119 total yds). With the loss of a star like Foster, this unit looks weaker in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bruins had to replace their top receiver in Freddie Mitchell, who left early for the NFL, as well as their starting TE. The unit was then hit hard by injuries (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). Due to the injuries, the top receiver last year was Craig Bragg. Bragg is their fastest receiver but had just 29 rec's one year after Mitchell and Brian Poli-Dixon combined for 130 grabs. This year they must replace Poli-Dixon (7 sts, 24, 17.3) and starting TE Bryan Fletcher (#6DC of CHI, 11 sts, 11 rec). I list the 2 deep below and they get a solid newcomer in Junior Taylor (PS#11) who did not meet NCAA eligibility standards until December. Mike Seidman (PS#1) should be solid at TE and is backed by another VHT, Keith Carter (PS#10). Tab Perry (PS#7) was the top KR/PR in 2000 but saw less special teams action after taking over as starting WR. This group can only stay healthier in 2002 and therefore should put up improved numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 all 5 starters returned but the unit underachieved as they averaged just 2.6 ypc rushing allowing 35 sacks. Toledo decided to study Oregon's blocking schemes to improve their pass protection last year. They had to replace 2 starters but did have 7 of the top 10 players back including 3 full-time starters. Three players started all 11 games and now all 3 return this year. Two starters were out due to injury vs Wash St and they had 3 frosh OL's in the middle of the line with backup C John Ream playing every snap. This year the only loss is C Troy Danoff (10 sts, HM Pac 10, 3 yr st'r). Six players return with starting experience and they signed and redshirted a super freshmen class last year, many of whom will fight their way into the 2 deep. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Collin Barker (6-8 300 rFr, PS#27) who will contend for playing time at the very deep guard spot. Last year the offensive front improved as the team averaged 4.1 ypc rushing but they still allowed 32 sacks. With basically everyone back and 9 VHT's in the mix, this should be one of the better units in the Pac 10.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DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 UCLA's defense was hit hard by injuries, especially the defensive front, as 9 different players logged starting time and they lost their star DE Kenyon Coleman after just 3 games due to injury. Last year practically everyone was back from a unit that had allowed at least 4.4 ypc rushing the previous 3 years and only had 21 sacks in 2000. Last year I said the unit would go from a weakness to a strength and called Coleman a candidate for Pac 10 Def POY. The Bruins' front wall performed as I expected as they allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing and the team increased the sack total to 32. Coleman won the Morris Trophy for the most valuable lineman of the Pac 10 with 8.5 sacks. This year the losses are heavier. Gone is Coleman (#5DC of OAK, 11 sts, 44 tkls), DT Anthony Fletcher (2 sts, 10 tkls) and DT Ken Kocher (9 sts, HM Pac 10, 19 tkls, 6 tfl). Toledo calls Rodney Leisle one of the top DT's in the country and says he will contend for AA honors. Leisle is also one of the strongest players on the team. I list the 2 deep below and they add a pair of JUCO's, one whom redshirted last year, and they also move in OLB Mat Ball (2 sts LY). Two full-time starters are back and Rusty Williams was a full-time starter in both 1999 and 2000 but was a backup last year as he was recovering from shoulder surgery. He could reclaim his starting spot. With the loss of some talented players, you have to figure this unit will be weaker but I like the talent on hand and they bring in 3 more top-notch frosh this year. This still has the makings of a quality DL.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 the Bruins had all 3 starters returning. Last year they had to replace just 1 starter due to graduation but they bounced Mat Ball (4 sts at DE in 2000) to OLB so the unit did not suffer a great deal. This year 2 top-notch players depart. MLB Robert Thomas (#1DC of STL) was simply the **Pac 10 Def POY** and 1 of 3 finalists for the Butkus Award. WLB Ryan Nece started 11 games and while "only" HM Pac 10, he was also a semifinalist for the Butkus. They will be missed and Mat Ball moves back to DE so only 3 of the top 6 return. Marcus Reese has not had the impact expected out of a PS#5 but was bothered by a hip pointer. He has totaled 37, 34 and 34 tackles in each season and he also blocked 2 punts last year. I list the 2 deep below and they bring in a JUCO and a VHT true frosh plus have a VHT redshirt frosh added to the mix. This group has potential but last year's was outstanding and with the loss of 2 starters, this unit will be weaker in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bruins finished among my Top 50 pass defenses every year from '97-2000 with two Top 20 finishes. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but did have back a pair of stars in CB Ricky Manning and SS Marcus Anderson. Anderson was 1 of 12 semifinalists for the Thorpe Award. They did even better than expected, finishing #4 overall and allowing just 47.3% with a 12-16 ratio. This year they once again must replace 2 starters in Anderson (#3 DC of GB, 10 sts, 63 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu) and SS Jason Stephens (8 sts, 36 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu). Six of the top 8 are back including super cover CB Manning who started 9 games as a true frosh and has been 1st Team Pac 10 in each of the last 2 years. They also have Matthew Ware (PS#2) returning and he was simply the 1st ever true frosh to start every regular season game in UCLA history. In addition to playing CB, he also dabbled as an option QB and at WR and now moves to his more natural FS position. CB Joe Hunter may be the fastest player on the team and was the 3rd CB last year. Two SS return with starting experience to round out a veteran unit. I list 3 VHT starters this year and Toledo added 5 freshmen who rank among the top 44 DB's out of HS! Despite the loss of Anderson, this looks like one of the top secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bruins have been nothing special in the overall rankings in this area the last 3 years and actually have slipped each season, going from #46 in '99 to #59 in 2000 and last year down to #86. The slip was surprising because both their punter (Nathan Fikse, PS#6) and kicker (Chris Griffith) made 2nd Team Pac 10 in 2000 and returned. Both were expected to have to beat out Chris Kluwe (PS#1) who averaged 46.6 per punt as a senior in HS and had a 60 yard FG. Kluwe however was injured and missed most of the season. Ricky Manning is back for his 3rd year as the primary PR but after averaging 6.7 in 2000 he had a weak 3.3 average last year with Chris Bragg averaging 8.4 on 14 returns. Fikse was solid at punting once again with a super net of 38.8 and has actually increased his net punting in each of his 3 years from 36.6 to 37.7 to 38.8. Chris Griffith has been outstanding on FG's as well and also enters his fourth year. He has hit 34 of 45 FG's with a long of 49 in his career. There are a lot of quality athletes here in addition to two solid 4 year kickers. One of the reasons for the poor ranking last year was the amazing 29.8 the team allowed on their 20 KR's. The KO men have solid legs and the fact that only 20 kicks were returned shows that and they should be able to improve in that area. UCLA allowed 2 blocked punts but also blocked 2, the 1st time in school history they had blocked 2 punts in the same season. I look for substantial improvement in the special teams numbers this season.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Bob Toledo enters his 7th year at the helm and in his first 13 games went just 5-8 but then the team rattled off 20 straight victories, a school record. Since then, the Bruins have played under .500 ball at 17-19 overall. Last year they returned 23 seniors including 15 returning starters and had Toledo's most veteran team ever. UCLA got off to a tremendous start, beating both Bama and Ohio St, and won their first 3 Pac 10 games to stand 6-0 and were ranked #4 in the country. Unfortunately, they were upset by Stanford and then suffered unbeaten letdown the next week when they lost on the road at Wash St. RB Foster was suspended against Oregon and the team lost by a point without him. The Bruins would win just one more game to finish 7-4 and amazingly did not go to a bowl game. QB Paus played most of the season with a bruised hand and had an off-year while Foster missed the final 3 games. For the season the Bruins actually had the most impressive team yardage-wise in the Pac 10, outgaining their league foes by an average of 64.5 ypg despite their 4-4 Pac 10 record. Overall an experienced Bruins offense averaged 28.8 ppg. This year's offense has one of the top OL's in the league and an experienced QB and could top last year's ppg production. In 2000 the defense yielded a school record 368 points. Last year I said that a veteran D had a shot at ranking as the Pac 10's best defense and that is where they finished in my ratings, allowing just 320.6 ypg. The team did face backup QB's vs Wash, Cal and Stanford and a backup QB in his first road start vs Ariz St. This year they have just 5 starters back on that side of the ball and while weaker, still rank in the league's Top 3 in defense. Provided Paus can stay healthy and eligible all season, UCLA is a bona fide contender in the conference and should have their best win total in 4 years.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB CORY PAUS SR. 6-2 218 **PS#15.** 7 sts as rFr. 1336 yds (48%). 7-9 ratio. 9 sts in '99, 2154 yds (56%), 17-9 ratio. 9 sts LY, 1740 yds (52%), 8-8 ratio. John Sciarra (6-2 194 rFr) PS#68.

RB Akil Harris Jr. 6-0 203 PS#34, 1 start, 201 yds (4.5) as rFr. 2 starts LY, 375 yards (4.9). **Tyler Ebell** (5-9 175 rFr) **PS#15.** Jason Harrison (5-9 192 rFr) PS#63DB.

FB Pat Norton So. 6-1 240 PS#46. 5 gms at FB LY, 20 ttl yds. Ray Cassady (6-1 235 So) PS#116. **Manuel White** (6-3 241 So) **PS#30,** 290 yds (4.6). 1 st at TB LY.

WR Craig Bragg So. 6-1 189 PS#61. 29 rec (#1) 14.1 ypc as rFr, 13 rec L/2 gms. **Junior Taylor** (6-2 185 Fr) **PS#11** LY. Jon Dubravac (6-4 213 Sr) **PS#20,** 3 sts, 14 rec in 2000.

WR TAB PERRY JR. 6-3 220 **PS#7.** 6 rec as true, 598 KR yards. 8 sts LY, #1 in yards rec 416 (19.8), 21 rec, inj L/3. Ryan Smith (6-3 201 Jr) PS#127, 2 sts, 18 rec (15.1).

TE Mike Seidman Sr. 6-5 245 **PS#1.** 22 gms, 8 rec in '99 & 2000. 1 st, 12 rec (20.8) LY. **Keith Carter** (6-4 250 rFr) **PS#10,** Off Scout Tm MVP. Saia Makakaufaki (6-3 263 Sr) **PS#12.**

C John Ream So. 6-4 302 **PS#32OL.** 7 games at C LY, 1 start and every snap vs Wash St. **Paul Mociler** (6-5 302 So) **PS#6.** Mike McCloskey (6-5 265 rFr) PS#281OL.

RG SHANE LEHMANN JR. 6-5 291 **PS#7OL.** 8 gms as rFr. 6 sts LY incl 1st 5 until sprained ankle, 30 KD's. **Steven Vieira** (6-6 308 So) PS#78OL. **5 sts** at RG as rFr incl L/3.

LG EYOSEPH EFSEAFF SO. 6-3 298 PS#167OL. 11 sts as rFr, **2nd Tm Frosh AA,** team high 69 KO blocks, 85% grade in 7 games. **Robert Cleary** (6-7 290 rFr) **PS#8OL.**

RT MIKE SAFFER SR. 6-5 304 **PS#3.** 7 sts as rFr at RG. 12 sts at RT in 2000, all but 1 snap. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm P10.** 88% in 8 gms, 46 KO's. Ed Blanton (6-9 316 rFr) **PS#40.**

LT BRYCE BOHLANDER SR. 6-6 295 **PS#12.** 2 sts as true. 12 sts in 2000, nearly every snap in 8 gms. 11 sts LY, HM P10. Matt Mosebar (6-8 280 rFr) PS#73, nephew of NFL's Don (OAK).

K CHRIS GRIFFITH SR. 6-2 196 PS#165QB. 13-18 FG's as rFr, L/48. 11-14 FG's in 2000, L/46, **2nd Tm P10.** 10-13 LY long of 49, 2 misses 49+! HM P10. Chris Kluwe (6-5 205 So) **PS#1** in 2000.

DEFENSE

DE Mat Ball Jr. 6-6 266 PS#70. 4 sts as rFr, 14 tkls, 3 tfl. 2 sts at OLB LY, 12 tkls, 1 tfl. **Rusty Williams** (6-4 263 Sr) PS#32. **11 sts** in '99 & 2000, 28 tkls, 3.5 sks, 8 tfl in '99.

DT Sean Phillips Sr. 6-6 295 **PS#3.** 11 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 3 sts, 6 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000.

DT RODNEY LEISLE JR. 6-4 298 PS#47DL. Scout MVP. 12 sts as rFr, 36 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm Pac 10,** 36 tkls, 5 tfl, very strong. Matt Kocher (6-1 264 So) PS#128DL.

DE DAVE BALL JR. 6-6 276 PS#69. 3 sts as rFr. 26 tkls, 2 sk, 2 tfl. 11 sts LY, HM P10, 18 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Asi Faoa (6-5 270 Jr) PS#99LB. 6 tkls, 2 tfl LY. David Tautofi is PS#201JC.

SLB BRANDON CHILLAR JR. 6-3 230 PS#74. 6 tkls as true. 9 sts LY, 42 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Dennis Link (6-2 215 Jr) PS#107, 19 gms 2Y. Ryan Schon (6-1 212 rFr) PS#260.

MLB Marcus Reese Sr. 6-2 227 **PS#5.** 37 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 34 tkls, 4 sks in 2000. 34 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Tim Warfield (6-2 234 So) PS#54, 3 tkls as rFr. Justin London is **PS#16.**

WLB Spencer Havner rFr. 6-3 240 PS#39. Good size & speed. Audie Attar (6-0 214 Sr) PS#125DB, 1 st, 39 tkls, 3Y moved from S LY. Patrick Pierre-Louis (6-0 215 Jr) is PS#120JC.

CB RICKY MANNING SR. 5-9 180 **PS#16. 1st Tm P10 L/2Y.** 9 sts as true, 12 tfl. 12 sts in 2000, 65 tkls, 4 int, 14 pbu. 11 sts LY, 36 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. Marcus Cassel (6-0 170 rFr) PS#68.

CB Joe Hunter Sr. 5-11 174 PS#87. Track, fastest Bruin. 4 sts as rFr, 60 career tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu. Keith Short (5-9 176 Jr) PS#59, 38 tkls, 2Y. Matthew Clark (5-9 169 So) PS#124, 3 tkls as true.

SS Ben Emanuel II So. 6-3 202 **PS#18.** 3 sts as rFr, 14 tkls, 2 int (1 TD), 1 pbu. Jibril Raymo (6-3 197 So) **PS#30,** Spec Tm's as true. Mike Nixon is **PS#13QB.** Eric McNeal is **PS#6.**

FS MATT WARE SO. 6-3 199 **PS#2.** 1st true to start every reg season gm here in school history. **11 sts at CB,** 5 int, 6 pbu. Kevin Brant (6-0 199 Jr) PS#50WR, 1 st, 15 tkls, 2Y.

P NATHAN FIKSE SR. 5-9 185 **PS#6.** 68 punts as true, 42.0 avg. 75 punts (43.3) in 2000. 53 punts LY, 44.2 avg, **1st Tm P10.** Net of 36.6, 37.7, **38.8!** Chris Kluwe **PS#1,** 46.6 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

TE	Marcedes Lewis 6-6 240	PS#1
DB	Eric McNeal 6-2 191	PS#6
QB	Mike Nixon 6-2 200	PS#13
LB	Justin London 6-2 232	PS#16
RB	Glenn Ohaeri 5-9 190	PS#22
QB	Drew Olson 6-2 188	PS#17
DL	Kevin Harbour 6-3 250	PS#34
QB	Matt Moore 6-4 180	PS#19
DL	C.J. Niusula 6-2 288	PS#36
DB	Jarrad Page 6-0 200	PS#20
DB	Joe Garcia 6-1 185	PS#29
TE	J.J. Hair 6-5 240	PS#11
DL	Ryan Boschetti 6-4 276	PS#36JC
WR	Antwuan Smith 5-11 180	PS#48

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCLA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 7	Colorado St	G						UCLA is 6-1-2 ATS their last 9 prior to a bye. Including bowls, UCLA is 3-6 ATS vs Big 10 (3-0 ATS L/3). UCLA has covered 8 straight home openers.
Sep. 14	at Oklahoma St	A						Bruins are 10-1 SU and 8-2-1 ATS at home in September since 1996. UCLA is 7-1 ATS in their last 8 season openers.
Sep. 21	Colorado	G						Bruins are 4-11-1 ATS their last 16 on artificial turf. UCLA is 21-8 ATS in their last 29 non-conference games.
Sep. 28	at San Diego St	G						Bruins are 3-2 SU and 4-1 ATS their last 5 meetings with the Big 12. Might apply: UCLA is 9-2 ATS their last 11 as a home dog.
Oct. 5	at Oregon St	A						Last meeting with SDSU was a 52-13 win as a 4 pt road favorite in 1993. Pending 9/14: UCLA is 6-13 ATS as away chalk under Toledo.
Oct. 12	Oregon	G						Bruins are 3-8-1 ATS their last 12 vs Oregon State. UCLA is 4-16 ATS in their last 20 Pac 10 openers.
Oct. 19	at California	G						UCLA is 7-15-3 ATS in sandwiched home games. The visitor is 8-3 ATS the last 11 meetings. Toledo is 4-2 SU vs Oregon.
Oct. 26	Stanford (HC)	G						UCLA is 2-5 ATS their last 7 on the road in October. Aikman's alma mater is 4-11 ATS the last 15 vs the Bears.
Nov. 2	at Washington	A						Bruins are 6-9 ATS at home prior to a 2 game road trip. UCLA is 0-9-1 ATS when hosting Stanford.
Nov. 9	at Arizona	G						Bruins are 2-6 SU and 1-6-1 ATS in November the last 3 years. The favorite is 6-2-1 ATS the last 9 in this series.
Nov. 16								Pending 9/28: UCLA is 13-6 ATS S/'84 in their 2nd straight away game. The away team is 5-2 ATS the last 7 series meetings.
Nov. 23	USC	G						The home team is 9-3 ATS in this series since 1990. UCLA is 8-2 ATS in the first of 2 or more home games.
Nov. 30								
Dec. 7	Washington St	G						The home team is 5-0 SU and ATS the last 5 meetings. Bruins have gone 0-5 ATS their last 5 season finales.

BOB TOLEDO (Career 56-57)

7th Year at UCLA

Toledo's records AT UCLA

42-28	Straight Up	14-12-1	Home Favorite
30-34-2	Vs The Spread	5-2	Home Dog
10-11-1	Off A S/U Loss	6-13	Away Favorite
18-28-2	Vs Conference	5-7-1	Away Dog
		12-6	Vs Non-Conf

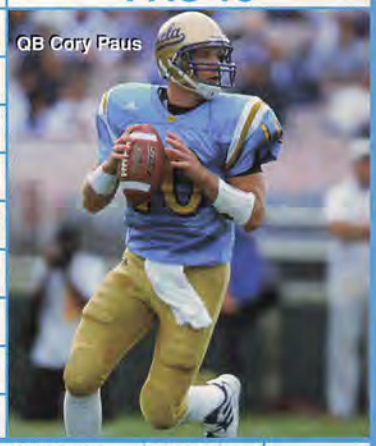
2001 RECORD: (7-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (18,22,2)
Lost: 24 (13,11,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 66,613

PAC 10


QB Cory Paus

STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (91,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	5-6	9-2	10-1	4-7	6-5	7-4	48-29
ATS	6-5	6-5	7-4	5-6	3-8	3-6-2	6-5	36-39-2
Home Fav	2-3	2-1	4-1	3-2	2-2	0-4-1	3-2	16-15-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	6-2
Away Fav	2-2	1-0	1-2	2-4	0-3	0-1	2-3	8-15
Away Dog	1-0	2-3	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-1-1	1-0	6-7-1
Favorite	4-5	3-1	5-3	5-6	2-5	0-5-1	5-5	24-30-1
Dog	2-0	3-4	2-1	0-0	1-3	3-1-1	1-0	12-9-1
Grass	6-4	5-4	7-2	4-5	3-7	3-5-1	4-4	32-31-1
Artificial	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1-1	2-1	4-8-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-5-2	3-5	21-33-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	3-0	15-6
Off SU Win	3-3	0-4	5-3	4-6	0-4	1-4-1	5-1	18-25-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	5-1	2-0	0-0	2-4	1-2-1	0-4	12-13-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeShaun Foster	216	1196	87	1109	12	5.1
Akil Harris	**76**	**386**	**11**	**375**	**3**	**4.9**
Manuel White	**63**	**305**	**15**	**290**	**3**	**4.6**
Craig Bragg	**8**	**111**	**11**	**100**	**2**	**12.5**
Cory Paus	**39**	**26**	**189**	**-163**	**1**	**-4.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Cory Paus	**194**	**101**	**52.1**	**1740**	**8**	**8**
Scott McEwan	76	44	57.9	592	5	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Craig Bragg	**29**	**408**	**14.1**	**2**	**62**
Brian Poli-Dixon	24	415	17.3	2	48
Tab Perry	**21**	**416**	**19.8**	**2**	**53**
Ryan Smith	**18**	**272**	**15.1**	**2**	**32**
Mike Seidman	**12**	**250**	**20.8**	**1**	**47**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Nate Fikse	**53**	**2342**	**44.2**	**–**	**38.8**	**1**	**12**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Griffith	**2-2**	**5-6**	**3-4**	**0-1**	**10-13**	**49**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Robert Thomas	111	6.5	19	5	0
Marques Anderson	63	1	4	10	2
Ryan Nece	53	1	5	3	1
Kenyon Coleman	44	8.5	6	3	0
Brandon Chillar	**42**	**4.5**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Rodney Leisle	**36**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Jason Stephens	36	1	1	7	1
Ricky Manning	**36**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**3**
Marcus Reese	**34**	**1.5**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Matt Ware	**32**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**5**
Ken Kocher	19	1	5	0	0
Joe Hunter	**19**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**
Dave Ball	**18**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Craig Bragg	14	118	8.4	0
Ricky Manning	**16**	**53**	**3.3**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Craig Bragg	**10**	**186**	**18.6**	**0**

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Rose	-6'	Wisconsin	16-21	L
95	Aloha	-5	Kansas	30-51	L
97	Cotton	-14	Texas A&M	29-23	L
98	Rose	-9	Wisconsin	31-38	L
00	Sun	+5'	Wisconsin	20-21	W

UCLA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	28.8	19	170	4.1	218	52.4	13.5	-3	2001	8	20.5	16	122	3.3	199	47.3	15.7
9*	29.4	19	100	2.6	266	54.5	12.4	+7	2000	8	30.7	21	185	4.4	218	50.5	13.1
6	20.9	18	108	2.9	219	49.1	15.6	-3	1999	8	28.3	21	190	4.5	255	53.1	15.7
7*	39.7	22	182	4.5	305	58.3	12.3	+17	1998	3	27.0	22	180	4.5	258	52.1	16.2
9*	39.8	21	166	4.0	264	59.8	10.8	+20	1997	6	20.6	20	115	3.3	237	50.0	17.1
4*	30.0	21	154	3.7	232	51.0	12.9	-5	1996	6	28.9	19	117	3.1	254	49.9	12.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Alabama	13	38-168	4.4	8-22	123	1	17	46-159	3.5	15-25	299	3	+2
at Kansas	29	60-285	4.8	13-19	183	3	16	36-86	2.4	12-33	156	3	0
Ohio St	18	41-61	1.5	16-26	262	3	8	35-121	3.5	5-23	45	2	-2
at Oregon St	22	54-268	5.0	14-28	228	2	12	28-114	4.1	11-35	106	3	+2
Washington	19	45-325	7.2	9-19	128	3	18	28-(-8)	-0.3	23-46	340	4	0
California	26	38-228	6.0	15-19	303	4	21	33-127	3.8	19-46	201	3	+1
at Stanford	17	26-64	2.5	20-44	326	3	24	50-213	4.3	20-29	250	1	+2
at Washington St	12	33-85	2.6	10-27	140	4	13	40-86	2.2	17-37	190	3	-4
Oregon	21	49-120	2.4	14-22	321	3	18	33-161	4.9	13-23	195	3	-2
at USC	10	27-28	1.0	13-28	86	5	12	38-96	2.5	14-23	180	1	-3
Arizona St	27	48-237	4.9	21-38	299	1	18	37-184	5.0	16-29	226	6	+1
TOTALS	214	459-1869	4.1	153-292	2399	32	177	404-1339	3.3	165-349	2188	32	-3
AVERAGES	19.5	42-170	4.1	14-27	218	2.9	16.1	37-122	3.3	15-32	199	2.9	-0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	+1	34-37	L
Tennessee	+15	24-30	W
at Texas	+10	66-3	W
Arizona	-8	40-27	W
Houston	-26	66-10	W
at Oregon	-11'	39-31	L
Oregon St	-22'	34-10	W
California	-23'	35-17	L
at Stanford	-6	27-7	W
Washington	-2'	52-28	W
at USC	-9'	31-24	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas	-9	49-31	W
at Houston	-27'	42-24	L
Washington St	-23	49-17	W
at Arizona	-5	52-28	W
Oregon (OT)	-10'	41-38	L
at California	-14	28-16	L
Stanford	-28'	28-24	L
at Oregon St	-16'	41-34	L
at Washington	-6'	36-24	W
USC	-5'	34-17	W
at Miami (Fla)	-9'	45-49	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-27	38-7	W
at Ohio St	+11	20-42	L
Fresno St	-21	35-21	L
at Stanford	-1	32-42	L
at Arizona St	-1'	27-28	L
Oregon	-3'	34-29	W
California	-13	0-17	L
at Oregon St	-1	7-55	L
Arizona	+3'	7-33	L
Washington (OT)	+8'	23-20	W
at USC	+6'	7-17	L

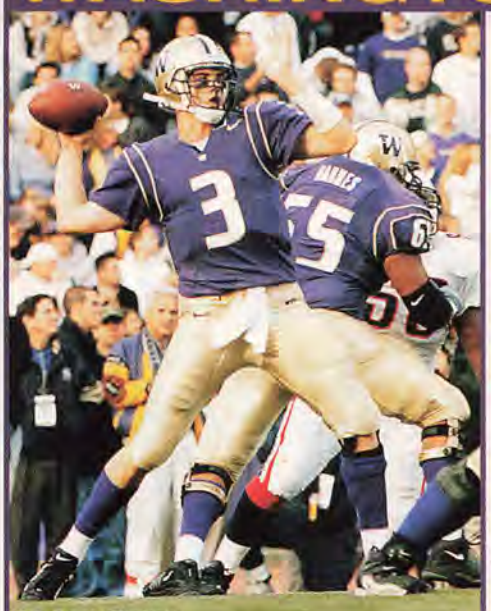
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama	+7	35-24	W
Fresno St	-14	24-21	L
Michigan	+4'	23-20	W
at Oregon	+3'	10-29	L
Arizona St	-7	38-31	T
at California (3OT)	-10'	38-46	L
Oregon St	-3	38-44	L
at Arizona	+5'	27-24	W
Stanford	-8	37-35	L
at Washington	+7	28-35	T
USC	-3	35-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+2'	20-17	W
at Kansas	-13	41-17	W
Ohio St	-6'	13-6	W
at Oregon St	-3	38-7	W
Washington	-13'	35-13	W
California	-30'	56-17	W
at Stanford	-7'	28-38	L
at Washington St	-3	14-20	L
Oregon	-1	20-21	L
at USC	-3'	0-27	L
Arizona St	-10'	52-42	L

WASHINGTON HUSKIES



QB Cody Pickett

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Marques Tuiasosopo, the Pac 10 Offensive POY as a senior, set 10 school records in 2000 and broke the all-time team record for total offense by over 1,000 yards. Three players battled to replace him last spring and Cody Pickett (PS#47), who had the strongest arm of the trio, won. Pickett saw action in the Rose Bowl when Tuiasosopo was injured and had two crucial completions that seemed to give him confidence coming into 2001. He has 4.57 speed and in his first year as a starter threw for 2,696 yards (55.2%), the third highest total in school history, but did have a poor 12-16 ratio. Pickett separated his throwing shoulder in the 2Q against USC and would not be able to start the next week vs UCLA. He returned vs Arizona and set the UW single game passing record throwing for 455 yds. Pickett played the rest of the season with the shoulder discomfort since he was told that the injury would get no worse. In HS he was a rodeo calf roper and he proved to his teammates how tough he was last year by playing through the pain. Taylor Barton was PS#16. He originally signed at Colorado with Neuheisel and in 2000 led his JUCO team to a National Title with 2,046 yards passing and 24 TD's. His eventual signing here cost UW two scholarships due to Neuheisel's agreement with the NCAA not to sign any ex-CU players. Barton was recovering from knee surgery and was not 100% for the season. He only ran one option vs UCLA in his lone start due to the fact the team had little depth behind him. Barton also suffered a concussion against UCLA. For the season he threw for 647 yards (51.2%) with a 5-2 ratio and rushed for 83 yards. Both are back to contend for the starter's job this year along with rFr Casey Paus (6-5 215, PS#14) This year's signee Isaiah Stanback (PS#11) will likely redshirt. This group is far more experienced than it was heading into last year and with Pickett having successful shoulder surgery in the offseason he should be much healthier. I'll call the QB's vastly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - After having six 1,000 yard rushers from 1989 to 1996 this team has not had any in the last five seasons. In 2000 Rich Alexis led the team in rushing with 816 yards (6.4) and is an excellent TB for option football. However they did not run the option as much last year and his numbers dropped drastically to 397 yards (3.1). Braxton Cleman rushed for 61 yards on 4 carries against Idaho but then was injured and lost for the year and redshirted. Cleman had rushed for 253 yards (3.6) as a frosh, 164 (5.3) in '99 and 257 yards (4.8) in 2000. Willie Hurst ended up leading the team in rushing last year with 744 yards (4.8) and he departs as does FB Ken Walker (6 sts, 38 total yds), backups Mathias Wilson (1 st, 34 yds) and John Hart (4 yds). I list the FB's below. Chris Singleton (6-0 200 So) was PS#96 and rushed for 50 yards. The newcomers are FB Zach Tuiasosopo (4 sts at OLB) and 2 true frosh who I expect to play immediately in Kenny James (PS#23) and Shelton Sampson (PS#45). Last year basically everyone returned but the team had its lowest regular season ypg rushing (111.7) in 29 years. Despite the loss of its leading rusher, I look for stronger production in 2002 and it would not surprise me to see a freshman leading the way.

RECEIVERS - This was one of the better receiving corps in the country last year as they had practically everyone returning including star Jerramy Stevens and then added in two of the top five WR's out of HS in Reggie Williams (PS#3) and Charles Frederick (PS#5). The team did lose TE Stevens to a broken foot against Idaho and he did not return until Oregon St. Stevens had just 19 rec's (10.4) and opted to leave early for the NFL after the season. Reggie Williams, who is 6-4 220 with blazing speed, led the team in rec's with 60 and a super 17.3 ypc. Naturally, with his stature he is compared to Randy Moss. He was the Pac 10 co-Freshman of the Year, the first Husky to win the award. Paul Arnold (PS#3RB) moved to WR last year and was #2 on the team with 46 (14.4). This year they lose Todd Elstrom (6 sts, 39, 13.8) and TE Joe Collier (5 sts, 8 rec). WR Patrick Reddick (17 rec, 18.5, PS#55) was granted a 6th year of eligibility. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Frederick could have a much bigger impact this season after being a dangerous PR last year, provided he is able to return to the team after his spring suspension. Since Stevens (#1DC of SEA) only got in three starts last year, I will call this unit stronger, even though he departs.

OFFENSIVE LINE - When Washington got to the Rose Bowl in 2000 one of the big reasons was the O-line. Despite a banged up RB corps, UW averaged 4.8 ypc rushing and allowed just 25 sacks with a senior dominated unit. Naturally last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace 4 starters including a pair of NFL DC's. Neuheisel was expecting JUCO Francisco Tipoti to become an immediate starter but he didn't make grades. As you would expect, the unit struggled as UW managed just 3.2 ypc rushing but did allow a respectable 26 sacks. Five frosh were in the 2 deep last year and naturally all now are a year older and more experienced. The only loss this season is C Kyle Benn (12 sts, 1st Tm P10, 3 yr st'r). This group is far more experienced and the open spot should be filled by Tipoti. There are 7 VHT's in the group that I list below. Rick Neuheisel said about the OL "A year ago we were worried about our offensive line and we had to live with it, survive it. I thought we improved a great deal as the year went on. Now we're going to benefit from the spoils of having survived it."

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite the fact that they list a 3-4 alignment, including an OLB, I list them in a 4-3 as that OLB is basically a DE. In 1999 and 2000 the Huskies had to replace 2 starters from the front wall. For the 3rd straight year they must replace 2 starters, this time NT Larry Tripplett (#2DC of IND, 12 sts, 1st Tm P10, 15 tfl, 43 tkls), DE Marcus Roberson (12 sts, 22 tkls, 1 tfl) while DE/OLB Zach Tuiasosopo (4 sts) moves to FB. Despite the losses I think this group is in even better shape this year. DE Kai Ellis (PS#33JC) missed 4 games due to injury but was still HM Pac 10 in his first year as a JUCO transfer. Last year Neuheisel signed Ellis and 3 HT frosh who I expect to have a big impact. One of the frosh DNQ, another redshirted and the 3rd got in 1 start in limited action. If you look at the 3 deep I list below, there are no less than FIVE VHT's. They will miss Tripplett's bulk in the middle but after allowing 4.1 ypc rushing (weakest total since 1988) while recording just 20 sacks. I think this will be a more productive front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 the Huskies had 3 true frosh as 2nd stringers and were lightly experienced in the LB corps. They had to replace just 1 starter but Jafar Williams, a 9 game starter in 2000, ended up missing the year due to injury so basically they only had 1 full-time starter back in ex-walk-on Ben Mahdavi. This year they must replace ILB Jamaun Willis (12 sts, 66 tkls, 5 tfl) and SLB Sam Blanche (8 sts, 34 tkls, 4 tfl). Three players return with starting experience including NFL prospect Mahdavi, who was a state HS wrestling champ and won HM Pac 10 honors in 2001. This unit continues to gain experience, especially with Jafar Williams' return.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 UW had just 1 returning starter but still finished #19 in my pass D rankings. In 2000 they had to replace 2 starters and 3 backups and played a lot of frosh. They were still able to finish at #13 in the rankings. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 25 starts but had 6 players back with starting experience. Overall UW nose-dived to #70 allowing 58.5% completion with a 24-14 ratio. CB Roc Alexander is simply the fastest player (4.24) in UW history but he lost his starting job to Chris Massey (4.34) in the 2H of the year. They both return and overall they have 5 players back with starting experience including Derrick Johnson who had 3 starts in 2000 and sat out last year. The only losses from this group are CB Omare Lowe (#5DC of MIA, 11 sts, 46 tkls, 10 pbu), FS Wondame Davis (9 sts, 56 tkls, 2 pbu), and FS Roderick Green (14 tkls) but 5 of the top 8 are back. This unit looks a little more experienced and should get back to their normal spot in the Top 20.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Huskies ranked #33, #50 and #44 in my special teams rankings in the final 3 years under Jim Lambright yet they've not fared as well under Neuheisel, ranking #93, #69 and last year #69 overall. Their final ranking number last year was surprising as they have K John Anderson (PS#9), super P Derek McLaughlin (PS#16) and some very dangerous returnmen. Anderson was 29 of 40 in his first 2 years but hit just 17 of 26 last year with a long of 47 and one miss from 50+. Two of his misses (vs Idaho) were due to bad snaps. He was 7 of 8 from 40-49. Punter Derek McLaughlin averaged 41.2 during the regular season which was the best UW average since 1986. Roc Alexander averaged an amazing 28.3 on 22 KR's to rank #6 in the country. PR Charles Frederick, who averaged 14.4 on 14 returns, may return from his suspension. A sore spot for the team was the fact that they had 5 punts blocked vs them which greatly cut into their rankings. In Neuheisel's first two years combined they had only suffered two blocks. I look for improvement upon that statistic and with nearly everybody back, this group could actually challenge for the Top 20.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Washington has had 25 consecutive non-losing years, the 4th best streak among all schools and have finished either 1st or 2nd in the Pac 10 in eighteen of the last 25 years including winning or sharing a Pac 10 Title 8 times. In 2000 Washington defeated Sugar Bowl Champ Miami, Fiesta Bowl Champ Oregon St and won the Rose Bowl. They were clearly one of the top teams in the country with a veteran unit. Last year they had to replace 26 lettermen which was the most in the Pac 10 and returned just 11 starters which was the second fewest. In 2000 the team overcame five 4Q deficits and won 7 games by a TD or less, trailing in 9 of their 11 victories. It was more of the same for the Huskies last year. They trailed Michigan 12-6 and got 1 special teams and 1 defensive TD to pull out the win, got a FG on the last play to beat USC, trailed Cal 21-10 at the half, trailed Arizona 28-24 and got a TD with :13 left for the win, got a FG on the last play to beat Ariz St, and caught Stanford off of two consecutive wins over Top 5 teams. All in all they were very fortunate to finish the year at 8-4. Last year they beat #9 ranked Wash St, #10 Stanford and #11 Michigan and have had 13 straight years of defeating a ranked opponent. Interestingly the Huskies were 6-2 in league play but were outscored 237-227 by league foes and were outscored overall on the season 370-353. Neuheisel is 19-5 in Pac 10 play at UW and 19 of his 26 wins here have been of the come-from-behind variety. This year's UW team is much stronger than last year's version and, in fact, I rate it as the 3rd most improved team in the league. They do lose 24 lettermen which is tied for most in the league but have 49 returning including 8 starters on offense. They have an excellent receiving corps and now have a veteran QB in Cody Pickett as well as a top-notch OL. They could top last year's 29.4 ppg. Defensively, only 5 starters are back and they must replace 11 lettermen from a unit that allowed 396.8 ypg in league play. I think they'll be stronger there and they also have my #2 rated special teams unit in the league. There have some tough road games in league play including USC, Oregon and Wash St. While they have been very fortunate the last 2 years, winning many close games, this year's version has the talent to once again be a Pac 10 contender. The Huskies have a solid shot at topping last year's 8 win total.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB CODY PICKETT JR. 6-4 215 PS#47. 2 comp's in Rose Bowl in 2000. 11 sts LY w/sep shoulder, 2696 yds (55%) 12-16 ratio, 280 rush. **Taylor Barton** (6-3 205 Sr) PS#16. 1 st LY.

FB Rich Alexis Jr. 6-0 220 PS#114. 4.47 spd. 5 sts as true, 816 yds (6.4). 3 sts LY, 465 yds (3.1). Braxton Cleman (6-0 215 Sr) PS#146. 735 yds (4.6), 4Y. **Kenny James** is **PS#23.**

FB Zach Tuiasosopo So. 6-2 235 **PS#34LB.** 4 sts at DE/OLB LY. 44 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Don McCourtie (6-2 240 rFr) PS#88. Adam Seery (6-2 215 Jr) PS#192QB moves to FB.

WR REGGIE WILLIAMS SO. 6-4 220 **PS#3WR.** 11 sts as **true.** 60 rec (**17.3**). Wilbur Hooks (6-0 185 Sr) PS#104. 4.3 spd. 23 rec, 2Y. **Eddie Jackson** (6-4 220 Jr) is PS#108JC.

WR PAUL ARNOLD SR. 6-1 200 **PS#3RB.** 574 yds rush at RB in '99 and 2000. 4.33 spd. 8 sts at WR, 46 rec (14.4). Patrick Reddick (5-10 190 Sr) has gained a 6th year of eligibility.

TE KEVIN WARE SR. 6-3 255 PS#15TE. 8 sts in 2001, 7 rec (14.6). Joe Toledo (6-6 280 rFr) PS#41OL. Andy Heater (6-3 275 rFr) PS#37TE. Jason Benn is PS#36.

C TODD BACHERT JR. 6-4 305 PS#120, 2nd string as rFr & lettered. 12 sts at RT LY. Dan Dicks (6-6 310 So) PS#15, 2nd string C LY. Brad Vanneman (6-3 290 rFr) PS#79DL.

RG ELLIOTT ZAJAC SR. 6-5 305 PS#98. 2nd string at LT in '99. 2nd string at G in 2000 and 12 sts at RG LY, 3L. Jason Simonson (6-4 320 Jr). William Kava (6-3 265 rFr) PS#103.

LG NICK NEWTON JR. 6-5 320 PS#419. 2nd string as rFr and lettered. 11 sts at LG in 2001. Aaron Butler (6-4 320 So) PS#80, 1 st as a rFr. Stanley Daniels is PS#32.

RT Francisco Tipoti Jr. 6-5 320 **PS#9JC** LY but didn't enroll until TY. Andre Reeves (6-6 300 Jr) PS#123 2nd string LY and lettered. Robin Meadow (6-6 285 rFr) PS#44.

LT KHALIF BARNES SO. 6-5 300 PS#327DL. 410 bench, 4.8 spd. 12 sts as rFr, 13% body fat. Ryan Brooks (6-6 290 So). PS#120. 2nd string LY. Nathan Rhodes is PS#2OL.

K JOHN ANDERSON SR. 6-3 185 PS#9K. 15 of 21 as true. **Long of 56.** 14 of 19 in 2000, long of 42. 17 of 26 in 2001, long of 47. **7 of 8 from 40-49!** 2nd Team Pac 10.

DEFENSE

DE KAI ELLIS SR. 6-4 245 PS#33JC. 8 sts here LY, 41 tkls, 3 tfl, HM P10. **Will Conwell** (6-5 215 rFr) **PS#18TE.** Houdini Jackson (6-1 245 Sr) 3 sts at Hawaii, 3 sks in '98.

DT Terry Johnson Jr. 6-4 275 **PS#39.** DNQ in 2000. 4 tkls, 1 tfl LY, 4.8 spd. **Joshua Miller** (6-3 270 So) **PS#78.** 4 sts, 10 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl as rFr. Donny Mateaki is PS#25DL.

NT JEROME STEVENS JR. 6-3 285 1 st as true, 8 tkls, 3.5 tfl. 8 sts in 2001, 22 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Junior Coffin (6-3 280 So) **PS#61DL.** Tusi Sa'au (6-2 285 rFr) PS#141DL.

DE Tui Alailefaleula So. 6-4 290 **PS#23.** 1 st as **true**, 2 tkls, 1 sk. Manase Hopoi (6-4 250 So) **PS#37LB,** PQ LY. Graham Lasee (6-5 260 rFr) PS#375DL, in for spg LY but RS.

SLB Anthony Kelley Sr. 6-2 240 PS#47. 3 sts, 35 tkls, 11 tfl in 2000. 4 sts, 19 tkls, 4 tfl LY. **Jafar Williams** (6-0 225 Sr) **11 sts** in '99, **9** in 2000, 21 tkls, 3 tfl. Matt Lingley (6-2 225 So) PS#108.

ILB BEN MAHDAVI SR. 6-2 235 9 sts in 2000, 52 tkls, 8 tfl. 12 sts LY, **HM P10**, 93 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. Joseph Lobendahn (6-0 225 Sr) PS#86. Tyler Krambrink (6-1 210 Jr) 25 tkls in 2000.

ILB Tim Galloway So. 6-2 230 PS#102. 4.7 spd, 22 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. Marquis Cooper (6-4 210 Jr) PS#112. 7 tkls as true, 37 tkls, 1 int LY, 4.4 spd. **Scott White** is **PS#21LB.**

CB Roc Alexander Jr. 6-0 185 PS#123. **4.24** spd, fastest ever here. 17 tkls, 3 pbu as true. 4 sts LY, 29 tkls, 4 int, 11 pbu. Sam Cunningham (6-0 175 So) PS#125, 8 tkls, 2 pbu LY.

CB CHRIS MASSEY JR. 5-11 170 PS#165, **4.34** spd. 6 sts as rFr, 15 tkls, 5 pbu L/8 sts LY. 36 tkls, 4 pbu. Derrick Johnson (6-0 180 So) PS#177RB, 3 sts, 23 tkls, 25 KR (24.3) in 2000.

SS GREG CAROTHERS JR. 6-2 220 PS#122WR. 4 sts as true, 32 tkls, 1 int. 12 sts LY, 81 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 pbu. **Ty Eriks** (6-2 220 rFr) **PS#27RB.** Evan Benjamin (6-0 200 rFr) PS#54.

FS Owen Biddle Sr. 5-10 180 Ex walk-on. 1 st in 2000, 9 tkls, 4 sts LY, 44 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Jimmy Newell (6-1 185 So) **PS#34.** 11 tkls as true. James Sims (6-1 195 rFr) PS#61.

P DEREK McLAUGHLIN SO. 6-2 195 PS#16K. Avg'd 47.0 as senior in HS. 58 punts here LY, 40.8 avg (best here since 1986). Tm net of 33.7. RS LY. Garth Erickson (6-1 160 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL Nathan Rhodes 6-7 305 PS#2
QB Isaiah Stanback 6-3 190 PS#11
RB Kenny James 5-10 200 PS#23
DL Donny Mateaki 6-5 265 PS#25
LB Scott White 6-2 235 PS#21
OL Stan Daniels 6-3 305 PS#32
RB Shelton Sampson 5-11 175 PS#45
OL Clayton Walker 6-4 270 PS#86
DL Dan Milsten 6-5 265 PS#83
RB Matthew Fountaine 5-11 180 PS#90
OL Robin Kezirian 6-3 270 PS#96
TE Jason Benn 6-5 240 PS#36
WR Eddie Jackson 6-4 220 PS#108JC
DL Jordan Reffett 6-6 250 PS#115

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WASHINGTON HUSKIES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Michigan	G						Huskies are 3-6 ATS as non-conference underdogs. UW has had 4 straight years with a negative turnover ratio, and Neuheisel's teams have had only 1 positive ratio the last 5 years.
Sep. 7	San Jose St	A						UW is 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS in the regular season vs Michigan since '83. Washington is 6-10-1 ATS in their last 17 road openers.
Sep. 14								Huskies are 5-0 SU but only 2-2 ATS vs San Jose St since 1988. UW is 15-1 SU the last 16, 7-2 ATS the last 9 home openers.
Sep. 21	Wyoming	A						Washington is 12-6-1 ATS the last 6 years in September, pending LW. Neuheisel is 3-6-1 ATS his last 10 tries as a home favorite.
Sep. 28	Idaho	A						UW is 2-0 SU & ATS vs Idaho, outscoring them 97-23 in those contests. Huskies are 12-5-1 ATS in the 2nd of a 2 or more game homestand.
Oct. 5	California	A						Washington is 9-0 SU at home against California S/'82, but 0-3 ATS L/3. Huskies are 2-5-1 ATS in their last 8 conference openers.
Oct. 12	Arizona	A						UW is 8-2 SU the last 10, but the visitor has covered each of the last 5 ATS. Pending LW's results, Washington is 3-9 ATS at home in October S/'97.
Oct. 19	at USC	G						Huskies are 5-1 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more away games. The dog is 12-3-1 ATS in the UW/USC series.
Oct. 26	at Arizona St	G						Washington is 13-6 ATS in their 2nd straight road game. May apply: Huskies are 11-5-1 ATS as a Pac 10 dog.
Nov. 2	UCLA (HC)	A						The favorite is 6-2-1 ATS in the last 9 meetings in this series. Huskies are 11-21-1 ATS in November since 1992.
Nov. 9	Oregon St	A						UW will be glad to see a new QB at OSU as departed Beaver QB Jonathan Smith threw for 1,339 yds with 9 TD's in 4 gms. UW was 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS.
Nov. 16	at Oregon	A						UW is 1-3 SU the L/4 vs Oregon & the visitor is 4-2 ATS in this series . Washington is 2-7-1 ATS the week before playing WSU, 0-4-1 last 5 yrs.
Nov. 23	at Washington St	A						Washington is 2-8 ATS in their last 10 road finales. UW is just 2-6 ATS in this battle for the Apple Cup, but 2-0 the last 2 yrs.
Nov. 30								

RICK NEUHEISEL (Career 59-24)

4th Year at Washington

Neuheisel's records AT WASHINGTON

26-10 Straight Up	5-8-1 Home Favorite
15-16-2 Vs The Spread	4-0 Home Dog
3-4 Off A S/U Loss	3-4-1 Away Favorite
9-13-2 Vs Conference	3-4 Away Dog
6-3 Vs Non-Conf	

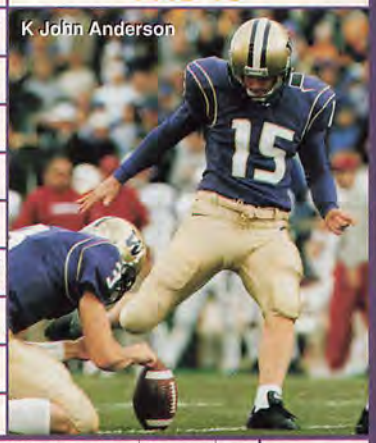
2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,23,2)
Lost: 24 (12,11,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 72,469

PAC 10


K John Anderson

STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-3-1	9-2	7-4	6-5	7-4	10-1	8-3	54-22-1
ATS	5-6	8-2-1	6-5	4-7	6-5	4-5-2	5-6	38-36-3
Home Fav	0-4	6-0	2-4	2-3	2-3	1-3-1	2-2	15-19-1
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	5-2
Away Fav	1-0	1-1	4-0	0-1	2-1	1-1-1	0-2	9-6-1
Away Dog	3-1	1-1-1	0-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	9-9-1
Favorite	1-4	7-1	6-4	2-4	4-4	2-4-2	2-4	24-25-2
Dog	4-2	1-1-1	0-1	2-3	2-1	2-1	3-2	14-11-1
Grass	3-1	1-1-1	3-1	1-1	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	12-10-2
Artificial	2-5	7-1	3-4	3-6	4-3	3-4-1	4-3	26-26-1
vs Conf	5-3	6-1-1	4-4	2-6	5-3	1-5-2	3-5	26-27-3
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	12-9
Off SU Win	3-3	6-2	5-2	1-4	4-2	3-4-2	3-5	25-22-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-0	0-3	2-3	2-2	0-1	1-1	9-11

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Willie Hurst	154	792	48	744	9	4.8
Rich Alexis	129	465	68	397	5	3.1
Braxton Cleman	4	61	0	61	1	15.3
Cody Pickett	90	280	212	68	5	0.8
Taylor Barton	25	83	45	38	0	1.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Cody Pickett	355	196	55.2	2696	12	16
Taylor Barton	86	44	51.2	647	5	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Reggie Williams	60	1035	17.3	3	74
Paul Arnold	46	664	14.4	4	78
Todd Elstrom	39	539	13.8	4	48
Jerramy Stevens	19	197	10.4	2	19
Patrick Reddick	17	315	18.5	2	75

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Derek McLaughlin	58	2368	40.8	10	33.7	5	18

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Anderson	4-5	7-12	6-8	0-1	17-26	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ben Mahdavi	93	5	5	3	1
Greg Carothers	81	1	4	3	0
Jamaun Willis	66	1	4	1	1
Wondame Davis	56	0	2	2	1
Omare Lowe	46	1	4	10	1
Owen Biddle	44	0	2	2	1
Zach Tuiasosopo	44	1	3	1	0
Larry Tripplett	43	2	13	3	0
Kai Ellis	41	0	3	1	0
Marquis Cooper	37	0	0	1	1
Chris Massey	36	2	1	4	0
Sam Blanche	34	0	4	1	0
Roc Alexander	29	0	0	11	4
Jerome Stevens	22	0	4	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Frederick	14	202	14.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roc Alexander	22	623	28.3	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Aloha	-5	Michigan St	51-23	W
98	Oahu	+3'	Air Force	25-45	L
99	Holiday	+10'	Kansas St	20-24	W
00	Rose	-1'	Purdue	34-27	W
01	Holiday	+13	Texas	43-47	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	29.4	21	115	3.1	281	54.4	13.4	-2	2001	5	30.8	21	159	4.1	241	58.6	13.0
8*	32.3	22	216	4.8	192	54.2	12.7	-3	2000	7	22.5	18	136	3.8	214	48.6	15.5
5	27.6	21	180	4.2	206	57.9	14.0	-2	1999	6	25.2	20	139	3.9	246	53.8	15.4
4*	25.3	19	134	3.7	227	53.7	14.3	-8	1998	5	28.6	20	140	3.5	271	54.4	14.4
7*	35.0	19	173	4.5	247	59.5	12.0	+6	1997	8	21.6	18	113	3.0	229	52.4	15.8
5	32.6	20	212	4.4	194	50.7	12.4	+8	1996	7	21.2	18	98	2.8	231	51.5	15.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Michigan	13	35-69	2.0	13-22	199	1	21	37-124	3.4	26-45	248	2	+2
Idaho	22	45-212	4.7	19-26	222	1	14	34-130	3.8	12-28	120	4	0
at California	17	45-116	2.6	18-33	290	3	23	32-90	2.8	22-38	280	1	+2
USC	22	41-174	4.2	19-34	267	1	15	41-134	3.3	8-14	152	2	-1
at UCLA	18	28-(-8)	-0.3	23-46	340	4	19	45-325	7.2	9-19	128	3	0
Arizona	26	28-83	3.0	29-49	455	1	22	44-199	4.5	16-28	195	4	-3
at Arizona St	27	41-188	4.6	19-36	252	2	22	37-121	3.3	17-29	320	2	+1
Stanford	19	39-130	3.3	15-28	291	3	16	37-180	4.9	19-34	231	0	-1
at Oregon St	19	30-88	2.9	17-41	193	3	30	57-180	3.2	18-28	317	0	+1
Washington St	25	41-79	1.9	25-38	371	2	21	30-95	3.2	22-35	227	1	+2
at Miami (Fla)	22	45-98	2.2	17-36	194	4	21	37-211	5.7	15-24	202	1	-6
†Texas	22	28-151	5.4	27-54	293	1	29	30-119	4.0	37-55	473	0	+1
TOTALS	252	446-1380	3.1	241-443	3367	26	253	461-1908	4.1	221-377	2893	20	-2
AVERAGES	21.0	37-115	3.1	20-37	281	2.2	21.1	38-159	4.1	18-31	241	1.7	-0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	-8	42-20	W
San Diego St	-23'	36-3	W
Nebraska	-4	14-27	L
Arizona St	-15	26-14	L
at California	-16	30-3	W
at Arizona	-11'	58-28	W
at Oregon St	-24	45-17	W
USC	-17	27-0	W
Oregon	-21	28-31	L
at UCLA	+2'	28-52	L
Washington St	-6	35-41	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+6	42-38	W
BYU	-9'	20-10	W
at Nebraska	+13'	7-55	L
Arizona	-2	28-31	L
Utah St	-21	53-12	W
California	-9	21-13	L
Oregon St	-16'	35-34	L
at USC	+6	10-33	L
at Oregon	+6'	22-27	W
UCLA	+6'	24-36	L
at Washington St	-9'	16-9	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3'	28-35	L
Air Force	-4	21-31	L
Colorado	+3'	31-24	W
Oregon	-2'	34-20	W
at Oregon St	-2'	47-21	W
Arizona St	-10	7-28	L
at California	-3	31-27	W
Stanford	-3	35-30	W
at Arizona	+5'	33-25	W
at UCLA (OT)	-8'	20-23	L
Washington St	-14	24-14	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-22	44-20	W
Miami (Fla)	+3	34-29	W
at Colorado	+4'	17-14	W
at Oregon	+2	16-23	L
Oregon St	-9'	33-30	L
at Arizona St	-6	21-15	T
California	-16	36-24	L
at Stanford	-7	31-28	L
Arizona	-7	35-32	L
UCLA	-7	35-28	T
at Washington St	-8	51-3	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan	-3	23-18	W
Idaho	-25'	53-3	W
at California	-15'	31-28	L
USC	-5'	27-24	L
at UCLA	+13'	13-35	L
Arizona	-16	31-28	L
at Arizona St	+3	33-31	W
Stanford	+1	42-28	W
at Oregon St	-3'	24-49	L
Washington St	+1'	26-14	W
at Miami (Fla)	+25'	7-65	L

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The Cougars have produced some fine QB's over the years including Mark Rypien, Ryan Leaf and Drew Bledsoe. All were big, prototypical dropback QB's with powerful arms. In 2000 Mike Price went with Jason Gesser, a small but mobile QB. Price added 35 plays to the offense to take advantage of his mobility. Gesser had a rough 1st start against Stanford but over the next 5 games threw for 1,346 yards with a 13-2 ratio and had 130 straight passes without an int. After an int broke his streak vs Arizona, he completed just 38.8% with a 3-6 ratio the rest of the way but still managed to lead the Pac 10 in pass efficiency (132.52). He also had 6 TD's vs Arizona in 3 OT's which set a WSU record. Gesser broke his leg after making the first 9 starts. He was fully recovered last year and once again opened the season strong with a 10-1 ratio in his first 3 games including 432 yards against Cal which was the 3rd best passing performance in school history. Gesser got hit in the stomach in the 3Q vs Ore St, returned to the lineup for a little bit of action but then was pulled. Without RB David Minnich to balance out the offense against UCLA, he hit just 16 of 36. He suffered a concussion in the 3Q vs Ariz St. For the season Gesser threw for 3,010 yards (53.1%) with a solid 26-13 ratio. Once again his completion percentage tailed off down the stretch as he completed 56.2% in the first 7 but just 49.1% over the last 5. Matt Kegel (PS#41) is Ryan Leaf's cousin and has better speed than Gesser (4.6) and a more powerful arm. He has had 824 yards passing (44.7%) and a 2-2 ratio in 2 years. Gesser rushed for 350 gross yards and Kegel 72. Both QB's are back but Kegel is in a battle for the backup spot with Chris Hurd (6-2 219 rFr) who was PS#78 (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). Josh Swogger (6-5 242 rFr, PS#109) originally signed last year but reenrolled this year and was in for the spring. This is an extremely deep QB corps and while the stats were good last year, I expect them to be even better in Gesser's senior season.

QB Jason Gesser

RUNNING BACKS - David Minnich followed in the footsteps of the Denver Broncos' RB Mike Anderson. Minnich, a Marine who rushed for 1,576 yards at JUCO, enrolled here at the age of 26 and the tough, physical inside runner led the team in rushing in 2000 with 754 yards (4.6) despite starting just 3 games. He was timed with 4.48 speed last year and again led the team in rushing with 815 yards (4.2) despite missing most of 4 games with injury. Before an injury prior to Stanford, Minnich was averaging 117.8 ypg but after his return in the final 5, he averaged just 54.3 ypg. He is the unit's only loss this year. John Tippins (6-2 220 Sr) was a JUCO signee in 2000 but reported out of shape and Price redshirted him. Last year he rushed for 268 yards (3.8). Price went the JUCO route again this year and brought in 3 including Jermaine Green who was in for spring. Price compared him to Steve Broussard (former #1 NFL DC) and says that he hasn't had a back with that kind of speed since Broussard (and Green is bigger!). Jonathon Smith (PS#20JC) and Lionel Arnold (PS#159JC) are both in for the fall. Arnold was on the track team at JC and runs 10.6 in 100m and had 1,251 yards last year. Allen Thompson (5-10 200 So, PS#227LB) rushed for 150 yards in 2001. Jimmy Wilson (6-1 205 So, PS#75) rushed for 32 yards as a true frosh but will probably redshirt. Lavell Anderson (5-7 170 So) is a member of the track team (10.7 100m) and he rushed for 66 yards. I doubt any RB here will match Minnich's production over the first 5 games of last year but I think the backs are good enough to top his production over the last 7. This unit probably won't drop too much in the overall production.

RECEIVERS - This group has been inexperienced the last few years. Last year they had to replace their top 2 receivers who had 85 rec's combined while the top returnee had just 14. They did get a super addition in starting basketball player Mike Bush who used his 6-6 frame and solid speed to have a great year, exceeding even Price's expectations. He finished #2 on the team with 46 catches (a super 20.8 ypc) and 10 TD's. The leading returning receiver, Nakoa McElrath had a tremendous year and set school records for rec's (72) and yards (1,163). McElrath, TE Mark Baldwin (5 sts, 8 rec) and Jeremy Thielbahr (7 sts, 7 rec) are the only losses this year. Jerome Riley (6-2 185 Sr) was a late JUCO signee last year who had just 7 rec's in the first 5 games but adapted to the program, finishing with 36 grabs and a solid 17.5 ypc. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Price has questioned the TE's blocking ability but all 4 candidates are solid receivers. They add Florida St transfer Devard Darling and Price is very high on rFr Thomas Ostrander (6-1 190, PS#139) and Marty Martin (5-10 185, PS#152). This is the most experienced group of receivers that Price has had in a while and last year both TE's were banged up. Even with the loss of their top guy, this unit looks stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the OL allowed 27 sacks while the team averaged just 3.2 ypc rushing. They lost their long time OL coach last year but brought in Bob Connelly from San Jose St and his SJS OL had yielded just 12 sacks in 2000. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 20 starts but returned 6 players with starting experience. Price said prior to the year that the OL was the best they had ever had here. Billy Knotts began the year as starting guard but was injured. Calvin Armstrong, a rFr, ended up starting the last 10 games at tackle and they had just 1 senior in the 2 deep. Naturally this year's line looks even stronger. The only losses are LG Joey Hollenbeck (9 sts) and C Brian Hollenberg (1 st), as the latter suffered a hand injury which ended his career. I list a talented 2 deep below and now 7 players return with starting experience. The Cougars averaged 3.4 ypc rushing last year while allowing 27 sacks and I look for significant improvement this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When I think of WSU, I think of fierce pass rushing lines. In '99 and 2000 this unit did not fit that description as in 2000 they allowed 4.3 ypc rushing while the defense recorded just 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 13 starts but had 6 players back with starting experience. Last year's group had 2 seniors in the 2 deep and allowed just 3.6 ypc rushing while accounting for 40 sacks. They basically rotated in 2 separate lines so 8 players are in the rotation and 5 of the top 8 are back. Below at one DE spot I list a pair of "backups" from last year in DD Acholonu and Isaac Brown but the two actually tied for #2 in the Pac 10 with 9.5 sacks and both return. They also have 2 VHT's alternating at DT in Tai Tupai (PS#19) and Jeremey Williams (PS#17). Not listed in the 2 deep below is Bryan Olson (6-4 279 rFr). This year the losses are DE Tupo Tuupo (12 sts, 22 tkls, 6.5 tfl), DT Nate Mallory (7 tkls, 3 tfl) and Ing Aleaga (1 tkl) who will transfer. With practically everyone back, this looks like the Pac 10's best defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year it appeared that all 6 LB's from the 2 deep would return but starting WLB Melvin Simmons left the team in August. The defense was hit hard by injuries during the year and true frosh Pat Bennett took off his redshirt vs Arizona due to the injuries. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are SLB Raonall Smith (#2DC of MIN, 10 sts, 79 tkls, 6.5 tfl), MLB James Price (10 sts, 58 tkls, 7 tfl), MLB Alex Nguae (7 sts, 30 tkls, 3 tfl), SLB Serign Marong (6 tkls) and Mike Isaacson (4 tkls, 1 tfl). While the losses are heavy they do bring in 2 top-notch JUCO's in Kevin Sperry (PS#84) and Donnie Jackson (PS#121) and have rFr Will Derting, who would have played as a true if not for a torn ACL. I list the 2 deep below. This has the makings of a pretty good LB corps but there is less experience available and I'll call it weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 WSU ranked #38 in my pass D rankings. Last year 2 starters departed but they had 6 of their top 8 back and got super FS Lamont Thompson back into the lineup after he missed 2000. I called for them to rank near the top of the Pac 10 in pass D and they did just that, coming in at #1 in the Pac 10 and a very strong #3 overall, allowing just 49.5% with a 16-26 ratio. They did so despite losing their top cover CB, Marcus Trufant (PS#160), for 5 games to injuries. Thompson lived up to his potential with 10 int's and leaves (#2DC of CIN) as the Pac 10's all-time career leader in int's. He also had 93 tackles with 13 pbu and will be tough to replace. Also gone are SS Billy Newman (12 sts, 75 tkls, 4 int's, 9 pbu) and CB Michael Freeman (3 tkls). Three players do return with starting experience including Trufant. Not listed below are Hamza Abduallah (6-2 200 So, PS#172, 4 tkls), Cole Sheridan (5-11 183 Jr, 8 tkls), Wendell Smith (5-11 207 Jr, 2 tkls) and Jevon Miller (5-11 189 rFr). Thompson and Newman were #1 and #3 on the team in tackles and overall this unit is less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - WSU had a below average return game last year as their PR unit finished #9 in the Pac 10 (6.6) and their KR unit only averaged 18.6 (see "Hardcore Fans" pg 306). PS#67JC Sammy Moore has been added and had 2 TD's at JC on PR's last year. Adam Holiday handled the KO's and did a solid job. Price did play more 1st stringers on the special teams last year and they had 3 blocked punts with Billy Newman getting a blocked punt for a TD. The Cougars will miss punter Alan Cox who had a solid 41.1 (37.3 net) and I list his replacements below. Price used a scholarship to sign Graham Siderius (PS#3) but walk-on Drew Dunning (earned a scholarship last year by hitting a 42 yd FG in practice) won the kicking job and hit a super 18 of 22 FG's with a long of 49. They will battle it out for the job again this year. I thought this unit was better than their overall ranking last year (#81) and despite the loss of a solid punter, I look for them to move up in the ratings in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going to the Rose Bowl in 1997 WSU finished last in the Pac 10 for 3 straight years with a 3-21 SU record in conference play, and Price put pressure on himself in 2000 and 2001. The 2000 version of the Cougars was the Pac 10's youngest team but last year they returned as the league's most experienced as they had 17 returning starters and 52 lettermen. In 2000 they lost 2 straight OT games or could have achieved a winning record. Last year I said that 2001 had the makings of one of those special Mike Price seasons. Only 3 times in his tenure has Price had 13 or more returning starters because he usually relies on JUCO's. All 3 times he has recorded his best records as in 1992 (18 starters back) they went 9-3, in 1997 (13) and went 10-2 earning a trip to the Rose Bowl and last year (17) they went 10-2. Last year they finished 6-2 in league play but only outgained league foes by an average of 12.2 ypg which was just 6th best in the Pac 10. They had 19 seniors on last year's team and benefitted from +12 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 295). Last year's squad beat #9 UCLA for their first win over a Top 10 team since 1988 and were actually in the Top 10 themselves after they beat Ariz St in Wk 10. The Pac 10 media actually picked WSU for last in the conference in 2001. Overall 19 Cougars made the All-Pac 10 team last year which was the most ever. Amazingly Price has not had back-to-back winning years since he started coaching and that includes his days at Weber St. He was the Pac 10 Coach of the Year last season for the 2nd time in 5 years. On offense last year the team averaged 44 ppg their first 7 but just 19.8 over the final 4 regular season games. QB Jason Gesser is back along with 7 starters on that side of the ball. I like the JUCO RB's who were brought in plus WR Mike Bush is one of the best in the Pac 10. The Cougars will have a top-notch offense once again. Defensively they have 6 starters back and they led the Pac 10 in sacks again last season. The defense was offensive at times as they had 5 int return TD's, 2 fumble return TD's and a blocked punt for a TD. They must replace their top 4 tacklers and will probably allow more than last year's 22.4 ppg. The road slate in Pac 10 play is manageable as they take on what I peg as lower division dwellers in Cal, Arizona and Stanford and I put all of those in the winnable category. If they take care of those 3 games as well as business at home, the Cougars are clearly a Pac 10 Title contender again. I will call for Mike Price to have his first back-to-back winning seasons and this looks like another strong Cougar contingent.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JASON GESSER SR. 6-1 200 *PS#38. 9 sts in 2000, 1967 yds (52%) 16-10 ratio. 12 sts LY, 3010 yds (53%), 26-13 ratio, 350 rush,* ***2nd Tm P10****. Matt Kegel (6-5 235 Jr) PS#41. 951 yds 2Y.*

RB Jermaine Green Jr. 6-2 228 ***PS#63JC****. 10.3 in 100m. Jonathon Smith (5-10 188 Jr)* ***PS#20JC****. John Tippins (6-2 220 Sr) 4 sts, 268 yds (3.8) LY. Lionel Arnold (6-1 205 Jr) PS#159JC.*

SB Devard Darling So. 6-3 205 *PS#68. Orig at* ***Fla St,*** *2 rec (18.0) as true, 4.4 spd. Trandon Harvey (5-11 182 So) PS#65WR. 9 rec (9.2) as rFr. Thomas Ostrander (6-1 190 rFr) PS#139.*

WR MIKE BUSH SR. 6-6 210 *Good size & speed. WSU hoops team. 12 sts LY, 46 rec (20.8) 10 TD's. Marty Martin (5-10 185 rFr) PS#152. Curtis Nettles (5-7 165 Sr)* ***4.35****.*

WR JEROME RILEY SR. 6-2 185 *PS#161JC. 1 st, 36 rec (17.5) here in 2001.* ***Collin Henderson*** *(6-1 185 Sr) PS#110, 24 sts, 43 rec (9.5) 3Y.* ***Sammy Moore*** *is* ***PS#67JC****.*

TE Eddie Robinson Jr. 6-3 240 *PS#70TE, orig at Tulane. Mark Ahlberg (6-5 255 So) PS#147. Russell Mizin (6-4 237 Jr) PS#50. DNP in 2001 (acad), could return TY.*

C TYLER HUNT SR. 6-3 290 *PS#329. 2nd string as rFr, 3 games. 11 sts in 2000, 10 sts at C in 2001. Mike Shelford (6-2 257 Jr) 1 start at C last year and lettered.*

RG DERRICK ROCHE SR. 6-5 295 *PS#244DL. 3 sts in '99. 11 sts in 2000,* ***HM P10****. 12 sts LY,* ***1st Tm P10.*** *Norvell Holmes (6-3 295 rFr). Steve Cook (6-3 290 So) PS#324.*

LG Billy Knotts Jr. 6-7 300 *PS#180. 3 starts as rFr. 1 st LY (inj'd). Phillip Locker III (6-5 305 Sr) PS#363. 3 starts as rFr.* ***10 sts*** *in 2000. 4 sts LY, 3 at LG, 1 at RT.*

RT CALVIN ARMSTRONG SO. 6-8 315 *PS#256OL. Last 10 starts as rFr in 2001. Riley Fitt-Chappell (6-7 300 rFr) PS#94QB. Charles Harris (6-7 290 Fr) PS#412DL in 2001.*

LT JOSH PARRISH JR. 6-6 318 *PS#34TE. Last 7 sts at LT as rFr. 12 sts at LT LY. Sam Lightbody (6-9 310 So) PS#299OL. 2nd string as rFr & lettered. Shot & discus on track.*

K DREW DUNNING JR. 5-11 165 *1 of 2 FG's in 2000. Hit super 18 of 22 FG's LY, long of 49 but 2-6 from 40-49, 1st Tm P10. Adam Holiday did KO's LY. Graham Siderius* ***PS#3*** *LY.*

DEFENSE

DE DD Acholonu Jr. 6-3 245 *Sprinter in HS. 10 tkls as true.* ***#2 in P10 w/ 9.5 sks*** *LY, 31 tkls, 5 tfl.* ***Isaac Brown*** *(6-3 240 Jr) PS#37TE. 26 tkls, #2 Pac 10,* ***9.5 sks****, 2 tfl LY.*

DT FAAFETAI (Tai) TUPAI JR. 6-5 318 *PS#19. 6 sts as true. 2 sks, 12 sts LY, 17 tkls, 3.5 tfl.* ***Jeremey Williams*** *(6-5 290 Jr)* ***PS#17****, 31 tkls, 2.5 sks, 3 tfl LY. Steve Cook (6-3 290 So) 8 tkls, 2 tfl LY.*

DT RIEN LONG JR. 6-6 287 *PS#302OL. L/4 sts as rFr, 5 tfl. 12 sts LY, 33 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl,* ***2nd Tm P10****. Tomasi Kongaika (6-1 300 Sr)* ***7 sts****, 6 tfl in 2000, inj LY. Norvell Holmes (6-3 295 rFr) PS#102.*

DE FRED SHAVIES SR. 6-2 260 *PS#109LB. 11 sts in 2000, 29 tkls, 6 tfl, 12 sts LY, 25 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. Josh Shavies (6-6 315 Jr)* ***PS#11TE****. Bryan Boyer (6-3 245 rFr) PS#92TE.*

WLB AL GENATONE JR. 6-0 218 *1 start, 11 tkls as rFr. 7 sts LY, 51 tkls, 1 tfl. Donnie Jackson (6-1 218 Jr) is PS#121JC. Wes Patterson-Aumua (5-11 197 rFr) PS#308.*

MLB Kevin Sperry So. 6-2 219 *PS#84JUCO. 12 sks, 17 tfl at JUCO LY. Pat Bennett (6-0 225 So) PS#73LB. Took off RS midyear. 11 tkls as true, added 15 lbs in 2000. 23 lbs. Ira Davis (6-0 215 Jr) 2 sts, 15 tkls, 2 sks in 2001. Derrick Dillion (6-2 215 Sr) PS#63WR.*

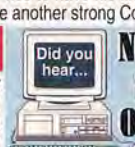
CB MARCUS TRUFANT SR. 6-0 189 *PS#160. Top cover CB. 6 sts as true, 2 int, 13 pbu. 11 sts in 2000. HM P10, 3 int, 16 pbu. 7 sts LY (inj 5) 3 int, 7 pbu. Alex Teems (5-11 182 rFr) PS#218RB.*

CB JASON DAVID JR. 5-9 165 *PS#148RB. 2 tkls, 1 pbu as true. 12 sts in 2001. 36 tkls, 3 int's, 12 pbu, 11 KR (18.9). Karl Paymah (6-0 197 So) PS#288, 14 tkls & 1 PR as rFr.*

SS Virgil Williams Sr. 6-1 195 *PS#189DB. 7 tkls as true until inj. RS in 2000. 2 tkls LY. Aaron Joseph (6-2 207 rFr) PS#193DB. Don Turner (6-0 190 Fr) PS#181WR.*

FS Erik Coleman Jr. 5-10 193 *PS#197DB. 1 st as true, 19 tkls, 2 pbu. 5 sts in 2001, 39 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu at CB. Jeremy Bohannon (5-10 188 So) PS#166DB, 13 tkls as true.*

P Kyle Basler rFr. 6-2 236 *PS#57TE in 2001. Adam Holiday (6-3 230 Sr) PS#366JC. Handled kickoffs in 2001. Graham Siderius (6-2 195 rFr) PS#3K last year.*



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LB	Donnie Jackson 6-1 218	PS#121JC
RB	Scott Davis 6-0 205	PS#127
QB	Carl Bonnell 6-3 196	PS#100
RB	Lionel Arnold 6-1 205	PS#159JC
DB	Flamingo Malone 6-4 210	PS#145
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Nevada (Seattle)	A						Pending 1st 2 gms, Cougars are only 2-6 ATS L4Y as a home favorite. Washington St is 11-4-2 ATS in the 1st of back to back away games. The Cougars are playing their season opener in the Seattle Seahawks new stadium.
Sep. 7	Idaho	A						Washington St has covered 3 straight as a home favorite vs the WAC. WSU is 17-7 ATS in their last 24 non-Pac 10 encounters.
Sep. 14	at Ohio St	G						The Cougars are 2-2 SU and 1-3 ATS vs Idaho. Each of those 4 games were played at Martin Stadium, UI's home field in 2000-'01.
Sep. 21	Montana St	A						Ohio St is 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS but the last meeting came in 1991. Cougars are 5-2 ATS their last 7 vs Big 10 teams.
Sep. 28	at California	G						WSU is 6-0 SU and 2-0 ATS vs Big Sky schools since 1981, 4-0 vs MSU. Montana St was 5-7 SU last year as a member of the Big Sky Conference.
Oct. 5	USC (HC)	A						Cougars are 7-3 ATS in their last 10 Pac 10 openers, but 1-3 the L4Y. The home team is 11-2 ATS in the last 13 series meetings.
Oct. 12	at Stanford	G						WSU is 4-2 ATS against USC since 1995. Washington St is 4-11 in their last 15 October home tilts.
Oct. 26	at Arizona	G						Prior to OSU & Cal, Washington St was 7-0 ATS the L2Y on grass. Wazzou is 2-8 SU and 1-9 ATS in their last 10 vs Stanford.
Nov. 2	Arizona St	A						Mention this ad and deduct $10 off this weekend's Late Phone Package. The visiting team is 7-2-1 ATS in the last 10 series meetings.
Nov. 9	Oregon	A						WSU is 6-2 ATS in their last 8 November home games. The visitor is 8-3-1 ATS in the last 12 series meetings.
Nov. 16								Washington St is 5-11 ATS their last 16 vs Oregon. The home team is 6-3 ATS in the last 9 contests.
Nov. 23	Washington	A						Bonus: WSU is 3-13 ATS but 3-0 the L3Y the wk before playing Washington.
Nov. 30	at Hawaii	A						Washington St is 3-7 SU, but 7-3 ATS the last 10 vs Washington. Cougars are 4-2 ATS in their last 6 Paloose finales.
Dec. 7	at UCLA	G						This is only the 4th meeting of these schools, Wash St is 2-1 SU & 1-0 ATS. Wash St is 16-6-1 SU, 7-3-1 ATS vs current WAC schools.
								The home team has won and covered the last 5 meetings. Cougars are 3-10 ATS in their last 13 road finales.

MIKE PRICE (Career 119-119)
14th Year at Washington State
Price's records AT WASHINGTON ST

73-75	Straight Up	22-19	Home Favorite
71-68-4	Vs The Spread	14-14	Home Dog
28-35-1	Off A S/U Loss	12-10-3	Away Favorite
48-54-2	Vs Conference	23-25-1	Away Dog
		23-14-2	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (23,23,2)
Lost: 21 (8,11,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,751

PAC 10

CB Marcus Trufant

STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	10-1	3-8	3-9	4-7	9-2	37-41
ATS	6-5	5-5-1	8-3	2-9	6-6	6-5	7-3	40-36-1
Home Fav	2-1	2-1	4-2	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-2	10-10
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-3	3-2	2-3	1-0	9-10
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-1	8-4
Away Dog	3-1	1-2-1	2-1	0-4	2-3	4-1	1-0	13-12-1
Favorite	2-3	3-2	6-2	1-2	1-1	0-1	5-3	18-14
Dog	4-2	2-3-1	2-1	1-7	5-5	6-4	2-0	22-22-1
Grass	1-1	0-2-1	1-1	0-4	0-2	4-0	3-0	9-10-1
Artificial	5-4	5-3	7-2	2-5	6-4	2-5	4-3	31-26
vs Conf	4-4	3-4-1	5-3	1-7	4-4	4-4	5-3	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-0	14-7
Off SU Win	3-0	2-2-1	6-3	1-2	1-1	2-2	5-3	20-13-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	2-3	1-0	1-6	5-4	4-2	1-0	17-19

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dave Minnich	192	851	36	815	6	4.2
John Tippins	**71**	**296**	**28**	**268**	**2**	**3.8**
Allen Thompson	**40**	**161**	**11**	**150**	**2**	**3.8**
Jason Gesser	**86**	**350**	**249**	**101**	**2**	**1.2**
Matt Kegel	**18**	**72**	**51**	**21**	**1**	**1.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jason Gesser	**375**	**199**	**53.1**	**3010**	**26**	**13**
Matt Kegel	**43**	**20**	**46.5**	**289**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Nakoa McElrath	72	1163	16.2	9	71
Mike Bush	**46**	**959**	**20.8**	**10**	**65**
Jerome Riley	**36**	**630**	**17.5**	**4**	**72**
Dave Minnich	18	169	9.4	2	29
Collin Henderson	**9**	**83**	**9.2**	**1**	**21**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Alan Cox	64	2628	41.1	–	37.3	1	15

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Drew Dunning	**6-6**	**10-10**	**2-6**	**0-0**	**18-22**	**49**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lamont Thompson	93	0	1	13	10
Raonall Smith	79	0.5	6	7	1
Billy Newman	75	2	5	9	4
James Price	58	2	5	2	1
Al Genatone	**51**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Erik Coleman	**39**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**3**
Marcus Trufant	**37**	**0**	**3**	**7**	**3**
Jason David	**36**	**0**	**0**	**12**	**3**
Rien Long	**33**	**3**	**7**	**2**	**0**
D.D. Acholonu	**31**	**9.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Jeremey Williams	**31**	**2.5**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Alex Nguae	30	2	1	1	0
Isaac Brown	**26**	**9.5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Fred Shavies	**25**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Collin Henderson	**16**	**92**	**5.8**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Erik Coleman	**9**	**199**	**22.1**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
88	Aloha	+4'	Houston	24-22	W
92	Copper	-9'	Utah	31-28	L
94	Alamo	-5'	Baylor	10-3	W
97	Rose	+7	Michigan	16-21	W
01	Sun	-6'	Purdue	33-27	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WASHINGTON STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	35.0	22	133	3.4	299	52.8	12.4	+12	2001	7	22.4	19	121	3.6	252	49.5	16.6
6	25.5	18	121	3.2	241	50.4	14.2	-1	2000	4	32.2	21	174	4.3	238	51.8	12.8
5*	20.7	19	114	3.4	228	55.1	16.5	-4	1999	6	27.3	20	168	3.9	211	52.0	13.9
2	20.3	18	127	3.7	247	47.2	18.4	-17	1998	4	31.7	19	183	4.3	205	52.8	12.2
7*	40.3	23	150	4.1	343	55.2	12.3	-1	1997	6	24.7	19	117	3.2	217	49.1	13.6
6*	28.5	20	105	3.4	266	51.3	13.0	-10	1996	7	28.8	20	136	3.2	228	53.6	12.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Idaho	28	49-241	4.9	19-32	303	2	8	24-74	3.1	14-30	72	4	-1
at Boise St	19	39-110	2.8	24-35	380	1	20	31-54	1.7	18-38	316	7	+2
California	30	36-92	2.6	23-47	513	3	18	27-71	2.6	20-49	296	1	+3
at Arizona	24	51-138	2.7	17-33	283	3	15	25-76	3.0	14-28	190	3	+2
Oregon St	28	54-243	4.5	16-30	137	4	13	23-24	1.0	22-41	276	4	+2
at Stanford	20	39-114	2.9	16-31	240	3	25	46-219	4.8	17-36	220	7	+1
Montana St	32	40-217	5.4	28-43	436	0	20	27-134	5.0	24-43	306	0	-1
Oregon	17	29-82	2.8	18-41	312	2	26	48-446	9.3	14-26	119	0	+1
UCLA	13	40-86	2.2	17-37	190	4	12	33-85	2.6	10-27	140	3	+4
at Arizona St	18	37-97	2.6	14-29	289	3	18	42-130	3.1	13-32	299	4	0
at Washington	21	30-95	3.2	22-35	227	1	25	41-79	1.9	25-38	371	2	-2
†Purdue	15	27-81	3.0	15-41	281	1	28	32-55	1.7	38-75	419	5	+1
TOTALS	265	471-1596	3.4	229-434	3591	27	228	399-1447	3.6	229-463	3024	40	+12
AVERAGES	22.1	39-133	3.4	19-36	299	2.3	19.0	33-121	3.6	19-39	252	3.3	1.0

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCLA	-1	37-34	W
at USC	+7	28-21	W
at Illinois	-12	35-22	W
Boise St	-39	58-0	W
at Oregon	-7'	24-13	W
California	-16'	63-37	W
Arizona (OT)	-13	35-34	L
at Arizona St	+3'	31-44	L
SW Louisiana	-46	77-7	W
Stanford	-15	38-28	L
at Washington	+6	41-35	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois	-12'	20-13	L
at Boise St	-11	33-21	W
Idaho	-16	24-16	L
at California	+4'	14-24	L
at UCLA	+23	17-49	L
Oregon	+13'	29-51	L
USC	+9	14-42	L
Arizona St	+6'	28-38	L
at Arizona	+24	7-41	L
at Stanford	+7	28-38	L
Washington	+9'	9-16	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	-2	7-27	L
at Stanford	+6'	17-54	L
at Idaho	+3	17-28	L
Arizona	+13'	24-30	W
California	+4	31-7	W
Louisiana-Lft	-21	44-0	W
at Arizona St	+7'	21-33	L
Oregon St	+4'	13-27	L
at Oregon	+15'	10-52	L
USC	+8'	28-31	W
at Washington	+14	14-24	W
at Hawaii	+5	22-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Stanford	+2	10-24	L
at Utah	+11	38-21	W
Idaho	-10'	34-38	L
at California	+6'	21-17	W
Boise St	+2'	42-35	W
at Arizona (3OT)	+12'	47-53	W
Arizona St (OT)	+1'	20-23	L
at Oregon St	+13	9-38	L
Oregon (OT)	+9'	24-27	W
at USC	+11'	33-27	W
Washington	+8	3-51	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-9	36-7	W
at Boise St	-5	41-20	W
California	-14	51-20	W
at Arizona	-2	48-21	W
Oregon St	-11'	34-27	L
at Stanford	+3'	45-39	W
Montana St	NL	53-28	–
Oregon	-2	17-24	L
UCLA	+3	20-14	W
at Arizona St	-2'	28-16	W
at Washington	-1'	14-26	L

OREGON DUCKS

WR Keenan Howry looks to fill the bill as the Ducks' top receiver yet again in 2002.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In '99 Joey Harrington split the QB job and threw for 1,180 yards (53.2%) with a 10-3 ratio. He started the final 4 games of that season and did not relinquish the job in his final 2 years. Harrington (#1DC of DET) finished his career an amazing 25-3 as a starter. In 2000 he threw for 2,967 yards (53%) with a 22-14 ratio, tying a school record for the most TD passes in a game (6). Last season he threw for 2,764 yards (58.8%) with a fantastic 27-6 ratio and 163 yards rushing. Harrington had ten 4Q comebacks in his career including 3 last season. Harrington was the 1st QB here to play in 3 bowl games and the 2nd QB in Pac 10 history to win 3 bowl games (Danny White of Ariz St was the other). His 77 career TD's were the most in school history and he threw just 1 int for every 60.7 passes (#3 in the NCAA). Harrington finished 4th in the Heisman Trophy race last season, which was the highest finish ever for a Duck. Jason Fife (6-4 216 Jr, PS#162) won the backup job last year after being #3 in 2000. He got in 9 pass attempts for 71 yards and is the most experienced of the returning QB's. Kellen Clemens was PS#7 and a rare VHT. Mike Bellotti said when he came in last fall that he "is very competitive and works very hard." Scott Vossmeyer (PS#129) had a sore shoulder last spring, putting him behind Fife. He is a mobile QB who likes to call his own number. Last year the team was 37 of 39 in scoring in the redzone which is a key statistic to indicate QB productivity. Clemens has a good shot to beat out the more experienced Fife, but whoever it is behind center will come nowhere near matching Harrington's production, skills and leadership abilities.

RUNNING BACKS - Bellotti has had a lot of success with JUCO RB's (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). Last year Maurice Morris became just the 1st ever Duck RB to top 1,000 yards in 2 consecutive seasons, surpassing that number in the bowl game and finishing the year with 1,049 (5.8). The big news last year was the addition of TB Onterrio Smith (PS#22) who had 189 yards (6.1) at Tennessee as a true frosh. He proved more than just a capable backup as he actually led the team in rushing with 1,058 yards (6.0) including a school record 285 yards vs Wash St. The Ducks became only the second team in Pac 10 history to have two 1,000 yard rushers on the same squad (Cal in '90). While Morris (#2DC of SEA) is gone, Smith is back. Allan Amundson was PS#157 and had 283 yards rushing in 2000 and is a return specialist. He was electronically timed at 4.3 last August, which breaks down to about a 4.18 forty and despite an injury plagued year still had 15 KR's (25.5) but only 3 rush attempts playing behind Smith and Morris. Ryan Shaw (5-11 201 So, PS#177) had 30 yards in 2 games as a true frosh in 2000 and redshirted. Kenny Washington (6-0 200 So) played in 2 games as a true in 2000 but fractured his leg and missed last season. Besides Morris the team also loses FB Josh Line (12 sts, 86 yards). I think the Smith/Amundson duo could be potent and Smith could have one of the better Duck rushing seasons in a long time but overall this group is not quite as deep as it was last year.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Ducks had one of the more experienced receiving corps in the country with the only loss being their #2 receiver from 2000. Keenan Howry led the team in rec's in 2000 and once again last year. He had 52 catches each year but his ypc dropped from 15.0 to 13.1. Jason Willis (PS#186DB) and Samie Parker (PS#94) both topped 40 rec's with Parker leading the team in receiving yards with 748. Parker averaged 18.2 ypc, showing his speed (he is a sprinter on the track team). This year they must replace solid TE Justin Peelle (#4DC of SD, 12 sts, 34, 14.4, 1st Tm Pac 10) but have all of their top-notch WR's back and add in some solid newcomers. Three of the newcomers are HT's and I list them below but I did not even have room for Demetrius Williams (6-1 170 rFr, PS#50). They also have some quality TE's waiting to step in, including a VHT in Willie Walden (PS#14). Last year FS Keith Lewis was very high on frosh Mike Willis (PS#182) and said that Willlis "just blew by DB's" during practice. While the overall production figures to be weaker with the loss of Harrington at QB, this unit is just as talented as last year's version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - OL Coach Neal Zoumboukos has been here 21 years and the last 3 they have led the Pac 10 in fewest amount of QB sacks allowed. They had 5 different starting lineups in 2000 with 7 different players drawing starts. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 19 starts but had 5 players back with starting experience including 3 who started 10 or more games. They had 14 scholarship OL's and 4 walk-ons, making it the deepest OL under Bellotti. The group really gelled together and opened running lanes for an outstanding 5.2 ypc rushing (9th best in the NCAA). This year they must replace 2 starters in LG Ryan Schmid (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LT Jim Adams (11 sts, 3 yr st'r). Once again 5 players return with starting experience including 3 who started 11 or more last year and 8 of the top 10 are back overall. This year's line clearly has the potential to be just as good as last season's although it may be tough to duplicate the same statistics.

DEFENSIVE LINE - One thing Bellotti has done extremely well is develop the DL (see "Hardcore Fans"). Last year's returning DL's had just 5 career sacks. They did add some solid JUCO's and rFr and amazingly, with just 1 starter back, improved again to allowing just 3.3 ypc rushing although the defense recorded only 24 sacks which was down from 33 the previous year. Heading into the bowl game it looked like UO's small defensive front (averaged 259 lbs) would be streamrolled by the massive, powerful Colorado front line. Stunningly they held CU to just 1.6 ypc, their worst showing of the season (49 total yards rushing). This year the line is much more experienced. The only losses are DT Zack Freiter (11 sts, 24 tkls, 3 tfl, 630 squat) and DT Chris Tetterton (11 sts, 20 tkls, 2 tfl). Six of the top 8 players return plus they get some tremendous additions. I list a legitimate 3 deep below. The players not even listed are Craig Dukes (6-3 250 Sr) a JC last year who had 1 sack, Devan Long (6-3 236 rFr, PS#60TE), Adam Isfeld (6-0 283 Sr) and Kai Smalley (6-2 272 Sr, 2 tkls, 1 sk). The super additions are PS#1DL Haloti Ngata, who may go on a mission in 2003-'04 but is eligible this year, JUCO Junior Siavii, PS#12JC Chris Solomona (8 sts, 28 tfl at JC LY) and a couple of HT rFr. It will be interesting to see what kind of magic Bellotti does with this group as it is his most experienced unit in years.

LINEBACKERS - The Ducks had to replace 2 starters at LB in 2000 but did have a 2nd Team Pac 10 performer returning. Last year, for the 1st time in the Bellotti tenure, they had to replace all 3 starting LB's. They did, however, have VHT Kevin Mitchell (PS#25) on hand and he had a monster year as a 1st year starter with 104 tackles, 6 sacks and 17 tfl. In fact, all 3 starting LB's (the M-M-M boys) were hailed as the fastest LB corps ever here and were all very productive. This year only one starter departs in the aptly named Wesley Mallard (#6DC of NYG, 12 sts, #1 w/111 tkls, 12 tfl). The 3 starters got the bulk of the playing time last year. One of the backups, Tyler Tomlin, departs with just 2 tackles in 10 games. Four of the top 6 are back. They also have a couple of JUCO newcomers. This group is far more experienced and looks like one of the Pac 10's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year the Ducks had to replace 4 of their top 8 DB's who had combined for 15 starts. The big news was the return of their excellent CB tandem of Steve Smith and Rashad Bauman. These 2 cover corners locked down the opposition's top receivers and allowed the D to be more aggressive. The Ducks finished near the top of my pass D rankings once again last year at #9 (#4 in 2000). While allowing 284.7 ypg, they gave up just 50.4% with a 15-21 ratio against one of the toughest slates of opposing QB's in the country. Last year's defense had 3 starters return plus got the addition of a VHT JUCO. This year they lose their CB tandem of Bauman (#3DC of WAS, 12 sts, 56 tkls, 2 int's, 16 pbu, 2nd Tm Pac 10) and Steve Smith (#7DC of JAX, 12 sts, 44 tkls, 8 int's, **27 pbu**) along with SS Gary McGraw (2 sts, 32 tkls, 3 pbu). While both safeties return, I imagine that Bellotti is probably just as concerned with the loss of the 2 CB's as he is with the loss of QB Harrington and finding adequate replacements is going to be the key to the overall strength of the defense.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Perhaps one of the reasons that Mike Bellotti has the best record in the Pac 10 since his arrival is the job he's done with this unit (see "Hardcore Fans"). Last year they had to replace their punter, Kurtis Doerr, who was a finalist for the Ray Guy Award, as well as their kicker and long snapper. Their top KR Allan Amundson averaged 25.5 despite missing a few games due to injury. Jared Siegel handled KO's and Bellotti said that he did the best job on KO's in his tenure at UO. The team did suffer 2 blocked punts against Stanford which cost them a win but their explosive return game recorded 3 TD's with Onterrio Smith averaging 27.6 on KR's and Keenan Howry snagging 2 PR TD's. Howry, in fact, set a Pac 10 record with 186 yards in PR's against Stanford. Frosh Ramone Reed was the leading tackler of the special teams despite missing a game due to injury. Punter Jose Arroyo was simply average (#8 in the Pac 10). Overall, UO had another solid finish at #34 and with everyone back, should move back to its normal spot in the Top 20.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year was an absolute dream season for the Ducks and they very narrowly missed out on playing in the National Title game. Never before had the team been ranked in the AP Preseason Top 25 but they started last year at #7 and finished the year #2. They had a 42-28 lead in the 4Q against Stanford but two blocked punts resulted in TD's and that loss ended up costing them a berth in the National Title game. They had their first ever 11 win season and are 37-19 in Pac 10 games under Bellotti. Oregon has amazingly increased its total number of victories each year for 5 straight years as including bowls they have gone from 6, 8, 9, 10 to last year's school record 11 wins. For the second straight year Oregon did win a lot of close games in league play and in fact only outgained league foes by an average of 17.1 ypg despite their 7-1 record. They had 5 wins during the year (Wisconsin, USC, Wash St, UCLA and Ore St) by a total of 16 points. They got a FG with :12 left to beat USC, had UCLA miss a FG on the final play, OSU had a 359-209 yard edge but came up short, and they faced Ariz St with QB Krohn injured and UCLA without RB Foster (only beat Bruins by 1). In the last 2 years Oregon has tied for the Pac 10 Title and claimed one outright crown. Each year I pegged them to finish 4th so I clearly admit that I have undervalued the Ducks. This season they have just 12 starters returning, which is the 3rd fewest in the conference, and last year did benefit from a +16 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 295). They must replace QB Joey Harrington on offense but they are much like the Minnesota Vikings have been in the NFL as no matter who they plug in at QB, he does a solid job. Overall the offense has 6 starters returning including RB Onterrio Smith who is one of the Pac 10's best and a couple of NFL caliber receivers in Keenan Howry and Samie Parker. I doubt they will match last year's 34.3 ppg on offense but they should again be potent. Defensively Bellotti has done amazing things, taking young, small, inexperienced DL's and getting them to play very tough run defense allowing just 3.4 ypc and 118 ypg rushing the last 3 years. The inexperience showed last year when after the Stanford game they were the #93 defense in the NCAA, allowing 420.3 ypg, but they played much better down the stretch including their impressive bowl win vs Colorado in which they allowed the Buffs just 328 yards. Their whole defensive scheme is to put their CB's on an island against WR's and let 9 players float to the ball to stop the run. With inexperienced CB's this year, I doubt they will be as effective as last season when they allowed just 21.3 ppg. They could easily sweep their non-conf schedule which means yet another big season for the Ducks but with a very tough Pac 10 schedule, I do not think they will be able to match last year's 11 win total overall.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Jason Fife Jr. 6-4 216 PS#162. 92 mph fastball. 9 passes here LY, 71 yds, 3 yds rush. **Kellen Clemens** (6-2 205 rFr) **PS#7**. Scott Vossmeyer (6-3 215 So) PS#129.

RB ONTERRIO SMITH JR. 5-11 195 **PS#22**. 189 yds (6.1) as true at Tenn. 1 st here LY, 1058 yds (6.0), 11 rec (6.5). Allan Amundson (5-9 185 Sr) **4.18 speed**. 283 yds in 2000.

FB Matt Floberg Jr. 6-2 244 PS#164RB. 1 game as rFr. 7 games last year. 35 yds (3.5). Ryan Loftin (6-3 233 So) **PS#37LB**. 3 tkls last year. Brett Stray (6-1 232 rFr).

WR KEENAN HOWRY SR. 5-10 170 PS#46. 11 sts, 52 rec (15.0) in 2000. 11 sts, **1st Tm Pac 10**, 52 rec (13.1), 469 PR yds LY. **Keith Allen** (6-1 200 So) **PS#31**, 7 rec (23.0).

WR SAMIE PARKER JR. 5-10 175 PS#94. **Sprinter**. 41 rec in 2001, #1 w/748 yds (18.2). Jason Willis (6-1 190 Sr) PS#186DB. 43 rec (10.4). Kellen Taylor is PS#101JC.

TE George Wrighster Jr. 6-4 245 PS#24TE. 12 gms as rFr. Solid blk'r. 12 gms LY, 12 rec (10.5), 1 TD. **Willie Walden** (6-6 270 So) **PS#14**. **Josh Rogers** (6-3 247 Jr) PS#52LB.

C DAN WEAVER JR. 6-4 295 Walk-on. Long snapper as true. 11 sts at C in 2001, 2L. Ian Reynoso (6-3 300 rFr) PS#156OL. Jason Mohamed (6-3 260 rFr) PS#185OL.

RG JOEY FORSTER JR. 6-4 298 10 sts as rFr (inj in 2). 12 sts at RG in 2001, 2L. Robin Knebel (6-5 315 So) PS#82OL and has yet to letter. No spg due to shoulder injury.

LG Nick Steitz So. 6-4 295 PS#386. 2nd string LY, 7 gms, 1L. Josh Jones (6-2 280 Sr) PS#106. 6 gms, 2nd string LY after limited spg. Nuvraj Bassi (6-5 270 rFr) Canadian.

RT COREY CHAMBERS SR. 6-4 300 PS#156. 2 sts as rFr (miss 6 inj). 4 sts in 2000 (inj 4). 11 sts LY. Mike Delagrange (6-6 330 So) PS#210. Josh Atkins (6-5 320 So) PS#278DL.

LT Adam Snyder So. 6-4 300 PS#154OL. 2nd string as rFr. 6 games including 1 start. Phil Finzer (6-5 300 Sr) PS#200. 2nd string L/2Y, 2 sts, 7 games last year.

K JARED SIEGEL SO. 5-10 178 PS#24. 7 of 12 FG's LY, L/47, 3 of 7 from 40-49. Best KO's of Bellotti era. David Rosenberg (6-0 188 Sr) E Mich trans. 0-1 on long (49+) here LY.

DEFENSE

DE DARELL WRIGHT SR. 6-4 255 PS#125JC. 17.5 sks at JC in 2000. 6 sts here, 22 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. **Quinn Dorsey** (6-4 256 Sr) PS#242LB, 5 sts, 21 tkls, 5 sks. Tim Day (6-4 259 rFr) PS#158TE.

DT Igor Olshansky So. 6-6 289 PS#242DL, **455 bench**. 2 sts as rFr, 18 tkls, 3 tfl. **Haloti Ngata** (6-4 324 Fr) **PS#1DL!** Randall Bowen (6-3 310 rFr) PS#123DL, foot inj LY.

DT Robby Valenzuela So. 6-1 290 PS#102LB. 10 gms as **true**. 4 tkls, 1 tfl. Junior Siavii (6-5 323 Jr) PS#154JC. 9 sks at JC in 2000. Acad ? TY. **Chris Solomona** (6-5 278 Jr) **PS#12JC**.

DE SETH McEWEN SR. 6-5 255 PS#252LB. 6 sts in 2000. 16 tkls, 3 sks. 12 sts LY, 30 tkls, 2 sks. Ed Wangler (6-4 268 Sr) 1 st, 13 tkls 2Y. Kevin Mack (6-2 243 So) PS#102OL, 2 tkls LY.

OLB Garret Graham Sr. 6-4 241 PS#103, 2 sts, 50 tkls, 3 tfl, 2Y. David Martin (5-11 210 Jr) PS#187JUCO. 91 tkls, 7 sks at JC. Inj & RS LY. Erik Cheney (6-0 215 Jr) PS#244DB.

MLB DAVID MORETTI SR. 6-1 235 JC. **4.6 in 40, 460 bench**. 11 sts LY, 92 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl, 1 int. **Tate Pittman** (6-0 226 Jr) **PS#21JC**. Justin Andrews (6-1 215 rFr) PS#147TE.

ILB KEVIN MITCHELL JR. 5-10 212 **PS#25LB**. 2 sts, 37 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 12 sts, 104 tkls, 6 sks, 17 tfl, 1 int, 8 pbu LY. Ramone Reed (6-2 195 So) PS#212, 16 tkls, 11 gms LY.

CB Courtney Miller Jr. 6-2 189 PS#109QB & RS at Illinois. JC. 4 tkls, 8 games LY. Charles Favroth (5-11 185 So) PS#101, 2 tkls. Justin Phinisee (5-10 180 rFr) PS#159.

CB Steven Moore Jr. 5-9 165 PS#188DB. 9 tkls at NB LY. Eddie Smith (5-9 180 So) PS#100RB. Inj'd shoulder L/2 years. David Dixon (5-9 166 Jr) **PS#56JUCO**, 7 int's LY.

SS RASULI WEBSTER SR. 6-0 210 PS#173. 10 sts at FS, 39 tkls, 2 int. 11 sts at SS LY, 54 tkls, 7 pbu. **Marley Tucker** (5-11 173 So) **PS#26**, 11 tkls. 2 int. Jason Jenkins (5-11 185 Sr) PS#34WR.

FS KEITH LEWIS JR. 6-1 196 PS#101RB. 23 tkls at LB as true. 11 sts LY, 88 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu, 3 tfl. 3.78 in 20 yd shuttle. Stephen Clayton (5-11 190 So) PS#96DB, 7 tkls as rFr.

P JOSE ARROYO SR. 5-11 185 PS#180JC. 37.5 avg at JC, 62 punts here LY. 38.7 avg, 23 inside the 20, net of 34.5. Jason Guerrero (6-1 176 Jr) PS#329JC. Eric Evans (6-1 190 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL	Haloti Ngata 6-4 324 PS#1
DT	Chris Solomona 6-5 278 PS#12JC
LB	Tate Pittman 6-0 226 PS#21JC
OL	Albert Toeaina 6-4 345 PS#45
DB	David Dixon 5-9 166 PS#56JC
WR	Kellen Taylor 6-0 180 PS#101JC
DB	Aaron Gipson 5-8 170 PS#102
DB	Marques Binns 5-10 153 PS#117
QB	Andy Collins 6-1 197 PS#90
DB	Parris Moore 5-11 173 PS#144
OL	Enoka Lucas 6-4 287 PS#175
OL	Shawn Perkins 6-5 258 PS#190
QB	Tarell Richards 5-10 176 PS#124
WR	Anthony Trucks 6-1 197 PS#207

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UO	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The opener vs Miss St is the 1st in the expanded Autzen Stadium, which will hold roughly 54,000 seats, adding over 12,000 from 2001.
Aug. 31	Mississippi St	A						An SEC school has never travelled to Eugene & this is UO's 1st meeting ever vs MSU. This is UO's first game against an SEC school since 1977.
Sep. 7	Fresno St	A						The Ducks are 11-6 ATS the last 4 years in September but went 1-3 LY. Oregon is an outstanding 9-2 SU vs the WAC since 1990.
Sep. 14	Idaho	A						Pending L2W, the Ducks are 2-4 ATS at home vs non-conference foes. Oregon is 10-7 ATS the last 17 as a double digit favorite.
Sep. 21	Portland St	A						This will only be the 2nd meeting in school history, Oregon won 58-16 in '94. Won't apply: Oregon is 5-8 ATS prior to a bye week, but 4-2 since 1997.
Sep. 28								
Oct. 5	at Arizona	G						Oregon is an amazing 13-2 ATS in their 1st Pac 10 game. The Ducks have quacked their way to an 8-3 ATS mark vs Arizona.
Oct. 12	at UCLA	G						Pending LW: Oregon is 10-4 ATS in their last 14 October road tilts. The visiting team is 8-3 ATS in the last 11 series meetings.
Oct. 19	Arizona St (HC)	A						Oregon is 3-11 ATS at home off 2 or more road games (1-6 ATS S/'95). The Ducks are 2-5 ATS their last 7 vs Arizona St.
Oct. 26	USC	A						Oregon is 8-1 ATS in the 2nd of 2 or more home games since 1996. The visitor is 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series.
Nov. 2	Stanford	A						The Ducks are 2-7 SU and 4-5 ATS the last 9 vs Stanford. Oregon is 9-2 SU in November the last 4 years but 5-6 ATS.
Nov. 9	at Washington St	A						Ducks are 12-4 SU and 11-5 ATS their last 16 vs the Cougars. The favorite is 7-2 ATS in the last 9 series meetings, but 0-2 the last 2 yrs.
Nov. 16	Washington	A						May apply: Ducks are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 as a home dog. Oregon is 2-13 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1987.
Nov. 23	at Oregon St	A						Ducks are 3-7 ATS the last 10 years in their final road game. Oregon is 9-5 SU but 3-11 ATS the last 14 years in "The Civil War."
Nov. 30								

MIKE BELLOTTI (Career 83-48-2)
8th Year at Oregon

Bellotti's records AT OREGON

60-23	Straight Up	17-17	Home Favorite
42-34	Vs The Spread	4-3	Home Dog
11-8	Off A S/U Loss	10-6	Away Favorite
30-26	Vs Conference	11-8	Away Dog
		12-8	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: **(11-1)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,18,2)
Lost: 17 (9,8,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,926

PAC 10

STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (54,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	6-5	6-5	8-3	8-3	9-2	10-1	56-21
ATS	7-4	5-5	7-4	6-5	6-5	5-6	6-5	42-34
Home Fav	2-4	2-0	2-1	3-2	4-2	3-3	1-5	17-17
Home Dog	0-0	1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3
Away Fav	3-0	1-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	3-0	10-6
Away Dog	2-0	1-2	2-2	1-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	11-8
Favorite	5-4	3-1	3-1	4-4	4-3	4-5	4-5	27-23
Dog	2-0	2-4	4-3	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	15-11
Grass	4-0	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-2	1-1	5-0	15-8
Artificial	3-4	4-3	5-2	5-4	5-3	4-5	1-5	27-26
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	30-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	12-8
Off SU Win	4-4	3-1	2-3	5-3	4-3	4-5	5-4	27-23
Off SU Loss	2-0	2-3	4-1	0-2	1-2	1-0	1-0	11-8

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Onterrio Smith	175	1088	30	1058	7	6.0
Maurice Morris	180	1102	53	1049	9	5.8
Joey Harrington	55	163	107	56	7	1.0
Keenan Howry	4	51	0	51	1	12.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Joey Harrington	364	214	58.8	2764	27	6
Jason Fife	9	6	66.7	71	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Keenan Howry	52	682	13.1	9	48	
Jason Willis	43	448	10.4	0	34	
Samie Parker	41	748	18.2	4	79	
Justin Peelle	34	491	14.4	9	50	
George Wrighster	12	126	10.5	1	25	
Maurice Morris	12	99	8.3	1	25	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jose Arroyo	62	2400	38.7	–	34.2	0	23
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Jared Siegel	3-3	1-2	3-7	0-0	7-12	47	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Wesly Mallard	111	3	9	5	2
Kevin Mitchell	104	6	17	8	1
David Moretti	92	2	7	2	1
Keith Lewis	88	1	2	9	2
Rashad Bauman	56	1	2	16	2
Rasuli Webster	54	0	3	7	0
Steve Smith	44	1	2	27	8
Garret Graham	37	0	3	2	1
Gary McGraw	32	0	1	3	0
Seth McEwen	30	2	2	0	0
Zack Freiter	24	0	3	0	0
Darrell Wright	22	5	5	2	1
Quinn Dorsey	21	5	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Keenan Howry	35	469	13.4	2
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Allan Amundson	15	382	25.5	0
Onterrio Smith	13	359	27.6	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Las Vegas	-4	Air Force	41-13	W
98	Aloha	-5'	Colorado	43-51	L
99	Sun	+3'	Minnesota	24-20	W
00	Holiday	+7'	Texas	35-30	W
01	Fiesta	+3	Colorado	38-16	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OREGON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	34.3	22	193	5.2	243	58.9	12.7	+16	2001	4	21.3	20	115	3.3	285	50.4	18.7
5*	29.3	21	149	3.8	261	52.4	14.0	+6	2000	3	20.8	16	118	3.4	210	43.6	15.8
6	34.2	23	157	3.9	264	52.4	12.3	+11	1999	6	23.7	20	123	3.5	258	53.2	16.1
6*	42.8	23	162	4.1	321	56.9	11.3	-10	1998	8	23.9	17	156	4.2	235	52.7	16.3
4	31.7	21	154	4.0	258	55.4	13.0	-6	1997	5	29.2	21	186	4.8	236	55.8	14.4
8*	34.4	24	147	4.0	302	52.3	13.1	+2	1996	4	32.4	23	185	4.2	252	56.1	13.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Wisconsin	24	34-135	4.0	23-49	278	1	16	32-157	4.9	16-32	231	3	0
Utah	22	32-107	3.3	18-28	270	1	21	35-121	3.5	25-51	252	0	+1
USC	17	26-80	3.1	23-36	223	2	16	32-40	1.3	25-40	411	5	+2
at Utah St	25	45-289	6.4	17-24	261	0	27	25-77	3.1	27-48	378	1	+4
at Arizona	28	51-282	5.5	19-29	325	1	24	36-258	7.2	14-31	225	0	+4
at California	23	51-257	5.0	15-24	206	1	17	20-78	3.9	25-52	244	0	+3
Stanford	18	25-145	5.8	22-42	270	0	22	46-140	3.0	19-38	330	0	-1
at Washington St	26	48-446	9.3	14-26	119	0	17	29-82	2.8	18-41	312	2	-1
Arizona St	27	39-155	4.0	19-32	319	1	17	40-154	3.9	14-37	181	6	0
at UCLA	18	33-161	4.9	13-23	195	3	21	49-120	2.4	14-22	321	3	+2
Oregon St	10	34-105	3.1	11-22	104	1	19	38-107	2.8	20-39	252	0	0
†Colorado	22	28-150	5.4	28-42	350	0	20	31-49	1.6	24-47	279	4	+2
TOTALS	260	446-2312	5.2	222-377	2920	11	237	413-1383	3.3	241-478	3416	24	+16
AVERAGES	21.7	37-193	5.2	19-31	243	0.9	19.8	34-115	3.3	20-40	285	2.0	1.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	+3'	16-9	W
at Nevada	-3'	24-20	W
Fresno St (OT)	-19	43-40	L
at Stanford	+8'	49-58	L
Washington St	+7'	13-24	L
UCLA	+11'	31-39	W
Utah	-7	31-13	W
at USC	+8	22-24	W
at Washington	+21	31-28	W
at Arizona St	+9'	31-52	L
Oregon St	-16	48-30	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan St	E	48-14	W
at UTEP	-20'	33-26	L
San Jose St	-24	58-3	W
Stanford	-17	63-28	W
at Washington St	-13'	51-29	W
at UCLA (OT)	+10'	38-41	W
USC	-7	17-13	L
at Arizona	+2'	3-38	L
Washington	-6'	27-22	L
Arizona St	-8'	51-19	W
at Oregon St (2OT)	-9'	41-44	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+10	20-27	W
UTEP	-22	47-28	L
Nevada	-14	72-10	W
USC (3OT)	-1'	33-30	W
at Washington	+2'	20-34	L
at UCLA	+3'	29-34	L
at Arizona	+3	44-41	W
Arizona St	-7'	20-17	L
Washington St	-15'	52-10	W
at California	-7	24-19	L
Oregon St	-6	25-14	W

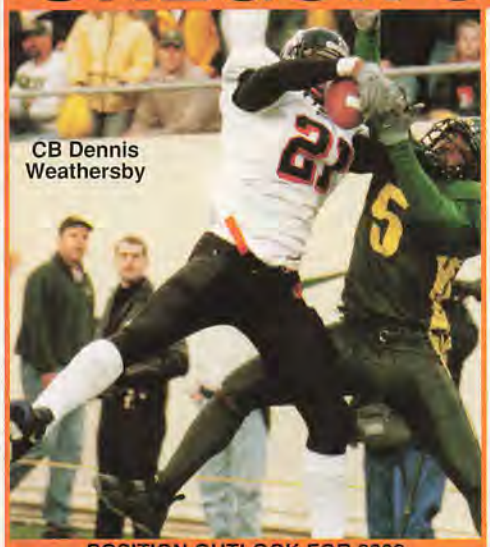
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-32'	36-7	L
at Wisconsin	+6'	23-27	W
Idaho	-21	42-13	W
UCLA	-3'	29-10	W
Washington	-2	23-16	W
at USC	-1	28-17	W
Arizona	-9	14-10	L
at Arizona St (2OT)	-6	56-55	L
at Wash St (OT)	-9'	27-24	L
California	-13	25-17	L
at Oregon St	+5	13-23	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	-11'	31-28	L
Utah	-17'	24-10	L
USC	-6'	24-22	L
at Utah St	-16	38-21	W
at Arizona	-5	63-28	W
at California	-14	48-7	W
Stanford	-7'	42-49	L
at Washington St	+2	24-17	W
Arizona St	-11	42-24	W
at UCLA	+1	21-20	W
Oregon St	-10'	17-14	L

OREGON ST BEAVERS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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - You won't see Jonathan Smith on an NFL roster this year as he is a small, thin, slow QB. However, he put up huge numbers here possessing good arm strength and making solid decisions. In 2000 he guided the team to the Fiesta Bowl while throwing for 2,773 yards (50.3%) with a 20-7 ratio. He missed the spring of 2001 with a broken hand but returned in plenty of time for the fall. Having an inexperienced corps of receivers hindered him and he threw for less yards (2,427) and his ratio dropped to 14-10 although he did complete an admirable 56.8% of his passes. Smith was 24-14 as a starter and leaves as the Beavers' career passing leader. They were going to redshirt VHT QB Derek Anderson (PS#6) but he ended up getting in some snaps vs UCLA and then saw significant action against both Wash St and Arizona and was threatening to take over the starter's job. Smith saw the bulk of the work down the stretch however and Anderson finished throwing for 263 yards (41.5%) with a 1-3 ratio. Shayne House (6-5 227 Jr) has been hampered since shoulder surgery in 2000 and has yet to see action. Ryan Kanekeberg (6-3 197 So) was PS#111 and Adam Rothenfluh (6-3 194 So) was PS#151. Despite the loss of the savvy veteran, this unit has more athletic talent and I think Anderson can come close to matching Smith's 2001 numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Ken Simonton became the first Pac 10 player to rush for 1,000 yards as a frosh, soph and junior but narrowly missed out on becoming the only one to rush for 1,000 yards in all 4 years, missing by just 29 yards (971, 4.1). He leaves as the Pac 10's #2 all-time leading rusher. He and Michigan transfer Patrick McCall were supposed to form a potent duo last year but McCall was bothered by injuries and gained just 203 yards (3.8). Both Simonton and McCall now depart. Steven Jackson (PS#35) is a big 226 lb back with power and 4.44 speed. Although he was expected to redshirt in 2001, he ended up the #2 back by season's end, rushing for 390 yards and a team high 5.3 ypc. Dwight Wright had 97 yards in the spring game last year, but just 2 yards during the season. Josh Farrell (5-9 199 rFr, PS#160), Riley Jenkins (6-0 197 So) and Floyd Wade (5-9 199 Jr, PS#289) round out the TB mix. I'm very high on Jackson but with the loss of a star like Simonton, this unit will be weaker and not as deep in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Oregon St had probably their best receiving corps in school history in their Fiesta Bowl year, led by Chad Johnson (#2DC of CIN), Robert Prescott and TJ Houshmandzadeh (#7DC of CIN). Going into last year they lost all of their starting WR's as well as their top two TE's. Then projected starter Ron Monteilh (PS#65) transferred prior to the season and JUCO's WR Andre Cyrus (PS#38JC) and TE Travon Magee did not make grades. Erickson, at the start of the year, said "TE is a concern." The WR's consisted of zero seniors, three juniors, four soph's and six frosh last year. They struggled for most of the year but James Newson (PS#96) stepped up and was the top man with triple the amount of yards of the second closest man with 968 (17.0). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and there is a spattering of HT's in the group. This unit is far more experienced and of course has some added talent with this year's signees (see Top Newcomers). Also watch for Jason Boyd (6-3 198 rFr) who is PS#101 and was almost unstoppable on the scout team in practices. Not listed below are Travis Brown (5-9 175 rFr, PS#104), true frosh James Finley (PS#30) and TE's Dan Haines (6-4 249 rFr, PS#63) and true frosh Joe Newton (PS#12). This should be one of the most improved receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Dennis Erickson says OL Coach Gregg Smith is the best in the business (college or pro) and he's done a fine job here. In 2000 OSU had to replace 3 starters but they still averaged 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 36 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but did have a 1st Team Pac 10 guard returning. Overall they averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing but they dropped their sacks allowed to 23. This year they must replace C Chris Gibson (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Vincent Sandoval (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Tyler McClaughry (3 sts), G Dustin Janz (1 st, 2nd string) and G Paul Davidian (2nd string all year). Five of the top 10 are back and 2 top-notch JUCO transfers as well as two HT rFr and a VHT true frosh come in. Overall 3 full-time starters are back and, with the solid additions, I'll call this unit stronger in 2002.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Beavers D-line has been getting progressively bigger, as they averaged just 248 lbs in 1997 and were up to a 271 lb average in 2000. They had some outstanding DE's in 2000 and overall last year had to replace 3 starters including a #3 DC as well as 2 backups. They did have 4 of the top 8 back. The 2000 unit allowed just 2.5 ypc and the defense had 42 sacks. Last year the ypc rose to 3.8 and the defense managed just 28 sacks. This year only losses are DE Kyle Rosselle (11 sts, 30 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl) and DE Brian Tulikihihifo (1 st, 6 tkls, 2 tfl). Not only do the bulk of the players return, but they add Jayson Jean-Baptiste (a JUCO from LY who redshirted), a HT rFr, 2 JUCO's who got their feet wet last year and Bill Swancutt, who had 15 tackles and 3 sacks as a true frosh. This unit is much more experienced and keep in mind this unit improved as the season went on last year and should only get better.

LINEBACKERS - The Beavers had to replace 1 starter who was 2nd Team Pac 10 as well as 2 backups last year but did return 3 players with starting experience. This year they lose WLB James Allen (#3DC of NO, 11 sts, 72 tkls, 7 tfl) but 5 of the top 6 are back and they have some HT rFr coming in. I list the 3 deep below and not listed is Jonathan Pollard (6-1 231 So). This group has more experience than it did heading into last year and Seigler and Barnett have each earned Pac 10 honors.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Beavers always finish high in my pass D rankings with a #43 finish in 1996, #37 in 1997 and #14 in 1998. They finished #3 in 1999 despite having only 2 returning starters. In 2000 all 4 starters were back and they finished #19. Their top cover corner, Dennis Weathersby, returned last year but they did have to replace 2 starters and 2 backups and then lost starting SS Calvin Carlyle in the 2nd week. Basically that left OSU with just 1 starter returning. The Beavers still managed a lofty #10 finish in my pass D rankings, allowing just 48.9% with a 13-9 ratio. Both solid cover corners return and Terrell Roberts had 4 pbu against Washington which tied a school record. The only losses this year are FS Jake Cookus (11 sts, 60 tkls, 7 pbu) and SS Eric Mobley (9 tkls). I list a lot of talent in the 3 deep below and this year's CB combo will allow OSU to blitz often and make the defense more effective. I look for a probable Top 10 finish again in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Erickson has been here for three years and his special teams units have ranked #91, #65 and #73. Kicker Ryan Cesca was on the preseason Groza list last year after hitting 16 of 19 FG's in 2000 but hit just 10 of 16 last year with a long of 47. He missed one game and Kirk Yliniemi hit 3 of 4 FG's with a long of 43. Carl Tobey had to replace a 4 year punter but did a solid job, averaging 39.2 with 14 inside the 20. The top KR was Patrick McCall (22.3) but Steven Jackson averaged 34.3 on 7 returns. The top PR Josh Hawkins (6.4) is also back. Terrell Roberts began the year as the PR but got his hand broken on a flagrant foul vs Fresno St and could also be a candidate (15.5 on 2 PR's). The Beavers blocked three punts last year but had one blocked and for the third consecutive year and were a +2 in the TD/Blk category. With almost everyone back, this unit should be solidly improved in 2002.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

OSU had an amazing season in 2000 as they moved into the AP poll for the first time since 1969, ended their 26 game losing streak to USC and finished an astounding #4 in the final polls, their highest ever end of the season ranking (previous high was #7 in 1967). They also earned a share of the Pac 10 Title for the first time since 1957 and had the highest scoring team in school history. Their average winning margin in 2000 was by 16.7 ppg, but they were greatly aided by a +18 turnover margin. Last year they had the fewest amount of returning starters in the league (10). Erickson said after the 2000 season "we stayed healthy all year, we didn't lose a guy all year." Sports Illustrated made OSU their #1 ranked team in the country and they were #11 overall in the preseason poll. Nobody in the country was harder on the Beavers than I was last preseason as I did not even place them in my Top 40. I had them in 7th place in the Pac 10. OSU did indeed finish 7th last year with a 3-5 record, although they outscored league foes 191-183 and actually outgained league foes by an average of 32.5 ypg which was the 3rd best in the league! They probably deserved a better fate in league play as against USC they had a 384-204 yard edge but missed FG's from 35 and 29 yards out and lost by 3. Against Oregon, OSU had a 359-209 yard edge but came up short by 3 points. Last year was only Erickson's 2nd losing season in as a college Head Coach in 16 years but they did beat Washington at Reser Stadium for the first time since 1974. This year they lose just 17 lettermen which is the 3rd fewest in the league and have 15 starters returning which is the 2nd most. I rate OSU as the 4th most improved team in the Pac 10 and last year they were -8 in turnovers which almost made my Turnovers=Turnaround article. They have turned Reser Stadium into a pit for opposing teams as they are 16-2 their last 18 home games and they increased the capacity last year to 35,362. They must replace their long time QB Jonathan Smith as well as RB Simonton but have capable replacements filling in and a veteran offensive front. OSU's scoring dropped from 33.3 to 26.1 ppg last year partly due to the -26 overall difference in turnovers. With a manageable non-conf slate they should be able to outdo last year's scoring output. They had just 5 starters back on defense last year but return 8 this season and they only have to replace 7 lettermen. Overall I rate them as the 2nd best defense in the Pac 10 which makes them very dangerous. Overall I think the rebuilding job that Mike Riley started and Dennis Erickson has continued here has been tremendous. I will call for a 3rd winning season for the Beavers in just 4 years and consider OSU a Pac 10 contender this year.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Derek Anderson So. 6-6 234 PS#6. 263 yds (41.5%) 1-3 ratio, 4 yds rush as true. Shayne House (6-5 227 Jr) PS#159. Shoulder inj. Ryan Kanekeberg (6-3 197 So) PS#111.

RB Steven Jackson So. 6-1 226 PS#35. 4.44 spd. 390 yds (5.3) as true, 5 rec (9.0). Ryan Cole is PS#41. Dwight Wright (5-8 196 So) 4.43 spd. Josh Farrell (5-9 199 rFr) is PS#160.

WR COLE CLASEN SO. 5-8 185 1st true frosh walk-on to start in school history. 7 sts, 23 rec (10.9). Kenny Farley is JC. 9 rec (11.3) here LY. **Deondre Alexander** 74 rec, 16 TD's at **JC** LY.

WR SHAWN KINTNER SR. 6-3 201 PS#67. 1 st, 13 rec in '99 & 2000. 1 st, 17 rec (13.0) LY. **George Gillett** (6-1 206 So) **PS#57**, 4 sts, 7 rec (14.1). Josh Hawkins (6-0 182 So) PS#68, 6 rec (12.2).

WR JAMES NEWSON JR. 6-1 197 PS#96. 11 sts LY, **#1 w/57 rec** (17.0), **HM P10**. Seth Trimmer (6-5 201 Sr) PS#102QB, **10 sts**, 16 rec (19.0). Jayson Boyd (6-3 198 rFr) scout tm star.

TE TIM EUHUS JR. 6-5 238 PS#29TE. 11 sts LY, 27 rec (11.7). Jermaine Jackson (6-3 236 Sr) PS#197JC, 4 rec (15.0) here LY. Pat Loney (6-5 242 So) PS#42TE.

C Matt Brock So. 6-2 297 PS#177DL in 2000. Added 23 lbs LY & 2nd string C all year in 2001 & lettered. David Lose (6-2 309 Jr) DT in 2000, #3 C in 2001.

RG KANAN SANCHEZ SO. 6-4 335 PS#219OL. Last 8 starts as rFr, good size. Brent Bridges (6-2 279 Jr) PS#251JUCO, in for spring. Matt Davis (6-4 305 Jr) PS#432.

LG MIKE KUYKENDALL SR. 6-6 324 PS#97. 2nd string in 1999 & 2000, 3 letters. 3 sts at RG, 7 at LG in 2001. Jason Fyda (6-2 277 rFr) PS#108DL. JC Ronnfeldt is PS#36OL.

RT Isaac Aronson Jr. 6-7 319 11 sts at Cal St N'ridge last year. **Brandon Lockheart** (6-7 330 Jr) is **PS#18JUCO**. Doug Nienhuis (6-6 291 So) PS#236, 2nd string LY.

LT LEE DAVIS SR. 6-4 312 PS#190JC. RS here in 2000. 2nd string. 11 sts at LT LY. Brian Kilkenny (6-5 285 Jr) PS#305, 2nd string LY. Jake Pratt (6-6 268 rFr) PS#176DL.

K RYAN CESCA SR. 5-7 181 PS#28. 7 of 15, long of 43 as true. 16 of 19, 1st Tm P10, long of 49 in 2000. 10 of 16 long of 47 LY. Kirk Yliniemi (6-0 190 Jr) 3 of 4 FG's, long of 43 LY.

DEFENSE

DE NOAH HAPPE JR. 6-5 237 6 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY, 41 tkls, **7 sks**, 3 tfl. Dan Rothwell (6-7 259 Jr) PS#278. 13 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl LY. Derek Hall (6-3 261 rFr) orig signed in 2000.

DT DWAN EDWARDS JR. 6-3 301 PS#148OL. 27 tkls in 2000, 5 sks, 4 tfl. 10 sts LY, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. James Lee (6-5 316 Sr) PS#109JUCO, 9 tkls, 2 tfl here last year.

DT ERIC MANNING SR. 6-1 295 PS#331. 15 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts in 2000, 31 tkls, 2 sk, 11 tfl. 11 sts LY, 28 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, **1st Tm P10**. Henry Anderson (6-3 284 rFr) PS#162.

DE Bill Swancutt So. 6-4 255 **PS#43**. 15 tkls, 3 sks as **true** LY. Jayson Jean-Baptiste (6-3 257 Jr) PS#269JC. Alvin Steen (6-2 273 Sr) **PS#42JUCO** LY, 6 tkls, 2 sks here.

SLB NICK BARNETT SR. 6-2 221 PS#332. 5 sts, 44 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, HM Pac 10, 73 tkls, 6 tfl. Jason Jacobs (6-2 209 Jr) 15 tkls, 2Y. Trent Bray (6-1 231 rFr) PS#127.

MLB RICHARD SEIGLER JR. 6-3 225 PS#230. 12 sts as rFr, 72 tkls, 7 tfl, 10 pbu. 11 sts LY. 93 tkls, 17 tfl, **2nd Tm P10**. Jason Lowe (6-2 220 Sr) PS#56JC, 20 tkls, 1 sk here LY.

WLB Seth Lacey So. 6-1 223 PS#71RB. 7 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr, missed L/7 w/inj. Erik Tuma (6-1 225 Sr) 19 tkls, 3Y. Chaz Scott (6-1 220 rFr) PS#74DB. Jonathan Pollard PS#151.

CB DENNIS WEATHERSBY SR. 6-1 206 PS#144. 12 sts, 17 pbu in '99. 10 sts, **1st Tm P10**, 13 pbu in 2000. 11 sts LY, 27 tkls, 2 int, 14 pbu. 2nd Tm P10. Aric Williams (5-11 168 So) 1 st, 14 tkls, 1 pbu LY.

CB TERRELL ROBERTS SR. 5-10 199 PS#233, 345 bench, 4.53 spd. 29 tkls in 1999 & 2000. 10 sts, 32 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu in 2001. **Rodney Landingham** (6-1 202 rFr) PS#45DB.

SS Calvin Carlyle Sr. 6-0 184 PS#372. 22 sts, 102 tkls, 2Y. 2 sts until inj LY. Lawrence Turner (6-0 192 Jr) PS#185DB. **8 int at JC** LY. Shamon Jamerson (5-11 184 Jr) PS#151WR, 13 tkls LY.

FS MITCH MEEUWSEN SO. 6-3 211 PS#69QB. 9 sts at SS as rFr, 53 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int, 9 pbu. Brandon Catenese, 4.33 spd, JC. Harvey Whiten is PS#178JC. Ryan Cozzetto PS#4K.

P CARL TOBEY JR. 6-2 218 #2 punter in 2000. 68 punts LY, 39.2 average and net of 33.1. Ryan Cozzetto (5-10 195 rFr) **PS#4K**, 41.9 avg in HS, not 100% LY (knee).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	James Finley 6-2 195 PS#30	
OL	Brandon Lockheart 6-7 330 PS#18JC	
OL	J.C. Ronnfeldt 6-3 300 PS#36	
TE	Joe Newton 6-7 240 PS#12	
RB	Ryan Cole 6-0 215 PS#41	
WR	Deondre Alexander 5-11 175 PS#65JC	
RB	Kellen Marshall 5-11 175 PS#111	
DB	Harvey Whiten 6-4 215 PS#178JC	
WR	Brandon Browner 6-3 184 PS#151	
DB	Tone Taupule 6-2 200 PS#184	
OL	Josh Linehan 6-4 250 PS#209	
DB	Josh Davies 6-1 170 PS#194	
DB	Lawrence Turner 5-11 191 PS#233JC	
OL	Brent Bridges 6-2 279 PS#251JC	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 29	E Kentucky (Thur)	A						Oregon St is 10-1 ATS as home chalk over the last 4 years. Dennis Erickson was 44-10-1 SU in Nov prior to coming to OSU and he is 7-2 SU here. This is the 1st time in 7 seasons that OSU does not have a returning QB with starting experience.
Sep. 5	at Temple (Thur)	A						Oregon St is 12-4 SU in non-lined games since 1981. The Colonel's were 8-2 last year and ranked #18 in Div IAA polls.
Sep. 14	UNLV	A						This is OSU's 1st ever meeting vs a Big East opponent. Oregon St is 1-6 ATS in their last 7 road openers.
Sep. 21	Fresno St	A						This is the 1st lined meeting between these 2 schools. OSU is 0-3 SU. Oregon is 8-1 ATS their last 9 September home games.
Sep. 28	at USC	G						Oregon St is 6-2 ATS since 1996 in their 2nd straight home game. The Beavers are 6-3 ATS vs non-conf foes the L4Y, but 1-3 ATS L2Y.
Oct. 5	UCLA	A						Oregon St is 4-8-1 ATS in their 1st conference road game, but 3-0 L3Y. OSU has been outscored 1024-298 with only 1 SU win in 28 yrs vs USC.
Oct. 12	at Arizona St	G						OSU is 5-2 ATS, all as a dog, their last 7 vs the Bruins. Beavers are 2-7 ATS their 1st conference home game.
Oct. 19								The home team is 13-1-1 ATS in this matchup. OSU is 9-3 ATS prior to a bye week.
Oct. 26	California	A						Oregon St is 7-3 ATS their last 10 following a bye week. The home team has covered 10 out of the last 15 meetings.
Nov. 2	Arizona (HC)	A						OSU is 8-2 ATS in November the last 4 years. The home team is 9-4 ATS the last 13 in this series.
Nov. 9	at Washington	A						OSU is 1-8 SU but 7-2 ATS away vs Washington since 1981. Oregon St is 0-7 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more away games.
Nov. 16	at Stanford	G						Oregon is 9-3-1 ATS vs Stanford, 5-0 ATS the last 5 years. Beavers are 8-3 ATS the last 11 years in their final road game.
Nov. 23	Oregon	A						Oregon St is 3-8 SU but 8-3 ATS at home vs Oregon since 1980. OSU is 11-3 ATS their last 14 vs their instate rivals.
Nov. 30								

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Erickson's records AT OREGON ST

23-12	Straight Up	8-1	Home Favorite
21-9	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Dog
6-3	Off A S/U Loss	1-4	Away Favorite
18-6	Vs Conference	9-2	Away Dog
		3-3	Vs Non-Conf

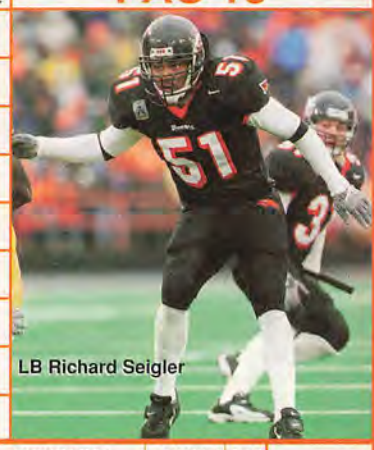
2001 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (21,22,3)
Lost: 17 (10,7,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,412

PAC 10


LB Richard Seigler

STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (35,362)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	3-8	5-6	7-4	10-1	5-6	33-44
ATS	2-8-1	4-7	3-7-1	8-3	8-2	8-2	5-5	38-34-2
Home Fav	0-1	1-1	1-1-1	2-0	3-0	4-0	1-1	12-4-1
Home Dog	1-3	2-2	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	11-10
Away Fav	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	0-2	3-6
Away Dog	1-2-1	1-4	0-4	1-2	3-1	3-0	3-1	12-14-1
Favorite	0-3	1-1	1-1-1	4-0	4-0	4-2	1-3	15-10-1
Dog	2-5-1	3-6	2-6	4-3	4-2	4-0	4-2	23-24-1
Grass	0-2-1	1-2	0-3	2-2	3-0	2-2	1-3	9-14-1
Artificial	2-6	3-5	3-4-1	6-1	5-2	6-0	4-2	29-20-1
vs Conf	2-5-1	3-5	2-6	5-3	6-2	7-1	5-3	30-25-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	1-1-1	3-0	2-0	1-1	0-2	8-9-1
Off SU Win	0-1	0-2	1-1-1	2-2	5-1	7-2	2-2	17-11-1
Off SU Loss	2-6-1	4-4	2-4	5-1	2-1	1-0	3-2	19-18-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ken Simonton	239	1043	72	971	8	4.1
Steven Jackson	**74**	**405**	**15**	**390**	**5**	**5.3**
Patrick McCall	54	217	14	203	1	3.8
Jonathan Smith	32	22	163	-141	1	-4.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jonathan Smith	317	180	56.8	2427	14	10
Derek Anderson	**41**	**17**	**41.5**	**263**	**1**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Newson	**57**	**968**	**17.0**	**5**	**58**
Tim Euhus	**27**	**316**	**11.7**	**1**	**40**
Cole Clasen	**23**	**250**	**10.9**	**1**	**47**
Shawn Kintner	**17**	**221**	**13.0**	**1**	**37**
Ken Simonton	17	160	9.4	1	45
Seth Trimmer	**16**	**304**	**19.0**	**2**	**65**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Carl Tobey	**68**	**2664**	**39.2**	**–**	**33.1**	**1**	**14**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Cesca	**6-7**	**2-5**	**2-4**	**0-0**	**10-16**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Richard Seigler	**93**	**2**	**15**	**2**	**0**
Nick Barnett	**73**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**1**
James Allen	72	2	5	0	0
Jake Cookus	60	0	3	7	0
Mitch Meeuwsen	**53**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**3**
Noah Happe	**41**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Terrell Roberts	**32**	**0**	**1**	**11**	**3**
Dwan Edwards	**31**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Kyle Rosselle	30	3	4	0	0
Eric Manning	**28**	**3**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Dennis Weathersby	**27**	**0**	**2**	**10**	**2**
Jason Lowe	**20**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Bill Swancutt	**15**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Calvin Carlyle	**13**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Hawkins	**33**	**211**	**6.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Patrick McCall	16	356	22.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Rose	NL	Iowa	19-35	–
62	Liberty	NL	Villanova	6-0	–
64	Rose	NL	Michigan	7-34	–
99	Oahu	-9	Hawaii	17-23	L
00	Fiesta	-3'	Notre Dame	41-9	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OREGON STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	26.1	20	127	3.4	247	54.4	14.4	-7	2001	5	23.5	18	157	3.8	174	48.9	14.1
6*	33.3	21	181	4.1	233	49.9	12.4	+18	2000	7	17.7	18	87	2.5	214	49.1	17.0
6*	28.9	22	149	3.9	286	48.7	15.0	+7	1999	5	23.1	21	158	4.0	198	49.9	15.4
9*	26.0	20	116	3.5	256	47.5	14.3	-3	1998	9	26.5	22	136	3.2	255	55.0	14.8
5*	17.7	18	84	2.4	210	46.4	16.6	+6	1997	8	25.9	22	153	3.5	227	53.9	14.7
4*	19.6	17	231	4.5	85	36.4	16.8	-2	1996	6	35.3	19	197	4.5	199	53.5	11.2

	OFFENSE					2001 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Fresno St	16	30 - 27	0.9	21 - 36	296	5	22	35 - 118	3.4	21 - 34	340	1	-1
at New Mexico St	26	46 - 213	4.6	16 - 27	207	1	24	43 - 161	3.7	15 - 29	206	1	0
UCLA	12	28 - 114	4.1	11 - 35	106	3	22	54 - 268	5.0	14 - 28	228	2	-2
at Washington St	13	23 - 24	1.0	22 - 41	276	4	28	54 - 243	4.5	16 - 30	137	4	-2
Arizona	24	49 - 195	4.0	17 - 34	220	0	11	30 - 46	1.5	10 - 24	113	3	+1
at Arizona St	15	32 - 79	2.5	23 - 39	238	3	19	44 - 314	7.1	9 - 27	208	4	+1
California	17	32 - 113	3.5	16 - 29	251	1	19	50 - 225	4.5	12 - 32	120	3	+1
at USC	20	42 - 181	4.3	20 - 33	203	5	11	36 - 33	0.9	21 - 28	171	6	-1
Washington	30	57 - 180	3.2	18 - 28	317	0	19	30 - 88	2.9	17 - 41	193	3	-1
N Arizona	22	40 - 168	4.2	15 - 25	353	1	10	41 - 125	3.0	11 - 26	93	0	-3
at Oregon	19	38 - 107	2.8	20 - 39	252	0	10	34 - 105	3.1	11 - 22	104	1	0
TOTALS	214	417 - 1401	3.4	199 - 366	2719	23	195	451 - 1726	3.8	157 - 321	1913	28	-7
AVERAGES	19.5	38 - 127	3.4	18 - 33	247	2.1	17.7	41 - 157	3.8	14 - 29	174	2.5	-0.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-13	33-7	W
Stanford	+11'	24-27	W
Arizona St	+11	10-13	W
San Jose St	-18	26-12	L
Utah St	-8	24-16	T
at UCLA	+22'	10-34	L
Washington	+24	17-45	L
at California	+5	14-33	L
at Arizona	+16'	7-27	L
USC	+12	0-23	L
at Oregon	+16	30-48	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-7'	48-6	W
Baylor	-7	27-17	W
at USC	+14	20-40	L
at Arizona St	+11	3-24	L
at Utah St	-3'	20-16	W
at Stanford	E	30-23	W
Arizona	+8	7-28	L
at Washington	+16'	34-35	W
California	+2	19-20	W
UCLA	+16'	34-41	W
Oregon (2OT)	+9'	44-41	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nevada	+1	28-13	W
Fresno St	-3'	46-23	W
GA Southern	NL	48-41	–
at USC	+13	29-37	W
Washington	+2'	21-47	L
at Stanford	+8	17-21	W
UCLA	+1	55-7	W
at Washington St	-4'	27-13	W
California	-9	17-7	W
Arizona	-3	28-20	W
at Oregon	+6	14-25	L

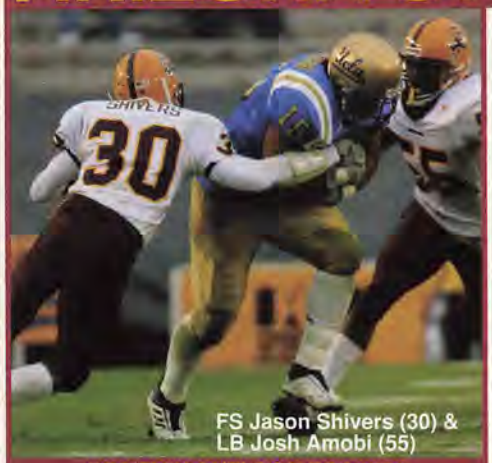
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Washington	NL	21-19	–
at New Mexico	-9'	28-20	L
San Diego St	-16'	35-3	W
USC	+6'	31-21	W
at Washington	+9'	30-33	W
Stanford	-9	38-6	W
at UCLA	+3	44-38	W
Washington St	-13	38-9	W
at California	-6'	38-32	L
at Arizona	+1	33-9	W
Oregon	-5	23-13	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Fresno St	-3'	24-44	L
at New Mexico St	-16'	27-22	L
UCLA	+3	7-38	L
at Washington St	+11	27-34	W
Arizona	-7	38-3	W
at Arizona St	+3	24-41	L
California	-19'	19-10	L
at USC	+6'	13-16	W
Washington	+3'	49-24	W
N Arizona	NL	45-10	–
at Oregon	+10'	14-17	W

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS



FS Jason Shivers (30) & LB Josh Amobi (55)

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 ASU started 3 different QB's but still finished 20th in the NCAA in passing offense and set a school record with five 300+ yard passing games. Former walk-on Jeff Krohn threw for 1,751 yards (49.2%) with a 12-6 ratio to lead the team that season. Krohn was the key to the offense last year and improved his arm strength in the offseason. He passed for more yards in the first two games (637) than any other QB in school history and started with a 7-1 ratio. ASU's season began to go downhill when Krohn was injured against USC and backup Matt Cooper hit just 9 of 17 for 117 yards with 3 int's. Andrew Walter (PS#16) eventually moved ahead of Cooper as the 2nd stringer. Krohn returned vs Oregon St but was not 100%, hitting just 8 of 25. Two games later he was injured vs Oregon. Walter, with his first significant collegiate action coming in a very tough place, hit 8 of 25 for 105 yards with 1 int and was sacked 3 times. Krohn was injured yet again vs Wash St as was Walter so Cooper finished the game. Walter got his first start against Arizona and also started the season finale as Krohn was bothered by injuries. For the season Krohn finished as the #9 rated passer in the NCAA and #1 in the Pac 10, throwing for 1,942 yards (54%) with a 19-7 ratio. Krohn opted to transfer to Massachusetts after the finale. Walter has an NFL caliber arm but has struggled in both offenses in his first two years. He has outstanding size and is more mobile than his size would suggest, but he struggled in the spring. PS#13JC Andy Goodenough has thrown for 5,808 yards and 60 TD's the last two years at Palomar JC and was in for the spring, but did not pick up the offense effectively. Coaches tend to favor their own recruits and last year Koetter brought in Chad Christensen (6-2 199 rFr) who was PS#49. He is the fastest QB here with 4.6 speed and he was the Offensive Scout Team MVP. He was the #1 QB after the spring, but the 3 QB's combined to hit just 10 of 39 in the spring game. Cooper (6-5 247 Sr, PS#64) opted to move to TE. This unit will miss Krohn but it is the 2nd year of Koetter's system and I think the talent on hand can put up similar statistics.

RUNNING BACKS - Delvon Flowers was one of the best RB's in the Pac 10 last year, rushing for 1,041 yards (5.5) but surprisingly was not even named HM Pac 10 at the end of the year. His best game came vs Oregon St when he rushed for 226 yards and he was the #3 rusher in the Pac 10. Tom Pace had 720 yards rushing in 2000 and 438 last year with a solid 6.1 ypc while also hauling in 11 rec's. They were the top 2 rushers and both now depart. Mike Williams (PS#11) rushed for 514 yards in 2000 and had four starts last year but surprisingly gained only 188 rush yards (4.9). Cornell Canidate is Trung's brother and was PS#72WR and could have an impact as could JD Hill's son Hakim Hill (6-0 211 rFr) who was PS#34. Jermaine McKinney (5-11 219 Jr) had 60 yards in 2001. They also bring in 3 true frosh HT's (see Top Newcomers). FB Mike Karney is a prototypical FB at 257 lbs and he also has good hands. I list the rest of the FB's below. This unit has some solid talent but with the loss of its top two guys, I'll call it weaker.

RECEIVERS - Last year Arizona St had to replace a TE that was a 1st round DC of the NFL as well as their top WR but did have a lot of talent returning at the receiver position. This year they lose WR Donnie O'Neal (9 sts, 45 rec, 15.8) and WR Ryan Dennard (2 sts, 19 rec, 17.1, 4 TD's vs SJS). Shaun McDonald had the second best season ever for an ASU receiver with 1,104 yards and a super 23.5 ypc and he makes up for his small size (5-9) with solid leaping ability. Justin Taplin has yet to live up to his VHT billing (PS#15) with 23 rec's in two years. TE Mike Pinkard has excellent size and is a very good blocker who needs to improve his receiving skills and should as a senior. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Daryl Lightfoot (PS#27) was good enough to play as a true frosh despite injuries. TE is extremely deep with a VHT JUCO and QB Cooper moving in. Not even listed below are Frank Maddox (6-3 249 Jr) who was PS#117 and had 7 starts and 4 rec's in 2001 as well as Lee Burghgraef (6-5 228 rFr) who was PS#27. With the top guy back this unit is in slightly better shape than it was heading into last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 ASU's offense averaged 2.8 ypc rushing and the O-line allowed 42 sacks but last year had 4 starters back, only having to replace a #5 NFL DC. Naturally the numbers improved to 4.3 ypc rushing while the sack total dropped to 34. This year the losses are significantly greater with 4 NFL DC's departing. Gone are C Scott Peters (1st Tm Pac 10, 11 sts, 3 yr st'r, #4 DC of PHI), LG Marquise Muldrow (8 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Kyle Kosier (#7DC of SF, 11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Levi Jones (1st Tm Pac 10, 11 sts, 3 yr st'r, #1 DC of CIN) and backup RG Travis Scott (#4DC of STL, 4 sts). The only returning starter, Regis Crawford, has moved from G to LT. They do plug in 3 VHT's to the front wall (see 2 deep) and there is some decent talent here. This year they decided they wanted a leaner group & Hodgdon, Aguilar, Crawford & Niko combined to lose 125 lbs. This group does have some potential but is a lot less experienced especially after losing 4 NFL draft picks!

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sun Devils had a veteran defensive front last year, having to replace just 1 starter. They did lose 2 players who had combined for 8 starts the previous year to injury but still had 5 players with starting experience including their star DE, Terrell Suggs. Overall ASU allowed just 3.6 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks, which were improvements after allowing over 4.0 ypc the previous 3 years. This year they must replace all 3 DT's who were used in rotation in Kurt Wallin (11 sts, 21 tkls, 4 sks), Tommie Townsend (11 sts, 41 tkls, 10 tfl) and Paul Glass (12 tkls, 1 tfl). Koetter went the JUCO route to shore things up inside, bringing in 2 players that I project as the starting DT's, and he should get both Masaniai and Howell back who were the two aforementioned players that missed most of last year. I list the 2 deep below and there are 4 VHT's including super JUCO Matt Mason who will be in for the fall. This unit actually has about as much experience as it did heading into last year and keep in mind that Suggs, due to injury, had never really participated in the full offseason conditioning until this year. Overall I think the line looks stronger.

LINEBACKERS - ASU switched from a 4-3 to a 4-2-5 last year and while they had 2 LB's returning, they did have to replace Adam Archuleta who was the #1 DC of STL and the Pac 10 Def POY. I include the WS in the LB write-up and the good news this year is that all 3 starters return. The only loss is LB Eric Fields (9 tkls, 1 sk). Koetter says that backup LB Josh Amobi had one of the best offseasons in terms of conditioning and they also bring in a HT JUCO, Ishmael Thrower, and Barton Hammit (6-0 217 So) who is one of the fastest players on the team. Some players not listed below are a couple of JUCO's from last year that redshirted in Tyrone Bowers (5-11 225 Jr) and Andy Nsubuga (6-1 215 Jr). This is the second year in the system and this group should be solidly improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Bruce Snyder's final year ASU finished #23 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's and a pair of backups and also switched the defense to the 4-2-5 so the players were learning new safety positions. They brought in some JUCO's and a couple of VHT frosh and I expected them to be solid once again but they dropped to #76, allowing 261 ypg (56%) and a 27-9 ratio. This year they must replace SS Willie Daniel (11 sts, 43 tkls, 6 tfl) but basically everyone else returns to the unit including 5 players with starting experience. I list the 2 deep below and I look for a dramatic rise in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - With Bruce Snyder in charge, the special teams always ranked in the upper half of my rankings except for his last two years when they were just #77 and #63. Koetter's final two special teams units at Boise St ranked #32 and #23 and last year he brought in Tom Osborne (no, not that one) to coach the unit. He was Oregon's special teams coach and had the Ducks near the top every year. Overall this unit rose in the rankings as you would have expected, moving up to #19. They use some starters on the unit and as an example, starting WR Donnie O'Neal blocked a punt. Kicker Mike Barth returns and had a streak of 12 straight FG's dating back to 2000 snapped against Oregon St when he missed from 36 yards. Last year of his five missed FG's (9-14) two were from 50+ and he returns as one of the top kickers in the country. He also put 59% of his kickoffs into the end zone. They allowed only 1 KO to be returned past the 30 in the last 7 games of 2001. They will miss P Nick Murphy who was a Ray Guy semifinalist in 2000 and improved upon his net average with a super 37.5 last year. The top KR Tom Pace will be missed as he averaged an amazing 31.6 per return (#4 in NCAA) but their top PR is back. Pace also converted 3 fake punts for FD's. With the loss of Murphy and Pace, it will be tough to stay in the top 25 this year.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

It was just 1996 when Bruce Snyder had the team contending for a National Title after an 11-0 regular season until their loss to Ohio St in the Rose Bowl. In fact, in 1996 and '97 they were a combined 20-4 including bowl games. Unfortunately, over the last 4 years the Sun Devils are just 21-25 including a pair of bowl losses. Last year Dirk Koetter came over from Boise St where he did a tremendous job. He inherited a veteran team with 14 returning starters. They likely would have achieved a winning record last year had QB Krohn not had injury problems. ASU jumped out to a 3-1 start and Krohn was 2nd in the country in pass efficiency. ASU led USC 3-0 when he went down to injury and the Trojans rolled. Krohn returned to the lineup but was lost for the season vs Oregon and the team lost its final 4 games, all in Pac 10 play. Their 1-7 record was their worst conference record since joining the league in '78 but in league play they were only outgained by 29.2 ypg. The biggest question this year will be on offense and in spring drills Chad Christensen (PS#49) was the top QB and may beat out Andrew Walter for the top job, giving them an inexperienced frosh at that position. That, coupled with the fact that they must replace 4 offensive line starters, makes their offense clearly weaker this year and they will put up less than the 34.0 ppg that they averaged last season. Defensively they should make major strides. They have 8 starters back on that side of the ball and last year were -8 in turnovers which put the opponents in good field position. They played a lot of youngsters on that side of the ball and should be much stronger and I actually rate them the 5th best defense in the conference. Opening up at Nebraska will be a learning experience for them but they should be favored in the other 4 non-conf games, meaning that they may need just 3 league wins to snag a winning season overall. That will clearly depend on how quickly the QB and OL come along but the Sun Devils are capable of returning to the plus side of the ledger.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Andrew Walter So. 6-5 219 **PS#16**. 2 sts as rFr, 546 yds (44%), 3-2 ratio, 78 rush. Chad Christensen PS#49 LY. Andy Goodenough is PS#13JC, 5808 yds, 60 TD's at JC 2Y.

RB Mike Williams Jr. 6-0 200 **PS#11**. 3 sts as true, 514 yds (4.2). 4 sts LY, 188 yds (4.9), 10 rec (8.9), 14 KR (23.4). Hakim Hill (6-0 211 rFr) PS#34. Cornell Canidate (5-9 190 rFr) PS#72.

FB MIKE KARNEY JR. 6-0 257 **PS#120**. Prototype FB. 42 yds rush as true, 4 rec (10.5). 7 sts LY, 57 total yds. Darrel Turner (6-0 253 Sr) PS#137, 3 yds as backup in 2001.

WR SHAUN McDONALD JR. 5-9 172 **PS#27**. 2 sts, 22 rec (16.3) as rFr. 8 sts LY, 47 rec, **1104 yds (23.5)**, **1st Tm Pac 10**, leaper, fastest on team. Matt Miller (6-1 165 rFr) PS#59.

WR Justin Taplin Sr. 6-0 190 **PS#15**. 1 st as rFr, 13 rec (13.0). 1 st LY, 10 rec (15.1), 18 PR (8.7). Daryl Lightfoot (5-9 162 So) **PS#27**, 6 rec (17.7), 110 yds rush as **true**.

TE MIKE PINKARD SR. 6-5 264 PS#36DL. 4 sts 6 rec in 2000. 8 sts, 9 rec (17.6) LY. Solid blk'r. **Aaron Austin** is PS#16JC. Matt Cooper (6-5 247 Sr) PS#64QB, 442 career yds passing.

C Tony Aguilar Jr. 6-3 283 **PS#14DL** in 1999. Lettered on DL as rFr. 2nd string C in 4 games last year, lettered. Trimmed 20 lbs. Grayling Love (6-3 285 rFr) PS#84.

RG Drew Hodgdon So. 6-3 287 PS#121 in 2000. 10 games as backup RG and lettered. Trimmed 38 lbs. Adrian Ayala (6-4 291 So) PS#124, 3rd string LY. No letters. -32 lbs.

LG Tim Fa'aita Jr. 6-1 315 PS#61JC in for spg, showed power. Brandon Macias (6-6 295 So) PS#447. Graduated HS early in 2000. 2nd string but still RS, 2nd string LY.

RT Damien Niko Jr. 6-5 285 **PS#22OL**. 2 games as rFr. 1 st at TE. 2nd string LT in 2001. Ricardo Carlos (6-7 293 rFr) PS#462. Lewis Areyan (6-3 290 Jr) PS#389JC.

LT REGIS CRAWFORD JR. 6-3 302 PS#131OL. 2nd string C as rFr. 10 sts at RG in 2001, moves to LT. Chad Rosson (6-5 289 rFr) PS#198OL in 2000, re-signed in 2001.

K MIKE BARTH SR. 6-1 217 **PS#10K**. 15 of 23 in 2000, long of 49 and 3 inside 50+, 2 game winners. 9 of 14 LY, long of 47, 2 misses 50+. Greg Pieratt (6-0 182 Sr).

DE BRIAN MONTESANTO JR. 6-5 259 PS#110. 4 sts as rFr, 11 tkls, 2 sks, 11 sts LY, 25 tkls, 4 tfl. **Jimmy Verdon** (6-4 265 So) **PS#25DB**. 23 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. Daniel Pryor (6-4 244 Jr) PS#250JC.

DT Matt Mason Jr. 6-4 265 **PS#10JC**. 11.5 sks at JUCO LY. Chad Howell (6-4 270 Jr) PS#143. 2 sts, 5 tfl, 15 tkls in 2000. RS LY(inj). Phil Howard (6-3 272 Sr) 5 tkls LY.

DT Shane Jones Jr. 6-1 297 PS#190JC, in for spring. Danny Masaniai (6-2 326 Sr) PS#351JUCO. **6 sts** in 2000, 9 tkls, 1 sk, inj'd LY. James Beal (6-1 275 Sr) 1 tkl LY.

DE TERRELL SUGGS JR. 6-3 242 **PS#11**. 10 sts as **true**, 48 tkls, 10 sks, 6 tfl, 11 sts LY, 42 tkls, **10 sks**, 8 tfl. 3 pbu, added 10 lbs. Jared Wolfgramm (6-4 225 So) PS#31DL.

SLB MASON UNCK SR. 6-3 238 10 sts, 57 tkls, 8.5 tfl in 1999. Inj in 2000. 11 sts, 61 tkls, 7 tfl LY. Ishmael Thrower is **PS#37JUCO**. Connor Banks (6-2 228 So) PS#148TE.

MLB SOLOMON BATES SR. 6-2 261 **PS#14**. 6 sts as true. 12 sts in 2000, 99 tkls, 3 sks, 9 tfl. 9 sts LY. 49 tkls, 6 tfl. Josh Amobi (6-2 219 Sr) PS#126RB, 2 sts, 46 tkls, 3 tfl last year.

WS ALFRED WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 203 PS#217. 7 sts, 50 tkls in '99. 12 sts, 94 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 10 sts, 52 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Michael Holloway (6-0 201 So) PS#87, 12 tkls. Joey Smith (5-11 198 rFr) PS#92.

CB R.J. OLIVER SO. 5-9 172 PS#174. 9 sts, 50 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu as rFr. **Courtney Sterling** (5-7 166 rFr) **PS#48DB**, 10.2 in 100m. Adrian Thomas (6-0 186 Jr) 25 tkls LY.

CB LAMAR BAKER SO. 5-10 196 PS#31. 7 sts as **true**. 40 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 int. Emmanuel Franklin (5-11 183 So) PS#65LB. 6 sts, 34 tkls, 3 pbu. OJ Hackett (5-10 155 Sr) PS#357JC.

SS Riccardo Stewart So. 5-10 194 PS#83WR. 3 starts as rFr, 52 tkls. Brandon Falkner (6-0 200 Sr) PS#19, 32 tkls, 3Y. Patrick Wilson (5-10 194 Sr) 36 tkls, 3 years.

FS JASON SHIVERS SO. 6-1 190 PS#75. 9 starts as **true**, **#1 tackler** with 89, 2 tfl. Brett Hudson (6-2 205 Jr) PS#146JUCO, 6 int's at JC last year. Matt Fawley is PS#142.

P Tim Parker Jr. 6-0 182 PS#190JC. Avg'd 43.2 on punts and hit 12 of 21 FG's at JUCO in 2000. RS here LY. Brian Biang (6-0 203 Sr) PS#33, 45.0 avg in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DE	Matt Mason 6-4 265 PS#10JC	
QB	Andy Goodenough 6-4 214 PS#13JC	
TE	Aaron Austin 6-5 255 PS#16JC	
WR	Terry Richardson 6-1 190 PS#38	
LB	Ishmael Thrower 6-2 215 PS#37JC	
RB	Loren Wade 6-0 215 PS#43	
RB	Randy Hill 6-2 200 PS#50	
OL	Tim Fa'aita 6-1 315 PS#61JC	
TE	Jamaal Lewis 6-4 225 PS#28	
RB	Mike Talbot 6-2 230 PS#79	
DL	Ricky Parker 6-4 233 PS#78	
DB	Andre Bailey 6-3 195 PS#63	
OL	Stephen Berg 6-6 310 PS#89	
QB	Kellen Bradley 6-3 195 PS#74	

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ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The SU winner is 11-2-1 ATS in the UCLA series. Arizona St is 9-0 SU and 5-1-1 ATS vs current WAC schools. ASU is 52-16-3 SU (6-2-1 ATS since 1993) in Homecoming games.
Aug. 24	at Nebraska BCA Classic	A						Sun Devils are 4-6 ATS (0-4 L4Y) in their last 10 away openers. ASU is 1-3 SU & ATS in the series but won the last meeting 19-0 as 25 pt HD in '96.
Aug. 31	E Washington	G						EWU finished 7-4 last year and has had 3 straight winning seasons. The EWU Eagles led NCAA Div IAA in total offense and ppg last year.
Sep. 7	UCF	G						Arizona St is 9-4-1 ATS at home in September the last 6 years. The Sun Devils have won 5 of the L/6 as a home favorite vs non-conf foes.
Sep. 14	at San Diego St	G						Could apply, pending L3W but, ASU is 26-15-2 ATS off a SU win the L7Y. Sun Devils are 19-10-2 ATS as a dog since 1995, pending opener.
Sep. 21								
Sep. 28	Stanford	G						Arizona St is 4-8-2 ATS in their first Pac 10 HG of the season. ASU is 11-5 SU and 9-7 ATS vs Stanford since 1981.
Oct. 5	N Carolina	G						ASU is 5-2 ATS vs non-conf foes when they are sandwiched by conf opp. ASU is 20-6-1 ATS in October since 1995.
Oct. 12	Oregon St	G						Sun Devils are 11-4-1 ATS when hosting an artificial turf team. The home team is 12-1-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 19	at Oregon	A						Sun Devils are 2-6-1 ATS in their last 9 sandwiched away games. The Sun Devils are 5-2 ATS vs the Ducks.
Oct. 26	Washington (HC)	G						ASU is 22-13 ATS the final 5 games of the year, but 1-4 ATS last year. The home team is a dismal 2-10-2 ATS in this series.
Nov. 2	at Washington St	A						Pending earlier results, ASU came into 2002 13-6 ATS as a road dog of 7 or more. Sun Devils are 5-2-1 ATS their last 8 vs the Cougars.
Nov. 9	California	G						Pending earlier results, ASU is 32-20-4 ATS vs Pac 10 opponents S/'95. ASU is 7-2 ATS in the Cal series. Also 9-2-3 ATS S/'94 in sandwiched HG's.
Nov. 16	at USC	G						ASU has dropped their L/4 SU & ATS before the UA gm by an avg of 22 pts. The home team is 5-2 ATS in the last 7 series meetings.
Nov. 29	at Arizona (Fri)	G						Sun Devils are 3-5 SU but 5-3 ATS vs the Wildcats the last 8 meetings. The visitor has covered 9 of the last 10 in this Cactus Clash.

DIRK KOETTER (Career 30-17)

2nd Year at Arizona St

Koetter's records AT ARIZONA STATE

4-7	Straight Up	4-2	Home Favorite
5-6	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Dog
3-3	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
2-6	Vs Conference	1-3	Away Dog
		3-0	Vs Non-Conf

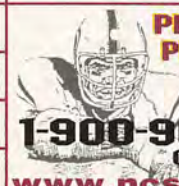
2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (17,23,1)
Lost: 20 (10,8,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,285

PAC 10



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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	11-0	8-3	5-6	6-5	6-5	4-7	46-31
ATS	6-3-2	9-1-1	6-5	4-7	7-4	6-3-2	5-6	43-29-5
Home Fav	1-1-2	5-0-1	3-3	2-4	2-2	2-1	4-2	19-13-3
Home Dog	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0-1	0-1	7-1-1
Away Fav	0-0	3-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	5-6
Away Dog	3-2	0-0	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-1-1	1-3	12-9-1
Favorite	1-1-2	8-1-1	3-5	3-5	2-3	3-2	4-2	24-19-3
Dog	5-2	1-0	3-0	1-2	5-1	3-1-2	1-4	19-10-2
Grass	4-2-2	9-0-1	5-4	3-6	5-4	5-3-2	5-5	36-24-5
Artificial	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	7-5
vs Conf	5-2-1	6-1-1	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-2-2	2-6	32-20-4
vs Non-Conf	1-1-1	3-0	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-1	3-0	11-9-1
Off SU Win	3-3	9-1	5-3	3-2	2-3	3-0-2	1-3	26-15-2
Off SU Loss	2-0-2	0-0	1-1	1-4	4-1	3-2	3-3	14-11-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Delvon Flowers	188	1083	42	1041	11	5.5
Tom Pace	72	454	16	438	5	6.1
Mike Williams	**38**	**194**	**6**	**188**	**3**	**4.9**
Daryl Lightfoot	**12**	**113**	**3**	**110**	**0**	**9.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Krohn	213	115	54.0	1942	19	7
Andrew Walter	**86**	**38**	**44.2**	**546**	**3**	**2**
Matt Cooper	**43**	**21**	**48.8**	**273**	**1**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Shaun McDonald	**47**	**1104**	**23.5**	**10**	**68**
Donnie O'Neal	45	711	15.8	4	58
Ryan Dennard	19	325	17.1	5	62
Justin Taplin	**10**	**151**	**15.1**	**2**	**40**
Mike Pinkard	**9**	**158**	**17.6**	**1**	**34**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Nick Murphy	52	2137	41.1	–	37.5	0	15

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Barth	**2-2**	**4-5**	**3-5**	**0-2**	**9-14**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Shivers	**89**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Mason Unck	**61**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**0**
Alfred Williams	**52**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**2**
Riccardo Stewart	**52**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
RJ Oliver	**50**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**2**
Solomon Bates	**49**	**1**	**5**	**6**	**0**
Josh Amobi	**46**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Willie Daniel	43	1	5	0	0
Terrell Suggs	**42**	**10**	**8**	**3**	**0**
Tommie Townsend	41	1	9	0	1
Lamar Baker	**40**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**
Emmanuel Franklin	**34**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**
Adrian Thomas	**25**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Justin Taplin	**18**	**157**	**8.7**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tom Pace	17	537	31.6	1
Mike Williams	**14**	**328**	**23.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Freedom	-6'	Air Force	33-28	L
96	Rose	+2	Ohio St	17-20	L
97	Sun	+6'	Iowa	17-7	W
99	Aloha	-3	Wake Forest	3-23	L
00	Aloha	-3'	Boston College	17-31	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARIZONA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	34.0	19	167	4.3	259	51.1	12.5	-8	2001	7	32.8	21	138	3.6	261	55.6	12.2
7*	26.1	20	116	2.8	263	47.2	14.5	+8	2000	6	25.3	19	168	4.3	232	49.0	15.9
7*	23.8	20	172	4.0	218	52.6	16.4	-9	1999	7	25.9	19	166	4.3	223	51.2	15.0
8*	30.3	21	153	3.7	259	56.1	13.6	-2	1998	3	30.7	21	149	4.1	258	52.8	13.2
5	27.0	19	200	4.5	204	51.9	15.0	+8	1997	5	17.5	17	105	2.9	221	47.1	18.6
9*	40.6	24	234	4.9	240	56.3	11.7	+10	1996	8	18.0	17	101	2.8	205	45.7	17.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
San Diego St	24	39 - 154	3.9	27 - 36	271	0	11	35 - 88	2.5	10 - 29	102	5	+1
at Stanford	18	23 - 86	3.7	23 - 47	418	0	23	44 - 223	5.1	22 - 33	325	3	-3
San Jose St	22	52 - 224	4.3	15 - 22	229	2	21	24 - 63	2.6	24 - 40	272	1	+2
Louisiana-Lft	23	42 - 215	5.1	14 - 27	328	1	18	32 - 114	3.6	22 - 47	252	3	0
at USC	13	35 - 143	4.1	14 - 25	155	2	19	43 - 118	2.7	18 - 26	295	3	-3
Oregon St	19	44 - 314	7.1	9 - 27	208	4	15	32 - 79	2.5	23 - 39	238	3	-1
Washington	22	37 - 121	3.3	17 - 29	320	2	27	41 - 186	4.5	19 - 36	254	2	-1
at Oregon	17	40 - 154	3.9	14 - 37	181	6	27	39 - 155	4.0	19 - 32	319	1	0
Washington St	18	42 - 130	3.1	13 - 32	299	4	18	37 - 97	2.6	14 - 29	289	3	0
Arizona	20	33 - 113	3.4	16 - 37	217	6	25	44 - 163	3.7	18 - 29	225	3	-2
at UCLA	18	37 - 184	5.0	16 - 29	226	7	27	48 - 237	4.9	21 - 38	299	1	-1
TOTALS	214	424 - 1838	4.3	178 - 348	2852	34	231	419 - 1523	3.6	210 - 378	2870	28	-8
AVERAGES	19.5	39 - 167	4.3	16 - 32	259	3.1	21.0	38 - 138	3.6	19 - 34	261	2.5	-0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-39'	41-10	L
at Miami (Fla)	+9'	23-12	W
BYU	-8'	10-13	L
at Oregon St	-11	13-10	L
at Washington	+15	14-26	W
USC	-2'	35-7	W
at Stanford	+1'	31-14	W
Washington St	-3'	44-31	W
at California	-11	28-21	L
Oregon	-9'	52-31	W
Arizona	-9	16-28	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-6	38-42	L
at BYU	-6'	6-26	L
N Texas	-37	34-15	L
Oregon St	-10'	24-3	W
at USC	+3'	24-35	L
Notre Dame	-3'	9-28	L
Stanford (OT)	-15'	44-38	L
at Washington St	-6'	38-28	W
California	-5'	55-22	W
at Oregon	+8'	19-51	L
at Arizona	+11'	42-50	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas Tech	-6'	31-13	W
New Mexico St	-25'	7-35	L
at California	-1'	23-24	L
UCLA	+1'	28-27	W
at Notre Dame	+12'	17-48	L
at Washington	+10	28-7	W
Washington St	-7'	33-21	W
at Oregon	+7'	17-20	W
at USC	+6	26-16	W
Stanford	-2'	30-50	L
Arizona	+1'	42-27	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	-4	10-7	L
Colorado St	+3	13-10	W
Utah St	-21'	44-20	W
at UCLA	+7	31-38	T
California	-7	30-10	W
Washington	+6	15-21	T
at Wash St (OT)	-1'	23-20	W
Oregon (2OT)	+6	55-56	W
USC (2OT)	-3	38-44	L
at Stanford	+2	7-29	L
at Arizona	+6'	30-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Diego St	-7	38-7	W
at Stanford	+3'	28-51	L
San Jose St	-15'	53-15	W
Louisiana-Lft	-33	63-27	W
at USC	+2	17-48	L
Oregon St	-3	41-24	W
Washington	-3	31-33	L
at Oregon	+11	24-42	L
Washington St	+2'	16-28	L
Arizona	-7'	21-34	L
at UCLA	+10'	42-52	W

STANFORD CARDINAL

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Randy Fasani was an outstanding college player with a great team first attitude. He was PS#2QB but in his 1st couple of years could not win the starting job and volunteered to move to TE or LB, all the while excelling on special teams. When projected starter Joe Borchard decided to play baseball in 2000, Fasani moved back to QB and had 8 starts. He was 5-3 but missed 3 games due to an injury and finished only 4 of his 8 starts. With Fasani as the starter, the team averaged 29.8 ppg but without him just 7.6 ppg and they were 0-3. In fairness to backup Chris Lewis, his 3 starts all came against top-notch competition (Ariz, ND and Ore St). Lewis threw for 1,179 yards (45%) with an 8-5 ratio but did come off the bench to lead comeback wins vs Texas and USC. Fasani had 8 starts again last year, throwing for 1,594 yards (51.6%) with a 13-4 ratio. Once again, Fasani was injured and he missed 4 games. He departs and was a 5th round NFL DC (CAR). Lewis came off the bench vs Oregon and hit just 5 of his first 16 passes. It appeared the Cards were in trouble but he finished hitting 7 of his last 10 for 154 yards and then followed that up by hitting 20 of 29 for 250 yards and 3 TD's in an upset of UCLA. Lewis went 3-1 as a starter last year and improved his numbers to 1,387 yards (55%) with a 13-8 ratio. Like Fasani, Lewis was PS#2. When Fasani went down, Ryan Eklund (6-7 205 So, PS#107) took over the backup spot but did not get in a pass. Kyle Matter was PS#17. Lewis has a very strong arm, and is a top-notch runner, and has improved his passing skills greatly each year. Fasani's stats were not overwhelming and Lewis has a shot at equalling or even surpassing the production from last year's unit.

RUNNING BACKS - Kerry Carter (PS#45) would have been rated higher out of HS but he played in Canada. After rushing for 333 yards as a true frosh, he led the team with 729 yards (4.1) in 2000 despite not starting. Brian Allen who had perhaps the best speed of the RB's, led the team in rushing in '99 with 608 yards and had 460 (3.9) in 11 starts in 2000. Last year both were back but nobody could have foreseen the final results which saw Stanford rush for 2,336 yards. It was only the third time in school history that the team topped 2,000 yards rushing and thefirst time since '57. It was also the first time they averaged over 4.4 ypc in the regular season since '57 and the first time since the Pac 10 began keeping stats in '52 that they led the conference in rushing. Allen had 11 starts and led the team with a solid 5.2 ypc and 940 yards. Carter once again did not start and this time had 493 yards (3.7). Both were injured down the stretch and the 3rd & 4th stringers saw action. Kenneth Tolon (6-1 190 So) was PS#158DB. After having an impressive spring he had just 10 yards after 7 games but rushed for 336 yards and a solid 7.0 ypc over the last 4 of the regular season. FB Casey Moore rushed for 221 yards (6.3) and is a 3 year starter. Justin Faust (6-0 210 Jr) was PS#101 and after having 11 yards in 2000, rushed for 152 (3.8). Added in this year is JR Lemon (6-1 213 rFr, PS#20) and FB Chris Rudiger (PS#15). Although Carter was not officially a starter, he had more carries than Allen did in the last 2 years. While Allen (#6DC of IND) is their only loss, it's going to be tough to duplicate last year's outstanding numbers so I'll call this unit a little weaker in 2002.

DT Matt Leonard

RECEIVERS - In 2000 the Cardinal had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers including Troy Walters who was the Pac 10's all-time leading receiver. They ended up basically being a one man show as DeRonnie Pitts had 77 rec's and over 4 times as many yards as the #2 man. Stanford's offense went from averaging 34.8 ppg to 23.7 because unlike Walters, (19.6 ypc), Pitts was not a gamebreaker (11.5) and was not drafted by the NFL. Five of the top six receivers were back last year and diminutive Luke Powell was thought to be the gamebreaker after averaging 27.9 ypc in 2000. Despite being third on the team in rec's with 18, he had more than double the yards than the #2 receiver Ryan Wells did in 2000. As expected, Powell gave them the game breaking edge as he led the team with 45 rec's (19.6). Teyo Johnson moved in from QB and despite not starting, was #2 in rec's with 44 (13.9). Wells, thanks to Powell stretching defenses, had 33 rec's (16.1). TE Brett Pierce (PS#9) also got into the mix with 21 rec's. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Justin McCullum (6-4 210 rFr, PS#49), Gerren Crochet (6-1 160 rFr, PS#63) and Caleb Bowman (6-1 185 Sr, PS#65). A lot has been expected from Nick Sebes (PS#24QB), who is one of the team's fastest players, but in a backup role he has had just 6 rec's (20.0). This year basically everyone is back and this is one of the best receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 Stanford had to replace two 1st Team Pac 10 players, both of whom were 4 year starters, at the crucial C and LT positions. Even with 3 starters returning they gained just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks. Last year all 5 starters returned and Kwame Harris (PS#1) worked his way into the starting lineup as a soph taking over for one of them. I said this should be one of the Pac 10's best OL's last year and the unit, which averaged 6-5 303, paved the way for the Pac 10's best rushing attack with 4.3 ypc rushing while only allowing 27 sacks. This year they do suffer some losses in C Zack Quaccia (#7DC of TB. 12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm P10) and RG Eric Heitmann (#7DC of SF, 12 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm P10). Former HC Tyrone Willingham did a great job recruiting and there are 5 VHT's listed in the 2 deep below. New HC Buddy Teevens also landed 4 of the top 68 OL's out of HS this year, some of whom could be blended into the 2 deep. This still looks like one of the Pac 10's best OL's but it is a little less experienced than last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year Stanford had to replace 2 starters including a #2 DC but five players returned with starting experience. They did lose their top DL Matt Leonard after 5 starts due to injury so basically they only had 1 starter returning, yet they led the Pac 10 in rushing defense. Their 4 starters started only 33 of a possible 48 games due to injuries and the defense overall had just 21 sacks with the rush defense allowing 3.6 ypc. This year they must replace DE Marcus Hoover (12 sts, 2nd Tm P10, 33 tkls, 6 tfl), DE Austin Lee (8 sts, 25 tkls, 5.5 tfl) and NT Travis Pfeifer (8 sts, 29 tkls, 6 tfl). Five of the top 8 are back and Leonard's return is a huge positive. You'll also notice that all 4 of the starters listed below were rated among the top 17 at their position coming out of HS. They add another VHT true frosh this year as well as a VHT soph and some HT rFr. Despite the losses, I think this unit should come close to last year's standards and possibly even be improved.

LINEBACKERS - Willingham ran a defense with 1 OLB and 2 ILB's. Last year the top 4 ILB's were all back and they only had to replace 1 player but it was an NFL DC. All 3 starters were seniors and naturally all 3 depart. Gone are ILB Coy Wire (#3DC of BUF, 12 sts, 103 tkls, 13 tfl, 1st Tm P10), ILB Matt Friedrichs (12 sts, 61 tkls, 9 tfl) and OLB Anthony Gabriel (10 sts, 34 tkls, 7 tfl, HM P10). Michael Craven should be an immediate star as he was PS#1 and got bigger and stronger while redshirting. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and while talented, this group is far less experienced than last season and is definitely weaker especially considering that last year's backup LB's combined for 20 tackles and some of those came on special teams.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Stanford's secondary finished #32 in 2000 in my pass D rankings and last year had 3 starters returning. They did lose starting SS Simba Hodari after 7 starts due to injury but the unit had more speed than in the past, including CB Leigh Torrence who is a sprinter on the Stanford tack team. The unit moved up to #17 despite allowing 274.1 ypg, as they took on one of the nation's toughest slates of opposing QB's and allowed just 47.8% with a 22-16 ratio. This year the graduation losses are heavy. Gone are CB Ruben Carter (12 sts, 58 tkls, 11 pbu), CB Ryan Fernandez (11 sts, 52 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu, HM P10), FS Tank Williams (1st Tm AA, #2DC of TEN, 78 tkls, 5 int, 8 pbu), Hodari (7 sts, 36 tkls, 2.5 tfl) and CB Brian Taylor (18 tkls, 2 int's, 3 pbu). There is some talent in the 2 deep that I list below but no players like Tank Williams and nowhere near the experience of last year's group. I look for a good size drop in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Willingham's first three years here the Cardinal finished 18th, 24th and 11th in my special teams ratings. The last 4 years they have dropped dramatically. They were #100 in '98, #102 in '99, but did improve to #82 in 2000. Surprisingly, last year they fell all the way down to #112. Mike Biselli handled kicking and punting duties in 2000. Willingham tried to pare down his duties, giving the punting job to Eric Johnson (PS#17), who had 55 punts (37.9) with 3 blocks and a net of just 28.8. Biselli did improve last year on FG's to 12 of 18 with a long of 44. The punting should improve but they must find another kicker and I list the candidates below. Their top PR Luke Powell (14.7) was solid last year but they did allow 2 PR TD's and a 13.2 average. Ryan Wells averaged 21.2 on 19 KR's and Brian Allen 26.7 on 16 KR's while Stanford allowed 22.1 and an additional TD. There is some talent in this group and there is only one way to go in the rankings, and that is up.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year Stanford had the 2nd most experienced squad in the league, having 16 starters back and just 14 lettermen lost with 19 seniors in their 2 deep. The Cardinal had their best record ever under Willingham last year at 9-2 in the regular season and in league play they outgained Pac 10 foes by an average of 57.2 ypg which was 2nd best in the league. They had the #1 rated offense in the Pac 10 and were a respectable #6 on defense. The team knocked off Top 5 teams in back to back weeks (#5 Oregon, #4 UCLA) for the first time in school history and at one point in the season stood #10 in the polls. They ended Oregon's home unbeaten streak and were probably a much stronger team than the one that appeared in the Rose Bowl in 1999 as the Pac 10 was a much stronger conference in 2001. Overall they finished #16 in the final poll, their highest finish since 1992, and they are 8-2 in their last 10 Pac 10 games. Last year they actually led the Pac 10 in rushing for the first time since 1952 when stats were first kept. Buddy Teevens comes in as the new head coach and has vowed to turn it into more of a passing attack and he has a fine QB to work with in Chris Lewis. They should have one of the most potent offenses in the league with 7 starters back. Even though they benefitted from 7 defensive TD's last year, there is a possibility they could be as explosive an offense as last year's 35.2 ppg. Teevens' biggest hurdle will be on defense, where he must replace 10 of the top 11 tacklers from a year ago. They have only 2 starters back on that side of the ball and lose 11 lettermen which makes them one of the least experienced D's in the country. They did have the #1 rush defense in the Pac 10 last year for just the second time in school history (other was 1971). Overall I rate them as the 9th best defense in the league. Special teams is another area of concern. Stanford is one of the few teams in the country to play only 11 games this year and they have 2 tough non-conf road games vs BC and Notre Dame. I don't see any way they can match last year's 9 win total and in fact I will call for a finish in the lower half of the Pac 10 standings this year due to the inexperienced defense and change in schemes on offense.

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OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Chris Lewis Jr. 6-3 215 ***PS#2****. 3 sts in 2000, 1179 yds (45%), 8-5 ratio, 54 rush. 4 sts LY, 1387 yds (54.5%) 13-8 ratio, 63 rush. Led wins vs Oreg & UCLA. Kyle Matter (6-3 195 rFr).*

RB Kerry Carter Sr. 6-2 235 *PS#45. 333 yds (3.6) as rFr. 729 yds (4.1) in 2000. 493 yds (3.7) LY. Kenneth Tolon (6-1 190 So) 346 yds (7.0) L/4 gms LY.* ***JR Lemon*** *(6-1 213 rFr)* ***PS#20****.*

FB CASEY MOORE SR. 6-2 240 *10 sts in '99, 190 rush (7.6), 12 rec (11.0). 11 sts in 2000, 224 yds (4.5). 12 sts LY, 221 yds (6.3), 16 rec (9.8).* ***Chris Rudiger*** *(6-2 230 rFr)* ***PS#15LB****.*

WR TEYO JOHNSON SO. 6-7 245 *PS#8DL. 44 rec (13.9) as rFr.* ***Ryan Wells*** *(6-0 195 Sr) PS#63, 12 sts, 33 rec (16.1). Nick Sebes (5-11 175 So) PS#24QB, 6 rec LY, spd.*

WR LUKE POWELL JR. 5-8 170 *PS#9. 18 rec (27.9) in 2000. 12 sts LY, 45 rec (19.6), 21 PR (14.7). Grant Mason (6-0 185 rFr) PS#58DB. Brandon Royster (6-0 205 So) PS#10RB.*

TE BRETT PIERCE JR. 6-6 245 *PS#9. 3 sts, 7 rec as rFr. 12 sts LY, 21 rec (14.5). Darin Naatjes (6-7 240 Jr)* ***PS#4****. 9 rec (13.9) 2Y. Alex Smith (6-5 238 So) PS#34TE.*

C Tom Kolich Sr. 6-6 280 *PS#21TE. TE as true but moved to C in '99. Backup C L/3Y, 2nd string all last year. Andy Clavin (6-2 265 So). David Beall is PS#60OL.*

RG GREG SCHINDLER SR. 6-5 307 *PS#39. 11 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 2000. 10 sts LY (miss 2 inj)* ***2nd Tm Pac 10****. Very strong. Dustin Stimson (6-3 305 Jr) PS#177, 2nd string LY.*

LG Paul Weinacht Sr. 6-5 300 *PS#68OL. 2nd string as rFr.* ***8 starts at LG*** *in 2000. 2 starts and top backup off bench last year. Brian Head (6-4 275 rFr) PS#121OL.*

RT KWAME HARRIS JR. 6-7 308 ***PS#1OL****. 2nd string as* ***true*** *and lettered. 12 starts at RT,* ***2nd Tm Pac 10*** *in 2001. Mike Sullivan (6-7 300 Jr) PS#63, 2nd string last year.*

LT KIRK CHAMBERS JR. 6-7 295 *PS#242OL. Mission in 1998 & 1999. 11 starts at LT as "true". 12 sts at LT in 2001,* ***HM Pac 10****. Edmond O'Neal (6-4 280 Jr) is PS#351OL.*

K Mike Sgroi rFr. 5-11 195 *PS#10K in 2001 and RS. 1st Team All Michigan. Eric Johnson is PS#17K. Hit 6 of 10 FG's in high school as senior with a long of 53.*

DE Mark Anderson rFr. 6-7 260 ***PS#17. Louis Hobson*** *(6-3 250 Jr). 1 st, 13 tkls, 1.5 tfl LY. Cooper Blackhurst (6-4 245 Jr) PS#82, 2 tkls L/2Y. Michael Lovelady (6-5 240 rFr) PS#131.*

NT CRAIG ALBRECHT SR. 6-4 290 ***PS#9****. N'western trans. 6 sts here LY, 22 tkls, 5 tfl. Trey Freeman (6-3 295 Sr) PS#161. 5 sts, 10 tkls LY (inj). OJ Oshinowo (6-3 305 rFr) PS#45.*

DT MATT LEONARD SR. 6-4 290 ***PS#11****. L/6 sts in 2000. 21 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 sks. 5 sts LY (inj). 21 tkls, 4.5 sks, HM P10. Scott Scharff (6-5 250 So) PS#92OL. Casey Carroll (6-3 265 rFr) PS#95.*

DE Amon Gordon So. 6-3 267 ***PS#8LB****. 16 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl, 2 pbu as rFr. Drew Caylor (6-6 265 Sr) PS#81DL, 4 sts, 7 tkls LY. Will Svitek (6-7 258 So)* ***PS#17TE****, 2 tkls in 2001.*

OLB David Bergeron So. 6-4 245 *PS#36LB. 1 tkl as rFr. Capp Culver (6-2 215 rFr) PS#70LB. Scott Giles (6-4 225 Sr) PS#62TE in '96, mission. 24 yrs old, lettered last year.*

MLB Brian Gaffney Jr. 6-2 233 *PS#87LB. 1 tkl as rFr. 12 tkls in 2001. Jared Newberry (6-3 235 So) PS#118, 19 yds at FB LY. Jake Covault (6-3 240 Jr) PS#166, 6 tkls LY.*

OLB Michael Craven rFr. 6-1 220 ***PS#1LB****. 13 sacks as senior in high school, 180 tackles. Jon Alston (6-1 205 rFr) PS#126LB. Brian Brant (6-3 230 Jr) limited action L/2Y.*

CB Leigh Torrence So. 6-0 177 *PS#283. Sprinter on track. 10 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. Calvin Armstrong (6-1 190 rFr) PS#118, 10.7 in 100m. Chijioke Asomugha (5-11 190 Sr) PS#210.*

CB Garry Cobb Sr. 5-11 180 *PS#117. 2 tkls in 2000. 1 st LY, 27 tkls. Stanley Wilson (6-1 182 So) PS#149RB. Sprinter on track tm. 2 tkls, 1 int LY. TJ Rushing is PS#128RB.*

SS Kevin Schimmelmann rFr. 6-3 215 *PS#97WR. OJ Atogwe (5-11 190 So) PS#380DB from Canada. 11 games, 4 tkls LY. Jim Johnson (5-10 185 Jr) PS#43 limited action.*

FS Colin Branch Sr. 6-0 205 *PS#107.* ***5 sts****, 29 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu LY. Jason White (6-0 188 Sr) PS#310. 2 sts in 2000, 18 career tkls. Marcus McCutcheon is PS#23.*

P ERIC JOHNSON JR. 5-11 175 *PS#17. 3 starts as rFr, 34.0 average. 55 punts in 2001, 37.9 average but net of only 28.8 with 3 blocks. Greg Camarillo (6-2 195 So).*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Trent Edwards 6-4 195 PS#5	
DL	Julian Jenkins 6-4 240 PS#7	
OL	Josiah Vinson 6-4 310 PS#34	
DB	Marcus McCutcheon 6-0 180 PS#23	
OL	Jeff (William) Edwards 6-7 265 PS#42	
OL	David Beall 6-5 300 PS#60	
TE	Matt Traverso 6-6 245 PS#25	
OL	Jon Cochran 6-6 290 PS#68	
QB	David Lofton 6-4 200 PS#58	
OL	Ismail Simpson 6-5 300 PS#129	
RB	T.J. Rushing 5-10 170 PS#128	
LB	Gerald Commissiong 6-0 201 PS#121	
RB	Trevor Hooper 6-1 190 PS#187	
LB	Taualai Fonoti 6-2 245 PS#189	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31							
Sep. 7	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 14	San Jose St	G					
Sep. 21							
Sep. 28	at Arizona St	G					
Oct. 5	at Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 12	Washington St	G					
Oct. 19	Arizona (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	at UCLA	G					
Nov. 2	at Oregon	A					
Nov. 9	USC	G					
Nov. 16	Oregon St	G					
Nov. 23	at California	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Stanford is 15-30 ATS as a favorite the last 9 years.
Cardinal are 9-2 ATS off a SU loss the last 3 years.

Bonus Info: New Coach Teevens was 13-9 SU at Maine, 21-13-1 SU at Dartmouth, and 10-46 SU (19-33-2 ATS) at Tulane.

Stanford is 2-7 ATS the last 9 season openers but 2-0 the last 2 years.
Cardinal are 3-6 ATS in first away game of the season but 2-0 L2Y.

Cardinal are 10-22 ATS as home chalk since 1993.
Stanford is 2-5 ATS their last 7 prior to a bye but have won the last 2.

More Bonus Info: Teevens was 2-5 ATS as a home fav, 4-12-1 ATS as a home dog, and 13-16-1 ATS as a road dog while at Tulane.

SU is 3-7 ATS the L/10 after a bye & Teevens was 1-5-1 ATS post bye at Tulane.
Stanford is 4-6 ATS the last 10 vs the Sun Devils but 4-0 last 4 years.

Stanford will get a shot at last year's coach, Tyrone Willingham.
Stanford is 3-6 ATS against Notre Dame since 1991.

Cardinal are 14-25-1 ATS in October since 1992, but 5-2 the last 2 yrs.
Elway's alma mater is 8-2 SU and 9-1 ATS the last 10 vs the Cougars.

Cardinal are 4-10 ATS at home before a 2 or more game road trip.
Stanford is 4-8 ATS vs the Wildcats since 1987.

Cardinal are 6-8 SU, but 10-3-1 ATS vs UCLA since 1988.
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Stanford is 39-17 ATS their last 56 games in November.
The visitor is 7-2 ATS in this series.

Stanford is 3-6 ATS their last 9 November home game.
Cardinal are 6-19-1 SU vs USC, but 4-3 SU and 5-2 ATS over the L7Y.

Cardinal are 13-3-1 ATS after playing USC.
The dog has covered 6 out of 8 with 1 pick'em in this series.

The visitor has covered 9 out of the last 10 games in this series.
Cardinal are an impressive 12-0 ATS in road finales.

BUDDY TEEVENS (Career 10-46) (Div IAA 34-22-1)
1st Year at Stanford

Teevens' records AT STANFORD

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (19,17,1)
Lost: 18 (6,11,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 51,534

PAC 10

WR Teyo Johnson

STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (85,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-3-1	6-5	5-6	3-8	8-3	5-6	9-2	43-33-1
ATS	6-5	4-7	4-7	5-6	6-5	8-3	7-4	40-37
Home Fav	1-2	1-3	1-3	1-1	2-3	1-2	2-3	9-17
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-3	1-0	3-0	1-0	9-6
Away Fav	2-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	5-6
Away Dog	2-0	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-2	3-1	2-0	17-8
Favorite	3-4	1-4	1-5	1-1	2-3	2-2	4-4	14-23
Dog	3-1	3-3	3-2	4-5	4-2	6-1	3-0	26-14
Grass	4-5	4-4	3-6	5-5	6-4	7-2	6-3	35-29
Artificial	2-0	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	5-8
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	2-6	4-4	6-2	6-2	5-3	31-25
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	2-1	1-2	0-3	2-1	2-1	9-12
Off SU Win	3-3	3-2	3-1	1-1	4-3	2-2	4-4	20-16
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-4	1-5	4-4	2-1	5-1	2-0	17-16

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brian Allen	184	1008	68	940	9	5.1
Kerry Carter	**134**	**513**	**20**	**493**	**9**	**3.7**
Kenneth Tolon	**54**	**356**	**10**	**346**	**3**	**6.4**
Casey Moore	**35**	**227**	**6**	**221**	**3**	**6.3**
Randy Fasani	69	369	164	205	1	3.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Randy Fasani	188	97	51.6	1594	13	4
Chris Lewis	**176**	**96**	**54.5**	**1387**	**13**	**8**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Luke Powell	**45**	**884**	**19.6**	**7**	**79**	
Teyo Johnson	**44**	**610**	**13.9**	**8**	**54**	
Ryan Wells	**33**	**532**	**16.1**	**3**	**69**	
Brett Pierce	**21**	**305**	**14.5**	**3**	**45**	
Kerry Carter	**12**	**174**	**14.5**	**1**	**30**	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Eric Johnson	**55**	**2083**	**37.9**	**–**	**28.8**	**3**	**11**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**		**LONG**
Mike Biselli	4-5	6-8	2-4	0-1	12-18		44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Coy Wire	103	3	10	2	0
Tank Williams	78	2	0	8	5
Matt Friedrichs	61	0	9	0	0
Ruben Carter	58	0	2	11	1
Ryan Fernandez	52	0	2	12	2
Simba Hodari	36	0.5	2	1	1
Anthony Gabriel	34	2	5	0	0
Marcus Hoover	33	1	5	1	1
Travis Pfeifer	29	3	3	3	0
Colin Branch	**29**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Garry Cobb	**27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Austin Lee	25	1.5	4	5	0
Craig Albrecht	**22**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Luke Powell	**21**	**308**	**14.7**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Brian Allen	16	427	26.7	0
Ryan Wells	**19**	**402**	**21.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Blockbuster	-1	Penn St	24-3	W
95	Liberty	-3'	E Carolina	13-19	L
96	Sun	+7	Michigan St	38-0	W
99	Rose	+14	Wisconsin	9-17	W
01	Seattle	-6	Georgia Tech	14-24	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

STANFORD'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	35.2	22	195	4.3	248	52.7	12.6	+3	2001	7	28.3	18	112	3.6	274	47.8	13.7
7	23.7	20	139	3.4	237	48.3	15.8	0	2000	6	26.7	18	147	3.9	219	52.8	13.7
8*	34.8	21	140	3.9	309	56.4	12.8	+10	1999	10	30.3	22	154	3.7	288	53.7	14.6
5	23.7	22	76	2.4	320	51.3	16.7	+2	1998	3	33.2	21	181	4.4	263	57.1	13.4
6*	25.1	20	110	3.0	244	57.5	14.1	-9	1997	6	28.8	20	165	4.2	220	55.2	13.4
6	20.6	18	112	3.0	215	60.8	15.8	+7	1996	7	19.1	19	125	3.1	217	52.2	17.9

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Boston College	21	43-160	3.7	15-30	232	0	19	36-130	3.6	17-41	202	2	+1
Arizona St	23	44-223	5.1	22-33	325	3	18	23-86	3.7	23-47	418	1	+3
at USC	20	50-203	4.1	11-25	194	3	13	24-28	1.2	22-42	240	2	0
Washington St	25	46-219	4.8	17-36	220	7	20	39-114	2.9	16-31	240	3	-1
at Oregon	22	46-140	3.0	19-38	330	0	18	25-145	5.8	22-42	270	0	+1
UCLA	24	50-213	4.3	20-29	250	1	17	25-57	2.3	20-44	326	3	-2
at Washington	16	37-180	4.9	19-34	231	0	19	39-130	3.3	15-28	291	3	+1
at Arizona	21	55-276	5.0	13-23	169	1	24	24-163	6.8	25-50	415	2	+4
California	27	45-178	4.0	20-39	390	3	17	26-82	3.2	19-46	278	0	-1
Notre Dame	20	45-199	4.4	8-23	159	4	13	43-241	5.6	2-20	64	0	-2
at San Jose St	19	47-220	4.7	12-22	256	1	20	38-30	0.8	21-42	279	5	-1
†Georgia Tech	20	36-125	3.5	17-34	225	4	20	34-137	4.0	23-38	266	0	0
TOTALS	258	544-2336	4.3	193-366	2981	27	218	376-1343	3.6	225-471	3289	21	+3
AVERAGES	21.5	45-195	4.3	16-31	248	2.3	18.2	31-112	3.6	19-39	274	1.8	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-30	28-12	L
at N Carolina	+13	17-28	W
at Oregon St	-11'	27-24	L
Oregon	-8'	58-49	W
Notre Dame	+1	33-15	W
at Arizona	-3'	22-28	L
Arizona St	-1'	14-31	L
UCLA	+6	7-27	L
at USC	+3'	21-45	L
at Washington St	+15	28-38	W
California	-3'	21-20	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-15'	23-35	L
Arizona	+7'	14-31	L
N Carolina	+8	37-34	W
at Oregon	+17	28-63	L
at Notre Dame	+17	17-35	L
Oregon St	E	23-30	L
at Arizona St (OT)	+15'	38-44	W
at UCLA	+28'	24-28	W
USC	+10'	9-34	L
Washington St	-7	38-28	W
at California	+7	10-3	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+10	17-69	L
Washington St	-6'	54-17	W
at Arizona	+13	50-22	W
UCLA	+1	42-32	W
San Jose St	-19	39-44	L
Oregon St	-8	21-17	L
at USC	+7'	35-31	W
at Washington	+3	30-35	L
at Arizona St	+2'	50-30	W
California	-10'	31-13	W
Notre Dame	-5'	40-37	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	-2	24-10	W
San Jose St	-17'	27-40	L
Texas	+13	27-24	W
Arizona	-1'	3-27	L
at Notre Dame	+11'	14-20	W
at Oregon St	+9	6-38	L
USC	+5'	32-30	W
Washington	+7	28-31	W
at UCLA	+8	35-37	W
Arizona St	-2	29-7	W
at California (OT)	+1'	36-30	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College	-5'	38-22	W
Arizona St	-3'	51-28	W
at USC	+1'	21-16	W
Washington St	-3'	39-45	L
at Oregon	+7'	49-42	W
UCLA	+7'	38-28	W
at Washington	-1	28-42	L
at Arizona	-7'	51-37	W
California	-24	35-28	L
Notre Dame	-7'	17-13	L
at San Jose St	-19'	41-14	W

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

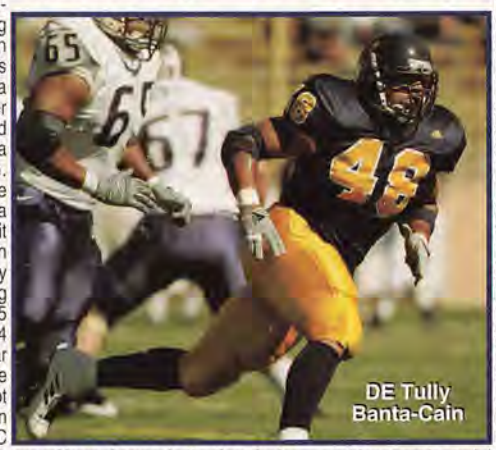
QUARTERBACKS - Tom Holmoe's biggest signing ever at Cal was QB Kyle Boller (PS#3) in '99 but Boller has not fared as well as expected (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). Last year Al Borges came over from UCLA where he had a reputation for tutoring QB's like Cade McNown. Despite Borges' help, Boller again did not have the year expected, mostly due to injuries in the receiving corps and the team's lack of a deep threat. For the year Boller threw for 1,741 yards (49.1%) with a 12-10 ratio, giving him a 27-23 ratio over the last 2 years and his completion percentage has improved each season. Boller has gotten bigger and stronger in each of his first 3 years but in 12 of 14 road games he has completed under 50%. Boller is now #7 all time on the passing charts here, passing Steve Bartkowski and Craig Morton last year. Boller was injured vs Oregon and JUCO transfer Eric Holtfreter took over vs UCLA. He threw 84 passes for 460 yards with a 2-5 ratio in 2001 and now departs. They then went to Reggie Robertson as the starting QB vs Ore St but he hit just 12 of 32 for 120 yards in his lone start. Robertson would see action in the next 2 games as Boller struggled, hitting 15 of 40 after his return. Boller handled all the snaps in the final 2 games, hitting 34 of 72 for 471 yards. Robertson finished with 298 yards (43.1%) while also rushing for 107 and they toyed with putting in some option plays for him. Richard Schwartz (6-4 205 rFr) was PS#65. New head coach Jeff Tedford is also known for developing QB's (Joey Harrington and Trent Dilfer) and has 3 talented ones to work with. New coaches generally like their own signees and he brought in PS#272 Steven Levy. Zac Wasserman (6-3 200 So) was PS#7 QB & orig signed at Penn St. He will be eligible this fall. I look for much improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Joe Igber (PS#62) has been compared to Barry Sanders and rushed for 694 yards (4.7) as a true frosh and 901 (4.6) in 2000. The RB corps appeared to be deep in 2001 but Joe Echema (now named Adimchinobe Echemaandu), was declared academically ineligible. Prior to that 3rd stringer Saleem Muhammad quit the team in August. Igber added 10 lbs of muscle and lowered his forty speed to 4.45 and led the team in rushing in 5 of the first 6 games but was injured and missed the rest of the season. He finished with just 399 yards (4.2). True frosh Terrell Williams (PS#46) started the last 5 and topped 100 yards 3 times including 185 yards vs Rutgers. He finished with 688 yards (4.3) and also had 14 rec's (9.4). Echemaandu tore his ACL this spring. I list the FB's below and Ryan Stanger (PS#160) is your prototypical FB as he is a punishing blocker and short yardage threat. The only loss this year is FB Marcus Fields who had just 8 carries but the #2 receiver with 26 catches. Not listed below are Michael Porter (6-1 200 rFr, PS#288), Will Scott (5-8 185 rFr, PS#200) and Michael Sparks (6-1 185 So, PS#289). I look for better production this year from the RB's.

RECEIVERS - Kyle Boller has not had a healthy or experienced receiving corps in any of his first 3 years. Last year they had their top 3 receivers returning but Geoff McArthur (6-1 200 Jr) suffered an arm injury after the opener and did not contribute after that. Injuries and dropped passes hurt them (see "Hardcore Fans" on page 306) and at midseason Cal talked about moving CB's LaShaun Ward and Jemeel Powell to WR to add some speed. Powell stayed in the secondary but Ward started the final 4 games at WR and finished #3 on the team in rec's with 18. He averaged a nifty 23.1 per catch. He also was 2nd on the team in yards receiving. He looks to be the top man this year. I list the 2 deep below and they get most of the banged up players back. This year they must replace Sean Currin (3 sts, 12, 14.0), Charon Arnold (9 sts, #1 w/52 rec, 11.7) and Derek Swafford (12, 10.1). They add in receiving TE JUCO Brandon Hall, JUCO WR Jonathan Makonnen (6-0 175 Jr), two speedy true frosh and rFr John Rust (PS#90). Not listed below are Christian Prelle (6-3 195 So, 6 rec), Burl Toler (6-2 180 So, 2 sts, 12 rec), Brian White (6-0 185 Jr, PS#186, 2 rec) and TE Terrance Dotsy (6-4 285 Sr, 3 rec). Despite the loss of their top WR this group has Ward for the entire season along with this year's new signees in tow which should add speed to the group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year 3 players who combined for 13 starts were lost but they did return 4 full-time starters including an NFL prospect at LT and much was expected of the OL. Unfortunately, it did not produce, and the team averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing and allowed 32 sacks. This year the top 2 OL's must be replaced in LT Langston Walker (#2DC of OAK, 11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LG Brandon Ludwig (11 sts, 4 yr st'r). I list the 2 deep below and 5 players return with starting experience. Their new OL coach is Jim Michalczik who comes over from Oregon St. Despite the fact that this year's unit is a little less experienced, last year's group underachieved and I think this year's unit could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Cal's strength over the last 4 years has been their DL play and they allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing in '98, 2.9 in '99 and 2.7 in 2000. Last year 2 starters departed but one was a 1st round DC and the other was 2nd Team Pac 10 and they also had to replace a productive backup. Holmoe brought in a couple of top-notch JUCO's and a VHT true frosh and the unit looked solid once again despite the losses. They did allow 3.8 ypc rushing and the team recorded 25 sacks (44 in 2000). All 4 DT's return and last year they were so strong up the middle that teams did not really run up the gut on them. Last year's DC Setencich said that DT Lorenzo Alexander was better than Andre Carter was as a true frosh and Carter was that 1st round DC who was lost last year. I list a very talented 3 deep below and not even listed is LP Ladouceur (6-5 265 So) who is from Canada and was recruited by both Miami, Fla and Syracuse, Josh Pukini (6-4 255 rFr, PS#181), Jeff Farano (6-3 260 rFr) and Tim Pompa (6-3 275 Sr, PS#162JC in '99). I like PS#76 Jamaal Cherry (6-4 260 Sr) who had 2 starts and 20 tackles in 1999 and looked like an NFL prospect but had academic difficulties. He returned last year and had 1 start and 7 tackles and 2 tfl and could be a much bigger contributor. This year's defensive front should be one of the best in the Pac 10.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LINEBACKERS - Last year the top 6 LB's returned but the defense did not have one of its better years. However, the LB's were productive with John Klotsche leading the team in tackles and Scott Fujita being the #2 tackler. This year the only losses are Fujita (#5DC of KC, 11 sts, 60 tkls, 6.5 tfl) and ILB Chris Ball (14 tkls). Four of the top 6 LB's are back and they look very deep at ILB. It wouldn't surprise me to see some safeties or ILB's move into the open OLB spot. This could be the year that Wendell Hunter (PS#112) emerges. He really impressed the strength coach last season with his work ethic and was also recruited by Tennessee and Ohio St. This unit is not as experienced but with 2 starters back, I look for it to have a stronger showing in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Tom Holmoe's first 2 seasons Cal finished #7 and #10 in my pass D rankings but in 2000. They had to replace their star CB Deltha O'Neal and had only 2 players returning with starting experience. They dropped down to #36 albeit allowing a solid 49.6%. Last year they once again had to replace their top cover CB as well as 2 backups who combined for 3 starts. They did have 6 players returning with starting experience and much was expected. Jemeel Powell had 16 pbu despite missing 2 games in 2000 and prior to 2001 DC Setencich said, "Powell could become the best CB in the country." However, Powell's poor conditioning in the summer saw him sink to the 4th best CB on the team in the fall and he ended up losing his starting job and was a non-factor. Cal's secondary was toasted often last year and plummeted to #96 in my rankings, allowing 296.3 ypg (54.8%) and a poor 27-8 ratio, by far the worst in the Holmoe era. This year the only losses are SS Dewey Hale (10 sts, 54 tkls, 4 tfl) and CB Adam Sugarman (2 sts). I list the 2 deep below and 6 players are back with starting experience plus Tedford signed a new crop of true frosh DB's to upgrade the speed. If Powell could return to form, this could be one of the most improved secondaries in the country but even if he doesn't, I think this unit will be solidly upgraded.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Cal had problems with punt protection in 2000 and finished #85 in my special teams rankings including a -5 in the TD/Blk category. Last year they hired a specific special teams coach for the first time in the Holmoe era in LeCharles McDaniel but they did have to replace their super AA punter Nick Harris. They regressed for the season, finishing #96. Tyler Fredrickson did decent in his first year with a 39.5 average (34.2 net). Jemeel Powell had led the Pac 10 in PR's in 2000 (18.2), setting a school record in that category and was #6 in the NCAA. Unfortunately Powell only averaged 9.0 and was replaced by Michael Sparks. With both players back I do expect improvement. K Mark-Christian Jensen had a fine year, hitting 11 of 14 FG's with a long of 45. Jeremy Hershey (6-0 205 Jr, PS#8) provides solid depth. Those two will battle true frosh Kevin Johnson (PS#18) who set a national HS career record with 106 TB's on KO's and was reported to have hit a 72 yd FG in practice. They must replace KR Charon Arnold (20.4) but he and Atari Callen suffered fumble problems on KR's last year. If Powell can return to his 2000 form this could be one of the most improved special teams units around.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tom Holmoe finished just 16-39 in his 5 seasons here including a 9-31 record in Pac 10 play. Cal's last winning season was 1993 and its last trip to the Rose Bowl was '59. They lost a lot of close games in 2000 and came into last season optimistic. Everything that could go wrong went wrong for Cal, however, as they were-18 in turnovers. They were facing a tough schedule, as the combined record of their first 6 opponents was 33-2 at midseason! They were tied 7-7 vs BYU with 3:00 left in the half, they led WSU 13-6 with 7:30 left in the 1H, led UW 21-10 at the half and 21-17 into the 4Q and led UCLA 10-7 in the 2Q. Second halves were not kind to Cal as they suffered many a blowout and in fact they lost their 6 home games by an average of 25.7 ppg. In league play Cal was outgained by an average of 482.4 to 333.6 and outscored by an average of 41.6 to 18.5 (23.1 ppg). No player was voted 1st or 2nd Team Pac 10 and they have had 8 straight home losses which is a school record. Their 1-10 overall record last year was the worst ever for Cal. It was a fairly young team and this year 16 starters return (most in the conference) and just 11 lettermen are lost. The key will be how quickly new Coach Jeff Tedford (from Oregon) is able to improve QB Kyle Boller. Boller has had a banged up receiving corps to work with in his first 3 years and should have a much better season this year (although I thought the same thing when OC Al Borges took over the offense last year). Since taking over, Tedford has complained about a lack of depth and team speed on the squad. The offense has 7 starters back and with CB/WR Ward now on offense full-time they should be much more potent than last year's 18.3 ppg. Defensively almost everyone returns and they have a good number of VHT's in the group. Most of the 7 Cal players that landed on my Pac 10 teams are on that side of the ball. Look for significant strides from the 39.2 ppg they allowed last season. Players buy into new head coaches when they have early season success and Cal has 3 winnable home non-conf games to open so they could enter league play with some confidence. They also have some winnable league home games including the last two. Cal is the most experienced team in the Pac 10 and depending on how quickly the team adapts to Tedford's new schemes, could top the total wins they have accumulated in the last 2 years combined (4).

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KYLE BOLLER SR. 6-4 205 *PS#3. 8 sts, 1303 yds (39%), 9-15 ratio as true. 11 sts, 2121 yds (47%) 15-13 ratio in 2000. 8 sts, 1741 yds (49%) 12-10 ratio LY, 560 career rush yds.*

RB TERRELL WILLIAMS SO. 6-0 195 *PS#46, L/5 sts LY, 688 yds (4.3). **Joe Igber** (5-8 200 Sr) PS#62, 19 career sts, **1994 yds** (4.5), 52 rec. 6 sts (inj) LY. Marcus O'Keith is PS#26.*

FB Ryan Stanger Sr. 6-2 245 *PS#160. 8 sts in 2000, 49 yds rush, 2 rec. 385 bench. 4 gms LY, 2 rec. Pana Faumuina (6-0 235 So) PS#135. Brett Bischofberger (6-3 235 rFr) PS#104LB.*

WR Chase Lyman Jr. 6-4 200 *PS#225. 6 sts as true, 19 rec (16.5). 3 sts LY, 9 rec (11.8). Geoff McArthur PS#81. 6 sts, 20 rec as true (16.8). Chad Heydorff (6-1 190 Sr) PS#11JC.*

WR LaSHAUN WARD SR. 6-1 195 *PS#67DB. 4.4. DB in '98-2000. Moved to WR LY, L/4 sts LY 18 rec (**23.1**) (3 sts at CB). David Gray PS#69. Jonathan Makonnen had 44 rec (16.8) at JC.*

TE JORDON HUNTER SO. 6-6 250 *PS#35. L/3 sts as true, 5 rec (9.2). **Brandon Hall** (6-4 240 Jr) PS#167JC, 26 rec (11.3) at JC. **Tom Swoboda** (6-4 235 Sr) PS#61, 8 sts, 8 rec LY.*

C RYAN JONES SR. 6-4 270 *7 starts in 2001 at C to earn his first letter. David Hays (6-3 280 Jr) PS#173OL. Lettered in 2000 but tore ACL. Not 100% last year.*

RG SCOTT TERCERO SR. 6-5 295 *PS#180. 8 sts as true. 7 sts in 2000 (inj). 11 sts LY, HM Pac 10, top OL Award. Keith Ornelas (6-4 290 rFr) PS#74. Nick Shaeffer (6-5 285 Jr).*

LG Nolan Bluntzer Jr. 6-4 280 *PS#307. 2nd string in 1999 & 2000, 1 letter. 3 sts LY. **Derek Deutsch** (6-3 270 Jr) PS#155DL. 2 tkls at DT as rFr. 1 st at LG LY, 2 letters.*

RT Chris Murphy Jr. 6-6 300 *PS#194OL. 2nd string last 2 years, 2 letters. Ryan O'Callaghan (6-7 325 rFr) PS#192OL. Andrew Cameron (6-5 290 rFr) PS#222OL.*

LT MARK WILSON JR. 6-6 295 *PS#178. +35 lbs in 2000, 11 sts as rFr, HM Pac 10. 11 sts at RT LY, long arms. Eric O'Brien (6-8 295 So) PS#130. Baron Ma (6-4 310 So).*

K MARK-CHRISTIAN JENSEN SR. 6-2 195 *4 of 8 FG's as rFr. 11 of 16 FG's, L/ 40 in 2000. 11 of 14 FG's LY, L/ 45, HM P10, 26 yrs old. Kevin Johnson is PS#18K. 106 TB's in HS, nat'l rec.*

DE TULLY BANTA-CAIN SR. 6-4 260 *9 sts, 35 tkls, 5.5 sks, 13 tfl in 2000. 10 sts, **8 sks**, 9 tfl, 33 tkls. Tosh Lupoi (6-3 255 So) PS#36TE, 3 sts, 14 tkls. Brandon Povio (6-2 270 rFr) PS#180.*

DT LORENZO ALEXANDER SO. 6-3 285 ***PS#11**. L/5 sts as **true**, 24 tkls, 5 tfl. **Tom Canada** (6-3 265 Sr) **PS#82JC**, 3 sts, 22 tkls, 2.5 sks LY. Tom Sverchek (6-3 290 So) PS#375, inj'd LY.*

DT DANIEL NWANGWU SR. 6-4 290 *PS#185. 3 sts as true, 12 tkls, 2 sks, 2 sts. 12 tkls in 2000. 8 sts LY, 22 tkls, 4 sks. Josh Beckham (6-2 280 Jr) PS#134. 5 sts in 2000, 9 sts LY, 27 tkls, 6 tfl.*

DE MONTE PARSON JR. 6-3 270 *PS#24JC. 7 sks, 19 QBH at JC LY, 25 yrs old, in for spg. Josh Gustaveson (6-3 255 Sr) PS#46JC, 5 sts here LY (inj). Jamaal Cherry PS#76LB in '98.*

ILB MATT NIXON SR. 6-1 220 *PS#170. 8 sts, 49 tkls. **20 tfl**, HM P10 in 2000, 11 sts LY, 53 tkls, 7 tfl. Paul Ugenti (6-0 210 Sr) PS#96, 17 tkls, 3Y. Marcus Daniels (6-1 230 Sr) 12 tkls, **4.6**.*

ILB JOHN KLOTSCHE SR. 6-0 240 *7 sts, 44 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY #1 w/71 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl. **Wendell Hunter** (6-1 235 So) PS#112. 6 tkls as rFr. Brian Tremblay (6-1 230 So) PS#128, 4 tkls LY.*

OLB Calvin Hosey Sr. 6-4 235 *PS#210. 12 gms, 7 tkls in '99 & 2000. 8 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Eli Thompson (6-2 230 So) PS#153. JP Segura (6-0 235 Sr) 3 sts in '99, 25 tkls, 4 tfl, RS LY.*

CB ATARI CALLEN JR. 5-9 190 *PS#21. 1 st as true. 9 sts LY, 41 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. **Ray Carmel** (5-11 185 Sr) PS#257JC, 3 sts here LY, 14 tkls, 1 pbu. David Beverly is PS#192.*

CB JEMEEL POWELL SR. 6-1 185 *PS#215. 8 sts in 2000, 34 tkls, 4 int, **16 pbu**, 4.45 spd, HM P10, 12 PR (18.2). 1 st LY, 3 pbu. James Bethea (6-0 190 Jr) PS#186RB, 2 sts, 39 tkls, 5 pbu LY.*

SS Bert Watts Sr. 6-1 210 *PS#237. 5 sts in 2000, 36 tkls, 1.5 tfl. 3 sts LY, 28 tkls, 2 tfl. Perron Wiley (6-0 210 So) PS#85LB, 4 tkls. James Smith (6-1 190 Jr) PS#169RB, 9 tkls LY.*

FS NNAMDI ASOMUGHA SR. 6-2 210 *PS#22. 11 sts in 2000, 76 tkls, 10 tfl, 5 pbu. 9 sts LY, 54 tkls, 3 int, 7 tfl. Jeremy Drake (6-0 210 Jr) PS#216, 6 tkls LY. Ryan Gutierrez (6-0 175 So) PS#182.*

P TYLER FREDRICKSON JR. 6-3 205 *4 punts as rFr. 75 punts in 2001, 39.5 avg, net of 34.2. Jeremy Hershey (6-0 205 Jr) PS#8, 40.1 avg in HS. 1 of 5 FG's here in '99 as true.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Marcus O'Keith 6-1 190 PS#26
DE	Monte Parson 6-3 270 PS#24JC
WR	David Gray 6-3 205 PS#69
DB	Donnie McCleskey 5-10 180 PS#100RB
TE	Brandon Hall 6-4 240 PS#167JC
LB	Paul Fraley 6-4 270 PS#134
WR	Randy Bundy 6-0 165 PS#145
PK	Kevin Johnson 6-3 184 PS#18
DB	David Beverly 6-0 190 PS#192
DL	Jason Miller 6-5 215 PS#237
TE	Eric Beegun 6-3 230 PS#76
DB	Nick Banks 5-11 185 PS#231RB
OL	Scott Smith 6-4 275 PS#356
DB	Wale Forrester 5-10 190 PS#261RB

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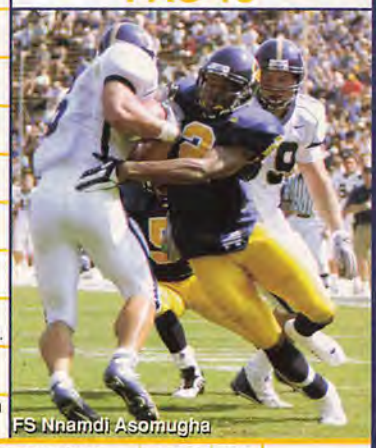
Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CAL	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Baylor	G						Cal has not won SU in the state of Washington since 1979. Cal is 3-13 ATS as road chalk since 1991, 1-7 the last 8 years. Golden Bears are 9-2-2 ATS vs current Big 12 schools since 1979. Bears are 2-6 ATS in their last 8 season openers.
Sep. 7	New Mexico St	G						Cal is 6-11-1 ATS their last 18 September home games. The Golden Bears are 3-7-1 ATS in the 2nd of 2 or more home games.
Sep. 14	at Michigan St	G						Cal is 3-6 SU and ATS vs the Big 10 since 1980. Golden Bears are 21-12 ATS their last 33 games as a road dog.
Sep. 21	Air Force	G						Pending 8/31: Cal is 3-6 ATS in the 1st gm of a 2 or more game homestand. Cal has covered 3 out of their last 4 vs current Mountain West teams.
Sep. 28	Washington St	G						HT is 11-2 ATS in this series, logical considering weather differences. Bears have covered just 5 out of their last 15 Pac 10 openers.
Oct. 5	at Washington	A						Cal is 10-5 ATS in their last 15 October contests. The home team is 1-5 ATS the last 6 in this series.
Oct. 12	at USC	G						Bears are 6-3 ATS in their 2nd straight away game the last 5 years. California is 4-3 SU, 5-2 ATS the last 7 years vs USC - all as dogs.
Oct. 19	UCLA (HC)	G						Cal is 11-3 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1991. Bears are 11-4 ATS the last 15 vs their cubs (Bruins=bear cub).
Oct. 26	at Oregon St	A						Cal is 2-6 ATS away vs Oregon St since 1982. Coming into 2002, Cal was 4-1 ATS their last 5 games on artificial turf.
Nov. 2								Bonus: Cal is 16-9 ATS in their last 25 November home games.
Nov. 9	at Arizona St	G						The Golden Bears are 8-3 ATS since 1987 the week after a bye. Cal is 2-4 ATS in their last 6 road finales.
Nov. 16	Arizona	G						California is 6-1 ATS in their last 7 meetings vs Arizona. Underdog is 13-1 ATS in this series, with LY being the only loss in that span.
Nov. 23	Stanford	G						The underdog is 8-1 ATS the last 9 in this season ending meeting. The visitor is 9-1 ATS in this left coast rivalry.
Nov. 30								This will be the 20th anniversary of "The Play." The 5 lateral kickoff return into the Stanford band for a TD that gave Cal a 25-20 victory.

JEFF TEDFORD (Career 0-0)
1st Year at California
Tedford's records AT CALIFORNIA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (1-10)
RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 7* DEFENSE: 9
LETTERMEN: Returning: 52 (20,30,2) Lost: 11 (7,4,0)
2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,443
PAC 10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STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (75,028)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	6-5	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	1-10	25-52
ATS	6-5	4-6	6-5	6-4-1	5-6	7-4	3-8	37-38-1
Home Fav	1-2	1-3	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	4-12
Home Dog	2-1	1-0	1-2	2-0-1	3-1	3-0	1-4	13-8-1
Away Fav	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-6
Away Dog	2-1	2-2	4-1	3-1	2-3	4-2	2-2	19-12
Favorite	2-3	1-4	1-2	1-3	0-2	0-2	0-2	5-18
Dog	4-2	3-2	5-3	5-1-1	5-4	7-2	3-6	32-20-1
Grass	5-5	3-5	5-4	5-3-1	5-3	4-4	2-7	29-31-1
Artificial	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-0	1-1	8-7
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	30-26
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-1-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	7-12-1
Off SU Win	1-2	3-2	1-2	3-1-1	0-4	3-0	0-0	11-11-1
Off SU Loss	5-2	1-4	4-3	3-2	5-1	3-4	3-7	24-23

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terrell Williams	160	717	29	688	4	4.3
Joe Igber	94	424	25	399	2	4.2
Kyle Boller	77	254	191	63	1	0.8
Reggie Robertson	28	107	58	49	1	1.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Boller	271	133	49.1	1741	12	10
Eric Holtfreter	84	40	47.6	460	2	5
Reggie Robertson	65	28	43.1	298	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Charon Arnold	52	606	11.7	3	45
Marcus Fields	26	301	11.6	1	40
LaShaun Ward	18	416	23.1	4	48
Joe Igber	16	139	8.7	2	25
Burl Toler	12	174	14.5	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Tyler Fredrickson	75	2959	39.5	–	34.2	1	17

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mark-Christian Jensen	4-5	4-4	3-5	–	11-14	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Klotsche	71	2	6	1	0
Scott Fujita	60	2.5	4	3	0
Nnamdi Asomugha	54	0	7	1	3
Dewey Hale	54	2	2	4	2
Matt Nixon	53	0	7	2	0
Atari Callen	41	0	1	8	1
James Bethea	39	0	1	5	0
Tully Banta-Cain	33	8	9	1	0
Bert Watts	28	0	2	1	0
Josh Beckham	27	1	5	2	0
Lorenzo Alexander	24	1	4	2	0
Tom Canada	22	2.5	2	0	0
Daniel Nwangwu	22	4	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Sparks	22	144	6.5	0
Jemeel Powell	13	117	9.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charon Arnold	29	593	20.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
79	Garden	-1	Temple	17-28	L
90	Copper	-7	Wyoming	17-15	L
91	Citrus	E	Clemson	37-13	W
93	Alamo	-11'	Iowa	37-3	W
96	Aloha	+1	Navy	38-42	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	18.3	20	121	3.4	229	47.8	19.1	-18	2001	8	39.2	22	150	3.8	296	54.8	11.4
7*	22.4	16	124	3.4	194	46.6	14.2	-4	2000	4	26.8	20	111	2.7	255	49.6	13.6
6	16.4	13	100	2.8	151	39.4	15.3	-5	1999	7	23.1	19	118	2.9	235	47.4	15.3
6*	16.6	17	79	2.3	213	53.1	20.2	+6	1998	8	22.8	18	134	3.3	207	46.1	14.9
5	26.8	22	146	3.3	249	56.8	14.7	-3	1997	7	30.8	19	144	4.0	237	50.8	12.4
9*	31.8	23	135	3.4	321	60.2	14.3	-5	1996	6	33.9	22	195	4.5	281	55.6	14.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Illinois	22	41 - 164	4.0	21 - 34	217	3	18	34 - 76	2.2	18 - 35	297	0	-6
BYU	26	36 - 120	3.3	23 - 38	291	5	26	35 - 193	5.5	19 - 28	295	0	-3
at Washington St	18	27 - 71	2.6	20 - 49	296	1	30	36 - 92	2.6	23 - 47	513	3	-3
Washington	23	32 - 90	2.8	22 - 38	280	1	17	45 - 116	2.6	18 - 33	290	3	-2
Oregon	17	20 - 78	3.9	25 - 52	244	0	23	51 - 257	5.0	15 - 24	206	1	-3
at UCLA	21	33 - 127	3.8	19 - 46	201	1	26	38 - 228	6.0	15 - 19	303	4	-1
at Oregon St	19	50 - 225	4.5	12 - 32	120	3	17	32 - 113	3.5	16 - 29	251	1	-1
Arizona	25	46 - 115	2.5	14 - 39	239	8	23	39 - 137	3.5	19 - 34	337	3	+2
USC	12	34 - 68	2.0	13 - 26	155	7	27	47 - 213	4.5	19 - 37	235	2	-2
at Stanford	17	26 - 82	3.2	20 - 47	278	0	27	45 - 178	4.0	20 - 39	390	3	+1
at Rutgers	17	45 - 192	4.3	15 - 26	193	3	10	35 - 47	1.3	11 - 27	142	5	0
TOTALS	217	390 - 1332	3.4	204 - 427	2514	32	244	437 - 1650	3.8	193 - 352	3259	25	-18
AVERAGES	19.7	35 - 121	3.4	19 - 39	229	2.9	22.2	40 - 150	3.8	18 - 32	296	2.3	-1.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+2'	35-3	W
Oklahoma	-4'	40-36	L
USC	+3'	17-27	L
at Louisiana Tech	-9	34-41	L
Washington	+16	3-30	L
at Washington St	+16'	37-63	L
at UCLA	+23'	17-35	W
Oregon St	-5	33-14	W
Arizona St	+11	21-28	W
at Arizona	+11'	38-41	W
at Stanford	+3'	20-21	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	-14'	14-10	L
Nebraska	+21	3-24	T
at Oklahoma	+3	13-12	W
Washington St	-4'	24-14	W
at USC	+11	32-31	W
at Washington	+9	13-21	W
UCLA	+14	16-28	W
at Oregon St	-2	20-19	L
at Arizona St	+5'	22-55	L
Arizona	+10'	23-27	W
Stanford	-7	3-10	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	-18'	21-7	L
at Nebraska	+32	0-45	L
Arizona St	+1'	24-23	W
at Washington St	-4	7-31	L
at BYU	+14	28-38	W
at UCLA	+13	17-0	W
Washington	+3	27-31	L
USC	+5'	17-7	W
at Oregon St	+9	7-17	L
Oregon	+7	19-24	W
at Stanford	+10'	13-31	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+3	24-21	W
at Illinois	+14	15-17	W
at Fresno St	+3	3-17	L
Washington St	-6'	17-21	L
at Arizona St	+7	10-30	L
UCLA (3OT)	+10'	46-38	W
at Washington	+16	24-36	W
at USC	+8	28-16	W
Oregon St	+6'	32-38	W
at Oregon	+13	17-25	W
Stanford (OT)	-1'	30-36	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois	-2'	17-44	L
BYU	+3'	16-44	L
at Washington St	+14	20-51	L
Washington	+15'	28-31	W
Oregon	+13'	7-48	L
at UCLA	+30'	17-56	L
at Oregon St	+19'	10-19	W
Arizona	+3'	24-38	L
USC	+13	14-55	L
at Stanford	+24	28-35	W
at Rutgers	-11	20-10	L

ARIZONA WILDCATS

RB Clarence Farmer harvested 1229 yds LY on his way to becoming the team's Offensive MVP.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Jason Johnson (PS#55) had 11 career pass attempts in 8 games in 2 years and was the most experienced returnee last season. He battled five other QB's in the spring for the starting job (which meant splitting up the reps). Check out "Hardcore Fans" on page 306 for more details. Johnson won the job and while his arm strength was questioned, he did have a 99 yard TD pass versus Idaho which went about 60 yards in the air. In the first 3 games against a weak non-conf schedule, JJ completed 65% with a 6-1 ratio. He struggled once the Pac 10 schedule came around with a 13-12 ratio and 5 lost fumbles while his completion percentage for the year fell down to 56.7% as he threw for 2,347 yards. Johnson did have back-to-back 300 yard games vs USC and Cal, the first time an Arizona QB accomplished that since '83, and he finished #35 in the NCAA in pass efficiency. There are far fewer QB's battling him this spring due to John Rattay and Cliff Watkins transferring. Nic Costa is a VHT (PS#15) and while listed at 5-11 is probably closer to 5-9. He took 50% of the snaps in the spring to help get him ready. He is mobile and one of the strongest players on the team. Jesse Gran (6-4 210 rFr) was PS#247 and the Scout Team Offensive MVP last year. This group has a lot more experience and I look for improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 the Wildcats used a 3 man rotation at RB with speedsters Leo Mills and Larry Croom combining for 842 yards and the powerful Clarence Farmer leading the team with 666 (4.8). All 3 were to return last year but Croom opted to transfer. Mills was indefinitely suspended during the spring but returned for the season, getting in just 50 attempts for 155 yards (3.1). Tremaine Cox (PS#131) played both FB and TB and was #2 on the team in rushing with 230 yards (5.2) thanks mostly to an 80 yard run on a draw vs UNLV. If you omit that 80 yard run he rushed for 3.5 ypc on 43 carries. Cox was not in school for the spring and needs to do some makeup work to be eligible for the fall. As the season went on the fans clamored for Clarence Farmer to get more carries as he had just 12 for 141 yards vs Stanford. Farmer ended up leading the Pac 10 in rushing with 1,229 yards and it was the third time in the last 4 years that Arizona has had the Pac 10 rushing champ. Twice during the season Farmer was yanked for trash talking but he had 31 attempts vs Ariz St and averaged 5.9 ypc on the season and was named the team MVP. Mackovic, who has coached players like Tony Dorsett, Ricky Williams and Priest Holmes, says that Clarence Farmer is, "In that group." Mackovic signed 2 top-notch frosh last year who redshirted in Mike Bell (PS#9) and Gainus Scott (5-10 210 rFr, PS#37). Both will contribute as should Chris Harris (PS#69). Harris rushed for over 3,000 yards as a junior in high school but was injured as a senior or he probably would have been rated higher and has yet to see action. I list the FB candidates below. The only losses this year are Mills and FB Mike Detwiler (6 sts, 17 yds). Since Farmer is back and is now in the second year of the system, he could even improve on last year's solid numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Wildcats had an average receiving corps in 2000 that had a lot of dropped passes and was one of the reasons that they were last in the Pac 10 in passing offense, (154 ypg). Mackovic promised a more wide open offense and said that the TE's would be a much bigger part of it . While having a lot of talent, surprisingly the TE's hauled in just 16 passes. They did spread the ball around and 10 players caught passes vs Stanford which set a school record. Much has been expected of Bobby Wade since his spectacular season of 1999 and while he did lead the team in receiving in 2000 with 45 (13.9) he had not yet lived up to his potential. He really emerged down the stretch last year. After having just 30 rec in the first 7 games, he had 32 in the final 4 for 490 yards, with a nifty 15.3 average, and set a school record with 3 TD's vs Cal. The only losses from this group are #2 receiver Malosi Leonard (8 sts, 43, 13.5) #4 Brandon Marshall (4 sts, 20, 20.5). I list the 2 deep below and basically all 3 starters return. If Wade can keep up the pace of his torrid stretch run, this should be a much improved group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Continuity on an O-line is often the key to its success, or lack thereof. In 1999 the Cats had their most explosive offense ever and of the 5 OL starters and TE only 1 start was missed all season and they averaged 5.2 ypc rushing. In 2000 they dropped to 3.6 ypc with all 5 starters missing at least one game and 26 starts lost overall. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters due to graduation but six players returned with starting experience. The O-line was depleted by injuries during the spring and struggled against their defensive front, allowing 18 sacks in the spring game. Although it was not as bad as 2000, they did suffer some injuries last year and seven different players drew 4 or more starts. RT Darren Safranek was lost for the year due to knee surgery with 4 games left and missed this spring. The losses this year are C Steve Grace (11 sts, 6 at C, 5 at G) and RG Kevin Barry (8 sts). Mackovic spent last year bemoaning a lack of overall size and recruited with that in mind this year. The Cats averaged 4.0 ypc rushing and their sacks allowed total dropped from 41 to 27 in 2001 and this year's experienced group could continue to show improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In the early 1990's when Larry Mac Duff was the DC here (as he is once again), UA had one of the top defenses in the country (1.8 ypc allowed in 1994). In 2000 they had 4 starters back and allowed just 2.5 ypc. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation and then were hit hard by injuries during the year. The line was on the small side, averaging 259 lbs, and was overpowered by big, physical offenses. When UA was getting pounded on by opposing offenses, it was mainly due to the injury situation of the DL. This year they must replace DE Alex Luna (10 sts, 43 tkls, 4.5 sks), DE Johnny Jackson (11 sts, 32 tkls, 6 sks), DE Austin Uku (1 st, 7 tkls), DT Anthony Thomas (10 sts, 27 tkls, 5 tfl), DT Keoni Fraser (3 sts, 11 tkls, 2 tfl), DE Eli Wnek (5 tkls) and DT Dusty Alexander (3 tkls). Overall just one player with experience returns and the spring 2 deep has 1 senior, 1 junior, 3 soph and 3 frosh. The unit is still on the light side, averaging just 267. Last year they allowed a surprising 3.5 ypc rushing while recording 36 sacks. This year's unit should be less injury prone and could even come close to matching last year's numbers despite the massive losses, but I'll call it weaker.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the LB's had to replace 2 starters due to graduation and then lost starting WLB Joe Siofele at midseason to injury (true frosh Kirk Johnson had to take his place). Two backups also missed an extended period of time. This year the only loss is ROV Shelton Ross (1 st, 33 tkls, 2 tfl). Seven of the top eight LB's return and I list them below. Lance Briggs earned 1st Team Pac 10 honors for the 2nd time last year. I'll call this unit solidly improved and much more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 the Cats were #10 in my pass efficiency defense rankings, allowing 49.2% with a 13-16 ratio. Last year three starters returned plus 2 players who split the other 2 spots so much was expected from the veteran secondary. They finished #30 allowing 51.0% with a 23-14 ratio. CB Michael Jolivette set a single season record with 20 pbu in 2001 and he returns. This year they have some losses in CB Jermaine Chatman (10 sts, 39 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu), CB Anthony Banks (1 st, 13 tkls, 5 pbu), SS Brandon Nash (11 sts, 47 tkls, 7 tfl, 8 pbu) and SS Zaharius Johnson (24 tkls, 3 pbu). The Cats actually finished #99 in the NCAA in pass efficiency (my rankings take into account strength of schedule) and should improve upon that number but are a less experienced group than last year and it may be tough to improve upon their pass D rankings in my ratings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Dick Tomey stressed special teams and the Wildcats were in a word, special. The Cats have had four Top 20 finishes in my rankings in the previous 6 years but finished #57 and #40 in Tomey's last two years with blocked 5 kicks in 2000. The unit received a jolt last August when P Chris Palic decided to quit the team but Ramey Peru took over the punting duties and had similar success with an average of 37.9 (net of 34.7). After connecting on 13 of 17 FG's in 2000, Sean Keel got off to a slow start last year, hitting just two of his first six (2 blk'd). He did rally hitting 7 of his last 8 FG's including a long of 52 and one of his misses was from 50+. Keel played just one year of football in high school (played soccer) and bulked up in the offseason last year. Bobby Gill and Ryan Slack shared the KO duties and both return. The team did allow 22.4 per KR but should improve on that. Bobby Wade averaged 10.1 on PR's in 2000 and improved that to 10.4 last year while Gary Love averaged 21.2 on KR's in 2000 and 25.7 last year and both are back. I wondered last year if Mackovic would put the same amount of attention as Tomey did on special teams and he did devote the first 30-45 minutes of practice to it. In his first year here (2001) the rating did drop to #56 but with the excellent returnmen and now experienced punter, I look for the Wildcats to have one of the Pac 10's better special teams unit in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona joined the Pac 10 in 1978 and is the only team in the conference that has not been to the Rose Bowl. In 1998 they got very close, getting to the Holiday Bowl and beating Nebraska to finish 12-1. The Cats were ranked #3 in the preseason polls in 1999 but in the last 3 years have managed just a 16-18 overall record. Last year was the first for John Mackovic and he inherited a team that lost just 12 lettermen (fewest in the Pac 10). Surprisingly UA has won just 2 Pac 10 home games in the last 3 years (have lost 7 straight). The team jumped out to a 3-0 start last year due to a soft non-conf schedule. In their first 3 Pac 10 games, thanks in part to a banged up D-line, UA was outscored by an average of 17.3. In their next 2 games the Pac 10 admitted to blown calls that went against the Cats vs both Washington and USC as UA lost close games. They did win 2 of their last 3 including beating rival Ariz St on the road to finish 5-6 but their 2-6 record in Pac 10 play was actually their worst ever. Last year's team had 17 seniors and now 21 lettermen must be replaced. Despite having a young QB last season, the team averaged 250.3 ypg passing (7th best in school history). They have 7 starters back on offense and an experienced QB so they should be more explosive. Defensively they brought back Larry Mac Duff to keep the Double Eagle Flex defense. Mac Duff was DC in 1992 when they led the nation in scoring defense but injuries hit them hard last year and they gave up the most ever points in a season (377). They narrowly avoided becoming the second Pac 10 team in history to allow 40+ ppg in league play (39.6). Offensive turnovers did hurt them as opponents had 3 int return TD's, 3 fumble return TD's and overall 149 of the 377 points allowed were due to UA offensive turnovers. They did get 7 sacks in the season finale to finish with 36 which tied them for tops in the Pac 10. In 8 games last year the defense allowed just 98 ypg rushing but when they were injury plagued, they were overrun by Oregon, Oregon St and Stanford for 282, 195 and 276 yards which was the reason they allowed 140.4 ypg for the season. They have 6 starters back on that side of the ball and can only be stronger. They were -7 in turnovers last year which should mean that better things are in the offing. I had pegged the Cats for last place in the Pac 10 last year and they finished 2-6 with a couple of close losses although league foes did outscore them by an average of 11.75 ppg. This is a team that clearly needs to toughen its home edge, especially in Pac 10 play, but provided everything comes together and they can avoid injuries they will once again flirt with a winning season.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JASON JOHNSON SR. 6-2 210 PS#55. 8 gms, 11 passes in '99 & 2000. 11 sts LY, 2347 yds (57%) 19-13 ratio, 84 yds rush. Nic Costa (5-11 200 rFr) PS#15. 50% of snaps in spg.

RB CLARENCE FARMER JR. 6-1 215 PS#124. 6 sts, 666 yds (4.8) as true. 9 sts So, **1229 yds** (5.9), **1st Tm P10** LY. Mike Bell (6-0 210 rFr) PS#9, 4.38 spd. Chris Harris (5-10 194) PS#69.

FB Tremaine Cox So. 5-11 195 PS#131, 230 yds (5.2) as rFr. Sean Jones (5-11 220 rFr) PS#344. Antoine Singfield (6-2 225 rFr) PS#94. Gilbert Harris is PS#208.

WR BOBBY WADE SR. 5-11 195 PS#15. 6 sts as true, 30 rec (15.1). 8 sts in 2000, 45 rec (13.9). 11 sts LY, 62 rec (14.2), 23 PR (10.4). Ricky Williams (6-1 209 So) PS#69.

WR Andrae Thurman Jr. 5-11 185 PS#63DB. 14 rec (10.4) in 2000. 7 sts LY, 30 rec (15.7). Lance Relford (6-0 200 Jr) 5 rec (9.6). Juan Valentine (6-1 195 Jr) PS#95 in 2000. JC LY.

TE JAMES HUGO SR. 6-6 260 PS#115. 6 sts, 22 gms in '99-00. 5 sts LY, 9 rec (6.2). Justin Levasseur (6-5 240 Jr) PS#39. 2 sts, 5 rec LY. Steve Fleming (6-6 250 So) PS#117QB.

C Keoki Fraser So. 6-2 295 PS#85OL. 3 sts at RG, 3 sts at C as rFr, 1 letter. Thomas Stevens (6-1 301 rFr) PS#165OL. 2nd string C at times LY but redshirted.

RG REGGIE SAMPAY JR. 6-3 275 PS#250. 7 sts as true (5 at C, 2 at RG). 8 sts LY (6 at LG, 2 at C). John Vorschek (6-4 295 Sr) PS#245JC, lettered here LY, key reserve.

LG Aaron Higginbotham Sr. 6-5 265 PS#138OL. 12 games as rFr. 2 sts in 2000, 2nd letter. DNL in 2001. Matt Page (6-1 301 rFr) PS#148. Osvaldo Oriz (6-4 300 rFr) PS#206.

RT DARREN SAFRANEK SR. 6-7 292 3 gms in '99. 6 sts (5 at LT, 1 at G) in 2000. 1st 7 sts LY until knee inj, missed spg. Brandon Phillips (6-7 285 Jr) PS#43DL. 4 sts at RT in 2001.

LT MAKOA FREITAS SR. 6-4 296 PS#159. 11 sts in '99, first 3 sts in 2000, inj RS. 11 sts at LT LY. Chris Johnson (6-3 301 So) PS#276, 8 gms LY. Matt Lamatsch (6-7 310 Jr) PS#100JC.

K SEAN KEEL SR. 6-0 201 5 of 8 FG's with a long of 35 in 1999. Hit 13 of 17 FG's with long of 44. HM Pac 10 in 2000. 9 of 14 FG's, long of 52 LY, 4 of 6 from 40+.

DE Isaac Watts rFr. 6-2 255 PS#90TE in 2001. Andrae Torrey (6-4 250 Jr) PS#218JC, 60 tkls, 12 sks at JC last year. In for spring. Marlon Brisco (6-4 225 Fr) is PS#41TE.

NT Carlos Williams So. 6-4 273 PS#57TE. 2 tkls, 2 pbu as true in 2001. Carl Tuitavuki (6-4 320 Jr) PS#48JUCO. 70 tkls, 17 tfl, 6 sks at JC LY. Andy Nuessle (6-3 240 So).

DT YOUNG THOMPSON SR. 6-2 293 8 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 1 st in 2000, 10 games, 13 tkls, 2.5 tfl. 9 sts in 2001, 30 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. Vince Feula (6-0 280 So) PS#81, acad inel LY.

DE Fata Avegalio So. 6-3 245 Scout Tm Def POY as true. 11 tkls in 2001 as rFr. Samoan Brad Brittain (6-5 255 rFr) PS#79TE. Tim Volk is PS#41. Paul Philipp is PS#119.

WLB JOE SIOFELE JR. 6-2 252 PS#11. 17 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl as rFr. 6 sts LY (miss 5 inj), 21 tkls, 4 tfl. Matt Molina (6-1 225 Jr) PS#91, 11 tkls. Pedro Limon PS#101, Def Scout Tm MVP.

ILB LANCE BRIGGS SR. 6-2 235 PS#53. 11 sts, **1st Tm P10**, 113 tkls, 11 tfl, 2 int, 7 pbu in 2000. 10 sts LY, 93 tkls, 14.0 tfl, Def MVP, **1st Tm P10**. Pat Howard (6-0 220 So) PS#152, 20 tkls.

ROV RAYMOND WELLS SR. 6-1 225 PS#137JUCO. 11 starts as RS JUCO, 45 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Kirk Johnson (6-0 215 So) PS#129LB, 5 starts as true, 33 tkls, 2 tfl in 2001.

CB David Hinton Jr. 5-11 175 PS#103. Started 1st 5 in 2000, 21 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 13 tackles, 1 pbu in 2001. Luis Nunez (5-11 185 Jr) PS#125JC, 5 int, 10 pbu at JC in 2001.

CB MICHAEL JOLIVETTE JR. 5-11 180 PS#41. 11 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 5 int, 14 pbu, **2nd Tm Pac 10**. 11 sts, 53 tkls, 5 int, **20 pbu** (school rec) LY. Darrell Brooks (6-0 187 rFr) PS#132.

SS Tony Wingate So. 6-1 205 PS#58. 1 tkl as rFr. Clay Hardt (6-1 197 Jr) PS#339RB, 2 sts, 40 tkls, 1 int, 2Y. Anthony Fulcher (5-11 197 Jr) PS#51RB, 1 st, 198 yds at RB LY.

FS JARVIE WORCESTER SR. 6-0 205 7 sts as rFr, 1 int, 9 sts, 26 tkls, 5 pbu. 11 sts LY, 70 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. Justin Jochum (6-0 188 So) PS#37. Landon Kafentzis (6-0 197 rFr) PS#69.

P RAMEY PERU JR. 6-1 190 PS#41K in 1999. 5 punts (39.8) in 2000. 11 sts, 60 punts (37.9) tm net of 34.7 in 2001. Ryan Fusco (5-10 170 rFr). Danny Baugher is PS#6K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Ryan O'Hara 6-6 193 PS#22
DL	Tim Volk 6-2 250 PS#41
DT	Carl Tuitavuki 6-4 320 PS#48JC
OL	John Parada 6-8 305 PS#55
WR	Biren Ealy 6-4 190 PS#54
DB	Mike Jefferson 6-2 200 PS#39
RB	Ra'Shawn Mosley 5-11 175 PS#82
P	Danny Baugher 5-11 190 PS#6
OL	Matt Lamatsch 6-7 310 PS#100JC
LB	Marcus Smith 6-5 220 PS#82
OL	Keith Jackson 6-6 305 PS#121
TE	Marlon Brisco 6-4 225 PS#41
DL	Paul Philipp 6-3 265 PS#119
DB	Luis Nunez 5-11 185 PS#125JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Arizona is 23-40-1 ATS the last 9 years as a favorite. Wildcats have been tamed in road openers with a 5-9 ATS mark. UA is 10-18 ATS as an away favorite.
Aug. 29	N Arizona (Thur)	G						Northern Arizona was 8-4 SU last year in the Big Sky Conference. The Lumberjacks lost in the first round of the Division IAA playoffs last year.
Sep. 7								Bonus: Arizona is 3-7 ATS the last 3 years vs non-conference foes.
Sep. 14	Utah	G						Cats are 18-6-1 ATS the week after a bye. UA is 8-6 ATS in first lined home games, but 1-5 ATS last 6 years.
Sep. 21	at Wisconsin	A						Wildcats are 6-3 ATS the last 4 years on artificial turf. Arizona is 14-2 ATS as a non-conference away dog.
Sep. 28	N Texas	G						Strange but true: UA is 5-18 ATS the next wk at home after an AG (0-9 L/9). UA is 7-20 ATS their last 27 as a double digit home favorite.
Oct. 5	Oregon	G						Zona is 4-11-1 ATS in their first conference home game. Arizona is 3-8 ATS last 11 vs the Ducks.
Oct. 12	at Washington	A						Pending 9/21: Wildcats are 18-5 ATS the last 6 years as an away dog. Arizona is 4-6 ATS last 10 vs the Huskies, but 3-1 the last 4 years.
Oct. 19	at Stanford	G						UA is 10-1 ATS their last 11 on the road in October. The road team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 series meetings.
Oct. 26	Washington St	G						Arizona is 3-11-1 ATS in their last 15 sandwiched home games (0-6 L/6). The underdog is 5-3-1 ATS the last 9 in this series.
Nov. 2	at Oregon St	A						UA is 7-3-1 SU their last 11 vs OSU, but 0-3 SU the last 3 years. Pending 9/21: Cats are 10-3 ATS in their last 13 sandwiched road games.
Nov. 9	UCLA (HC)	G						Arizona is 8-17 ATS in November since 1994, pending LW's outcome. Pending earlier results: UA is 7-24-1 ATS their last 32 Pac 10 home games.
Nov. 16	at California	G						Arizona is 3-11 ATS vs California since 1986. Wildcats are 2-10 ATS the week prior to a bye.
Nov. 23								
Nov. 29	Arizona St (Fri)	G						Arizona is 14-7 ATS vs their arch rival, but 4-7 ATS last 11. The underdog is 9-1 ATS in this "hot" rivalry.

JOHN MACKOVIC (Career 90-70-3)
2nd Year at Arizona

Mackovic's records AT ARIZONA

5-6	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
5-6	Vs The Spread	0-4	Home Dog
3-3	Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	3-1	Away Dog
		2-1	Vs Non-Conf

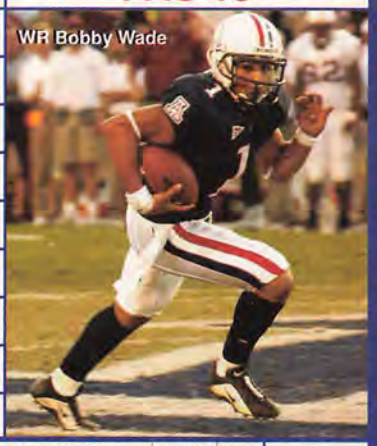
2001 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (16,16,3)
Lost: 21 (11,10,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,383

PAC 10


WR Bobby Wade

STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (56,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	6-5	11-1	6-6	5-6	5-6	44-35
ATS	5-6	5-5-1	5-6	9-3	2-10	5-6	5-6	36-42-1
Home Fav	1-3	3-1-1	1-3	4-1	1-5	0-5	1-1	11-19-1
Home Dog	0-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-4	1-10
Away Fav	0-1	0-2	0-1	4-1	1-3	0-0	1-0	6-8
Away Dog	4-0	2-1	3-1	1-0	0-2	5-0	3-1	18-5
Favorite	1-4	3-3-1	1-4	8-2	2-8	0-5	2-1	17-27-1
Dog	4-2	2-2	4-2	1-1	0-2	5-1	3-5	19-15
Grass	3-5	5-3-1	4-5	6-3	2-8	3-6	4-5	27-35-1
Artificial	2-1	0-2	1-1	3-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	9-7
vs Conf	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	5-3	2-6	4-4	3-5	24-31-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	4-0	0-4	1-2	2-1	12-11
Off SU Win	2-3	2-3	3-2	7-3	1-5	3-2	1-3	19-21
Off SU Loss	2-3	3-1-1	2-3	1-0	1-4	1-4	3-3	13-18-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Clarence Farmer	209	1323	94	1229	10	5.9
Tremaine Cox	44	241	11	230	2	5.2
Leo Mills	50	172	17	155	1	3.1
Anthony Fulcher	18	90	7	83	0	4.6
Jason Johnson	42	84	175	-91	2	-2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jason Johnson	298	169	56.7	2347	19	13
John Rattay	59	27	45.8	385	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Bobby Wade	62	882	14.2	8	56
Malosi Leonard	43	582	13.5	3	35
Andrae Thurman	30	470	15.7	2	41
Brandon Marshall	20	411	20.5	4	99
Anthony Fulcher	10	115	11.5	1	38

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Ramey Peru	60	2274	37.9	–	39.0	0	10

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sean Keel	4-5	1-3	3-4	1-2	9-14	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lance Briggs	93	6.5	7	1	0
Jarvie Worcester	70	0	2	3	2
Michael Jolivette	53	1	2	15	5
Brandon Nash	47	2	5	8	1
Ray Wells	45	2	1	1	1
Alex Luna	43	4.5	1	2	0
Jermaine Chatman	39	0	2	11	3
Kirk Johnson	33	1	1	0	0
Shelton Ross	33	0	2	0	0
Johnny Jackson	32	6	0	1	1
Young Thompson	30	3	2	1	0
Anthony Thomas	27	2	3	1	0
Clay Hardt	26	0	1	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bobby Wade	23	239	10.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gary Love	15	386	25.7	0
Andrae Thurman	15	269	17.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	John Hancock	-6'	Baylor	15-20	L
93	Fiesta	+6	Miami (Fla)	29-0	W
94	Freedom	-4	Utah	13-16	L
97	Insight.com	-9'	New Mexico	20-14	L
98	Holiday	+3	Nebraska	23-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARIZONA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	29.1	21	142	4.0	250	54.3	13.5	-7	2001	7	34.3	22	140	3.5	258	51.0	11.6
7	23.1	16	154	3.6	154	46.5	13.4	+10	2000	6	21.5	17	88	2.5	229	49.2	14.7
7*	28.3	21	219	5.2	253	57.9	16.7	-12	1999	9	30.3	20	143	3.7	235	55.2	12.5
7*	33.8	20	205	4.7	226	59.3	12.8	+11	1998	4	18.2	18	102	2.9	229	47.4	18.2
6*	26.4	20	175	4.0	220	48.4	14.9	+7	1997	8	26.0	16	112	3.0	218	51.5	12.7
10	33.0	17	173	4.1	166	59.0	11.3	+13	1996	6	27.4	20	160	3.8	226	57.4	14.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at San Diego St	17	37 - 55	1.5	21 - 32	176	2	14	29 - 41	1.4	18 - 38	160	3	+2
Idaho	22	36 - 181	5.0	21 - 35	310	0	29	37 - 113	3.1	30 - 49	366	7	+1
UNLV	24	37 - 184	5.0	19 - 34	256	1	11	37 - 124	3.4	7 - 20	156	3	0
Washington St	15	25 - 76	3.0	14 - 28	190	3	24	51 - 138	2.7	17 - 33	283	3	-2
Oregon	24	36 - 258	7.2	14 - 31	225	0	28	51 - 282	5.5	19 - 29	325	1	-4
at Oregon St	11	30 - 46	1.5	10 - 24	113	3	24	49 - 195	4.0	17 - 34	220	0	-1
at Washington	22	44 - 199	4.5	16 - 28	195	4	26	28 - 83	3.0	29 - 49	455	1	+3
USC	20	34 - 101	3.0	23 - 43	311	6	18	30 - 64	2.1	24 - 49	248	2	-2
at California	23	39 - 137	3.5	19 - 34	337	3	25	46 - 115	2.5	14 - 39	239	8	-2
Stanford	24	24 - 163	6.8	25 - 50	415	2	21	55 - 276	5.0	13 - 23	169	1	-4
at Arizona St	25	44 - 163	3.7	18 - 29	225	3	20	33 - 113	3.4	16 - 37	217	7	+2
TOTALS	227	386 - 1563	4.0	200 - 368	2753	27	240	446 - 1544	3.5	204 - 400	2838	36	-7
AVERAGES	20.6	35 - 142	4.0	18 - 33	250	2.5	21.8	41 - 140	3.5	19 - 36	258	3.3	-0.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon	-3'	9-16	L
UAB	-33	24-10	L
at Ohio St	+17	20-28	W
at UCLA	+8	27-40	L
San Diego St	-12	31-28	L
Stanford	+3'	28-22	W
Washington	+11'	28-58	L
at Wash St (OT)	+13	34-35	W
Oregon St	-16'	27-7	W
California	-11'	41-38	L
at Arizona St	+9	28-16	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-17	27-6	W
at Stanford	-7'	31-14	W
Iowa	-12	35-11	W
at San Diego St	-16	35-16	W
at Washington	+2	31-28	W
UCLA	+5	28-52	L
at Oregon St	-8	28-7	W
NE Louisiana	-33	45-7	W
Oregon	-2'	38-3	W
Washington St	-24	41-7	W
at California	-10'	27-23	L
Arizona St	-11'	50-42	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+4'	7-41	L
at TCU	-13	35-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-44	34-19	L
Stanford	-13	22-50	L
at Washington St	-13'	30-24	L
USC	-1	31-24	W
UTEP	-22	34-21	L
Oregon	-3	41-44	L
at UCLA	-3'	33-7	W
Washington	-5'	25-33	L
at Oregon St	+3	20-28	L
at Arizona St	-1'	27-42	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+3	17-3	W
Ohio St	+5'	17-27	L
San Diego St	-19'	17-3	L
at Stanford	+1'	27-3	W
at USC	+7	31-15	W
Wash St (3OT)	-12'	53-47	L
at Oregon	+9	10-14	W
UCLA	-5'	24-27	L
at Washington	+7	32-35	W
Oregon St	-1	9-33	L
Arizona St	-6'	17-30	L

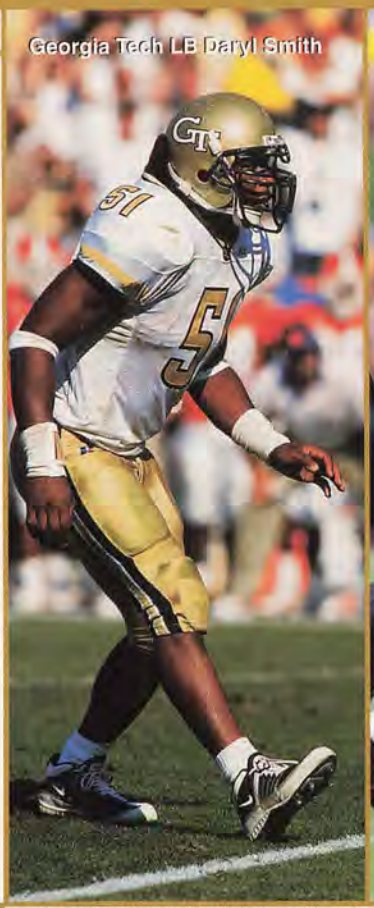
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	+2	23-10	W
Idaho	-19	36-29	L
UNLV	-2'	38-21	W
Washington St	+2	21-48	L
Oregon	+5	28-63	L
at Oregon St	+7	3-38	L
at Washington	+16	28-31	W
USC	+6'	34-41	L
at California	-3'	38-24	W
Stanford	+7'	37-51	L
at Arizona St	+7'	34-21	W

ACC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 ACC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Chris Rix, Fla St	Philip Rivers, NC St	Willie Simmons, Clemson
RB	Bruce Perry, Maryland	Andre' Williams, N Carolina	Tarence Williams, W Forest
RB	Greg Jones, Fla St	Bernard Rambert, Clemson	Chris Douglas, Duke
WR	Billy McMullen, Virginia	Talman Gardner, Fla St	Kerry Watkins, Ga Tech
WR	Craphonso Thorpe, Fla St	Sam Aiken, N Carolina	Roscoe Crosby, Clemson
TE	Ben Hall, Clemson	Jeff Dugan, Maryland	Patrick Estes, Virginia
C	Antoine Mirambeau, Fla St	Jason Brown, N Carolina	Kyle Schmitt, Maryland
G	Montrae Holland, Fla St	Milford Brown, Fla St	Leon Robinson, Ga Tech
G	Todd Wike, Maryland	Elton Brown, Virginia	Jeb Terry, N Carolina
T	Brett Williams, Fla St	Drew Strojny, Duke	Christopher Colmer, NC St
T	Nat Dorsey, Ga Tech	Matt Crawford, Maryland	Gary Byrd, Clemson
DL	Calvin Pace, W Forest	Eric Moore, Fla St	Terrance Chapman, NC St
DL	Darnell Dockett, Fla St	Jeff Womble, Fla St	Nick Eason, Clemson
DL	Travis Johnson, Fla St	Donnell Washington, Clemson	Randy Starks, Maryland
DL	Greg Gathers, Ga Tech	Shawn Price, NC St	Jocques Dumas, N Caro
LB	EJ Henderson, Maryland	Leon Joe, Maryland	Angelo Crowell, Virginia
LB	Daryl Smith, Ga Tech	John Leake, Clemson	Rodney Thomas, Clemson
LB	Kendyll Pope, Fla St	Ray Mann, Virginia	Michael Boulware, Fla St
CB	Michael Waddell, N Car	Marcus Hudson, NC St	Domonique Foxworth, MD
CB	Art Thomas, Virginia	Brian Mance, Clemson	Bryant McFadden, Fla St
SS	Cory Collins, Ga Tech	DeFonte Coleman, N Car	Jerome Carter, Fla St
FS	Terrence Holt, NC St	Jeremy Muyres, Ga Tech	Dexter Reid, N Carolina
K	Luke Manget, Ga Tech	Xavier Beitia, Fla St	Nick Novak, Maryland
P	Brooks Barnard, Maryland	Wynn Kopp, Clemson	Dan Dyke, Ga Tech
KR	Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	Brian Mance, Clemson	Rich Parson, Maryland
PR	Brian Mance, Clemson	Fabian Davis, W Forest	Bosley Allen, N Carolina


Georgia Tech LB Daryl Smith

Virginia WR Billy McMullen

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 ACC FORECAST

1. FLORIDA ST - Well, if there was going to be a year to beat FSU it was last year, as they had a very inexperienced group and suffered the first ACC home loss in their history. They shockingly lost 2 ACC games, and did not claim a part of the ACC Title for the first time since joining the league. This year they lose the fewest amount of lettermen (14) in the conference and have the most returning (55) and get my call as the most improved team in the league which is rare for a perennial top 5 contender. I think FSU will breeze through league play with a perfect 8-0 record and will find themselves back at the top of the polls this year.

2. CLEMSON - CU suffered a disappointing season last year but remember they had just 11 starters back in their 4-4 year. I think Willie Simmons will do a good job replacing Dantzler at QB and despite having just 4 starters back on that side of the ball, they should still be potent. Defensively they will be much tougher and have my #3 rated unit in the league. That defensive improvement along with a schedule that has most of the tough games in Death Valley, has me calling for the Tigers to claw their way to a 2nd place finish in the ACC.

3. MARYLAND - Last year was a storybook season for the Terps and Coach Ralph "The Fridge" Friedgen. They did benefit from +18 in turnovers and won 3 close ACC games. They could easily suffer a good size dropoff this season, especially with teams better prepared for them. However, I do 7 sets of power ratings and the Terps come up among the top 3 teams in the league in almost every category. There was nothing fluky about their overall record, as they outgained league foes by an average of 82.8 ypg which was 2nd best in the league. This group is almost as experienced as last year's bunch and have a new found confidence and should have another successful season.

4. N CAROLINA - The Tar Heels' defense looks weaker this season with the loss of 2 of the top 6 picks in the NFL. Overall I rate them in the middle of the pack in the ACC in terms of talent. Last year they outgained league foes by an average of 80.6 ypg and achieved their winning record despite starting 0-3 vs the toughest opening slate in the country and also finishing -10 in turnovers. The schedule is the most favorable of any ACC team with winnable road games vs Wake Forest and Duke and 4 winnable home games. They also get a bye the week prior to Georgia Tech, while the Yellow Jackets will be on its 3rd road game in 4 weeks, giving NC a solid edge there. That advantage has me calling for them to have an upper half ranking this season.

5. GEORGIA TECH - Tech has the most seniors of any squad in the ACC (29) and while they must break in a new QB, they have plenty of talent on that side of the ball. Defense is what will make Tech a formidable foe this year, as they have my #2 rated defense in the league with 9 starters back on that side of the ball. Most of the major games with similar or equal talent for GT take place on the road, which means the schedule is difficult. As mentioned above, NC has a big time scheduling edge. One of my power ratings says that Tech is the 2nd best team in the league while the others all have them in the top 4 but due to the schedule, I'll peg Tech here with a 4-4 league finish.

6. VIRGINIA - UVA only has 8 seniors returning this year which is the 2nd fewest in the league and have to face 9 bowl teams this season. I think Al Groh did a fine job in his first year despite the fact UVA suffered their first losing season in 13 years. I like the talent that Groh has had at his disposal. Despite the fact UVA was actually outgained by an average of 99.6 ypg in ACC play last year, I look for solid improvement this season and give them a shot at flirting with a winning record despite a very tough schedule.

7. N CAROLINA ST - I like the job that Chuck Amato is doing here and last year he proved his coaching acumen by taking a less talented team and beating Florida St at Doak Campbell Stadium (the first team ever in ACC play!) They have a veteran squad this season with 17 seniors (3rd best in the league) and of course QB Philip Rivers. The Wolfpack are 16-16 in ACC play over the past 4 years and have 4 definite wins in non-conference play this year, so they have a great shot at achieving yet another winning season.

8. WAKE FOREST - When Jim Grobe first arrived at WF he inherited a veteran, experienced team with 19 starters returning and just 13 lettermen lost last year. That 2000 version was -9 in turnovers so you knew better things were expected. They managed a winning record without winning a single ACC home game as they got road wins at Duke, Virginia and N Carolina (the latter 2 were come-from-behind wins). WF is a veteran group once again with just 18 lettermen lost and the 16 starters returning are the most in the ACC. The team will clearly come into the season a more confident bunch after last year's 6-5 bowl eligible record and they have a shot at flirting with a winning record once again.

9. DUKE - Duke was outscored last year by an average of 44.6 to 19.3 and in league play where outgained by an average of 172.3 ypg. They clearly have a lot of ground to make up. This year they have just 2 seniors on the entire team, which is the fewest in the league and probably the fewest in the NCAA. Since Duke was -14 in turnovers last year, they may finally be able to break their 23 game winless streak but escaping the basement in the ACC may be a year away.

ACC Notes: Last year the ACC had 4 new coaches and 3 of them took over teams that had losing records and guided them to winning seasons, with Ralph Friedgen leading the way by guiding his surprising Terps to an outright ACC Title. This was the first time Florida St has not at least had a piece of 1st place. FSU lost TWO ACC games last year (they were 70-2 in league play prior!), including their first ever home loss in conference play and will be out to re-establish their dominance this year. The ACC did not fare well in bowls in 2000 at 1-4 SU (5-10 from '98-'00) with the only win being a miracle comeback by NC St over Minnesota. They fared much better last year with a 4-2 record (yes 6 ACC bowlers and Wake Forest was bowl eligible), but their league champ Maryland was walloped by Florida 56-23. The 6 bowl teams were a 49 year high for the league. The ACC had 18 players selected in this year's draft, the sixth highest among the conferences.

2001 TEAM OFFENSIVE ACC VS ACC STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
6	Florida St	38.0	1	445.3	1	170.9	4	4.2	3	274.4	55.6	7	11.7	14	19
17	Maryland	32.6	2	434.9	3	211.3	2	4.6	1	223.6	60.4	4	13.3	17	14
27	Clemson	30.8	3	438.9	2	192.9	3	4.4	2	246.0	56.0	6	14.3	16	22
33	Georgia Tech	30.8	3	423.8	4	136.0	5	3.2	8	287.8	64.5	1	13.8	16	15
53	N Carolina	29.6	5	387.5	5	132.5	6	3.2	7	255.0	61.2	3	13.1	16	18
55	Wake Forest	26.6	6	383.6	6	213.4	1	4.0	4	170.3	50.3	8	14.4	20	9
63	NC State	26.5	7	358.6	8	108.6	7	3.4	6	250.0	62.2	2	13.5	12	17
73	Virginia	22.3	8	361.8	7	104.8	8	3.8	5	257.0	58.8	5	16.3	14	12
99	Duke	20.5	9	326.6	9	91.1	9	2.5	9	235.5	46.6	9	15.9	18	27

2001 TEAM DEFENSIVE ACC VS ACC STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
9	N Carolina	18.1	1	306.9	1	118.1	3	3.2	2	188.8	48.4	1	16.9	12	18
25	Georgia Tech	26.9	4	362.1	4	117.3	1	3.4	3	244.9	55.5	5	13.5	14	22
28	NC State	23.1	3	396.9	5	144.8	5	3.5	5	252.1	59.9	6	17.2	16	19
32	Florida St	24.3	4	355.5	3	129.8	4	3.4	4	225.8	54.7	3	14.7	18	12
46	Maryland	21.6	2	352.1	2	102.9	1	2.9	1	249.3	55.0	4	16.3	24	23
63	Clemson	33.5	8	409.8	6	159.6	7	3.9	7	250.1	54.6	2	12.2	12	16
66	Wake Forest	30.9	7	417.4	7	150.3	6	3.7	6	267.1	64.5	9	13.5	15	27
71	Virginia	30.5	6	461.4	8	200.4	8	4.2	8	261.0	63.9	8	15.1	18	15
115	Duke	48.8	9	498.9	9	238.4	9	5.5	9	260.5	62.0	7	10.2	12	11

Florida St
QB Chris Rix

2001 ACC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Maryland	7	1	261	173	10	1	390	210
Florida St	6	2	304	194	7	4	373	287
N Carolina	5	3	237	145	7	5	321	261
Georgia Tech	4	4	246	215	7	5	381	267
NC State	4	4	212	185	7	4	300	223
Clemson	4	4	246	268	6	5	320	315
Wake Forest	3	5	213	247	6	5	292	311
Virginia	3	5	178	244	5	7	249	331
Duke	0	8	164	390	0	11	212	491

2000 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	8	0	395	86	11	1	509	123
Georgia Tech	6	2	286	164	9	2	372	209
Clemson	6	2	280	189	9	2	396	212
Virginia	5	3	138	169	6	5	228	255
NC State	4	4	221	239	7	4	341	308
N Carolina	3	5	199	243	6	5	269	284
Maryland	3	5	168	217	5	6	247	284
Wake Forest	1	7	106	299	2	9	181	362
Duke	0	8	143	328	0	11	155	430

1999 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	8	0	310	123	11	0	412	174
Georgia Tech	5	3	307	261	8	3	448	333
Virginia	5	3	222	210	7	4	324	302
Clemson	5	3	263	171	6	5	315	236
Wake Forest	3	5	145	178	6	5	243	206
NC State	3	5	167	250	6	6	244	302
Duke	3	5	182	290	3	8	217	363
Maryland	2	6	202	250	5	6	292	260
N Carolina	2	6	129	194	3	8	186	272

Maryland RB
Bruce Perry

2001 ACC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Chris Rix, FSU	**286**	**165**	**57.7**	**13**	**2734**	**9.6**	**24**	**156.6**
Darian Durant, NC	**223**	**142**	**63.7**	**10**	**1843**	**8.3**	**17**	**149.3**
George Godsey, GT	384	249	64.8	11	3085	8.0	18	142.1
Woodrow Dantzler, Clem	311	188	60.5	11	2360	7.6	17	135.2
Philip Rivers, NC St	**368**	**240**	**65.2**	**7**	**2586**	**7.0**	**16**	**134.8**
Bryson Spinner, VA	206	121	58.7	6	1334	6.5	14	129.7
Shaun Hill, MD	329	197	59.9	9	2380	7.2	13	128.2
Matt Schaub, VA	**240**	**140**	**58.3**	**8**	**1524**	**6.4**	**10**	**118.8**
James MacPherson, WF	**209**	**113**	**54.1**	**11**	**1555**	**7.4**	**5**	**113.9**
D Bryant, Duke	**384**	**187**	**48.7**	**17**	**2454**	**6.4**	**11**	**103.0**

RUSHING

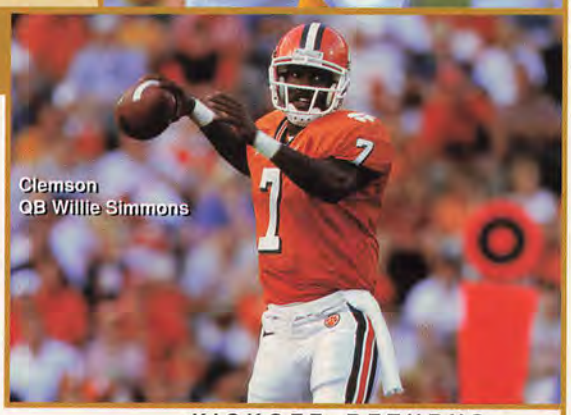
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Bruce Perry, MD	**11**	**219**	**1242**	**5.7**	**10**	**112.9**
Tarence Williams, WF	**10**	**249**	**1018**	**4.1**	**10**	**101.8**
Joe Burns, GT	12	282	1165	4.1	14	97.1
Woodrow Dantzler, Clem	11	206	1004	4.9	10	91.3
Chris Douglas, Duke	**11**	**218**	**841**	**3.9**	**7**	**76.5**
Ray Robinson, NC St	11	190	733	3.9	10	66.6
Greg Jones, FSU	**11**	**134**	**713**	**5.3**	**6**	**64.8**
Fred Staton, WF	**11**	**137**	**583**	**4.3**	**7**	**53.0**
Travis Zachery, Clem	11	142	576	4.1	8	52.4
André Williams, NC	**11**	**170**	**520**	**3.1**	**4**	**47.3**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Billy McMullen, VA	**12**	**83**	**1060**	**12**	**88.3**	**6.9**	**12.8**
Javon Walker, FSU	11	45	944	7	85.8	4.1	21.0
Kelly Campbell, GT	9	56	708	3	78.7	6.2	12.6
Gary Guilian, MD	10	48	718	6	71.8	4.8	15.0
Sam Aiken, NC	**12**	**46**	**789**	**8**	**65.8**	**3.8**	**17.2**
Talman Gardner, FSU	**10**	**33**	**649**	**11**	**64.9**	**3.3**	**19.7**
Ben Erdeljac, Duke	11	42	684	1	62.2	3.8	16.3
Will Glover, GT	**9**	**42**	**546**	**3**	**60.7**	**4.7**	**13.0**
Bryan Peterson, NC St	**11**	**48**	**657**	**2**	**59.7**	**4.4**	**13.7**
Kerry Watkins, GT	**12**	**41**	**674**	**5**	**56.2**	**3.4**	**16.4**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Woodrow Dantzler, Clem	11	206	1004	311	2360	3364	305.8
Chris Rix, FSU	**11**	**111**	**389**	**286**	**2734**	**3123**	**283.9**
George Godsey, GT	12	66	-45	384	3085	3040	253.3
Shaun Hill, MD	11	116	309	329	2380	2689	244.5
Philip Rivers, NC St	**11**	**44**	**-28**	**368**	**2586**	**2558**	**232.5**
D Bryant, Duke	**11**	**83**	**15**	**384**	**2454**	**2469**	**224.5**
Darian Durant, NC	**12**	**58**	**128**	**223**	**1843**	**1971**	**164.2**
James MacPherson, WF	**11**	**63**	**111**	**209**	**1555**	**1666**	**151.5**
Bryson Spinner, VA	11	60	172	206	1334	1506	136.9
Matt Schaub, VA	**12**	**33**	**-13**	**240**	**1524**	**1511**	**125.9**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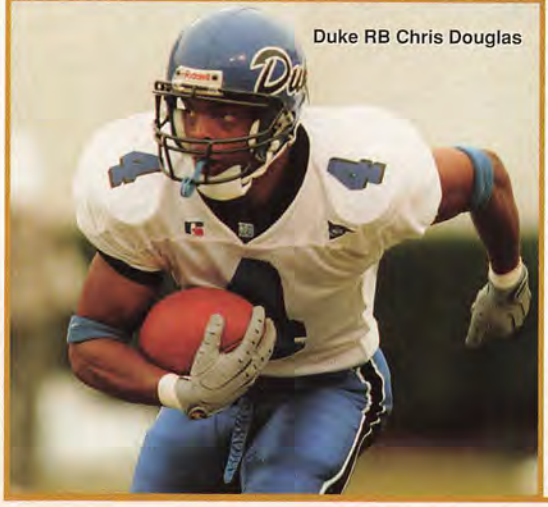
QB Willie Simmons

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Derrick Hamilton, Clem	**15**	**476**	**1**	**31.7**
John Stone, WF	22	588	1	26.7
Tavon Mason, VA	19	482	1	25.4
Brian Mance, Clem	**23**	**564**	**0**	**24.5**
Kelly Campbell, GT	28	651	0	23.2
Rich Parson, MD	**17**	**375**	**0**	**22.1**
Craphonso Thorpe, FSU	**26**	**561**	**0**	**21.6**
Chris Douglas, Duke	**37**	**775**	**0**	**20.9**
Lamont Reid, NC St	**11**	**223**	**0**	**20.3**
Greg Golden, NC St	**11**	**216**	**0**	**19.6**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
EJ Henderson, MD	**11**	**104**	**46**	**150**	**13.6**
Levar Fisher, NC St	11	79	69	148	13.5
Bradley Jennings, FSU	10	72	55	127	12.7
Angelo Crowell, VA	**12**	**87**	**56**	**143**	**11.9**
Chad Carson, Clem	11	71	55	126	11.5
Dantonio Burnette, NC St	**10**	**55**	**59**	**114**	**11.4**
Marquis Hopkins, WF	11	75	50	125	11.4
Charles Hafley, Clem	11	81	41	122	11.1
Ryan Fowler, Duke	**11**	**68**	**54**	**122**	**11.1**
Davis Thornton, NC	12	88	43	131	10.9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PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brooks Barnard, MD	**11**	**54**	**2401**	**44.5**
Mike Abrams, VA	12	62	2616	42.2
Austin Herbert, NC St	**11**	**53**	**2166**	**40.9**
Chance Gwaltney, FSU	**11**	**53**	**2125**	**40.1**
John Lafferty, NC	**12**	**67**	**2656**	**39.6**
Wynn Kopp, Clem	**11**	**42**	**1652**	**39.3**
Trey McDonald, Duke	**11**	**60**	**2304**	**38.4**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ronnie Hamilton, Duke	20	311	1	15.6
Brian Mance, Clem	**17**	**213**	**0**	**12.5**
Fabian Davis, WF	**30**	**323**	**1**	**10.8**
Kelly Rhino, GT	**48**	**515**	**0**	**10.7**
Bosley Allen, NC	**32**	**331**	**0**	**10.3**
Dominic Robinson, FSU	**16**	**162**	**0**	**10.1**
Alvin Pearman, VA	**27**	**247**	**0**	**9.1**
Gary Guilian, MD	15	101	0	6.7

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Adam Kiker, NC St	**9**	**13**	**14**	**92.9**	**41**
Xavier Beitia, FSU	**11**	**13**	**14**	**92.9**	**42**
Aaron Hunt, Clem	**11**	**10**	**12**	**83.3**	**48**
Tyler Ashe, WF	11	11	14	78.6	44
Jeff Reed, NC	11	12	16	75.0	49
Luke Manget, GT	**12**	**19**	**28**	**67.9**	**51**
Brent Garber, Duke	**11**	**6**	**9**	**66.7**	**48**
Nick Novak, MD	**11**	**16**	**25**	**64.0**	**51**

TFL

	NO	YDS
EJ Henderson, MD	**28.0**	**86**
Nathan Bolling, WF	21.0	57
Darnell Dockett, FSU	**19.0**	**62**
Julius Peppers, NC	17.5	74
Greg Gathers, GT	**17.0**	**95**
Calvin Pace, WF	**15.5**	**65**
Mike Whaley, MD	**12.0**	**44**
Kellen Brantley, WF	**11.0**	**43**
Nick Rogers, GT	10.5	39
George Anderson, NC St	**10.5**	**35**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Greg Gathers, GT	**10.0**	**68**
Julius Peppers, NC	9.0	56
Corey Smith, NC St	7.0	55
Calvin Pace, WF	**6.5**	**50**
Bryant McNeal, Clem	**6.5**	**45**
EJ Henderson, MD	**6.0**	**40**
Terrance Chapman, NC St	**5.5**	**41**
Nick Rogers, GT	5.5	27
Aaron Thompson, MD	5.0	36
Darryl Sanders, VA	5.0	34

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QB Chris Rix

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Probably last year's most compelling stat for FSU was that for the first time in Bowden's 26 years here, a freshman started the opener at QB. In 2000 Bowden was spoiled by having one of the most experienced QB's ever to play college football in Chris Weinke who was 26 years old and my preseason pick to win the Heisman Trophy. Weinke made the prediction come true by throwing for 4,441 yards (60.4%) with a 33-13 ratio despite being banged up in a couple of games. It looked like a 3 man QB battle last spring but Chris Rix led the way. Rix can throw a football 70 yards, has great size (6-4 210) and 4.56 speed. When WR injuries popped up, Anquan Boldin moved from 2nd string QB to WR before being lost for the year with a torn ACL. Fabian Walker (PS#13) was expected to contend but was ineligible last year. That elevated true frosh Adrian McPherson to the #2 spot. Rix became the first FSU QB since Charlie Ward ('93) to lead the team in rushing in a game and did so vs UAB and N Car. It should be pointed out that in Ward's first 5 career starts he had 11 int's and 3 fumbles for a total of 14 turnovers. Weinke, in his first 5, was also responsible for 14 turnovers. In the first 6 starts of the season, Rix threw for just 1,265 yards (53.7%) with a 9-8 ratio. Frosh McPherson was becoming the fan favorite and even began taking snaps with the 1st team prior to Maryland. Rix had his breakout performance against the Terps with 5 TD's and 350 yards passing. Over the last 6 games he threw for 1,795 yards (59.3%) with a super 17-6 ratio and had four 300 yard games. Both Rix and McPherson are back this year and Walker, along with Matt Henshaw (6-4 208 rFr, PS#37) will also contend. There is always a possibility that last year's top QB Joe Mauer (PS#1) will give up baseball and pursue a football career. This unit is clearly much more experienced and Rix should pick up where he left off.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Seminoles had to replace Travis Minor (PS#1) who had led the team in rushing for 4 straight years. There was a lot of talk during the offseason about the emphasis on the run and the fact that they had bigger backs than usual. I projected Greg Jones (PS#17) to win the starting TB job but he did not do so until the 9th game. That was really a technicality as Jones had 91 yards against Miami, 107 vs Virginia and 160 vs Clemson before getting his first start. Ironically, in that start he rushed for 70 yards in the 1H but missed the entire 2H with injury and the next week would have just 5 yards on 6 carries against Florida. Jones is a big back (6-1 243) that possesses good speed (4.5). Davy Ford was listed as the #2 back coming into the fall but he tore ligaments in his knee in the second game and finished with just 7 carries. Nick Maddox (PS#1) was the "starter" for most of the year but finished a distant 3rd in rushing with 444 yards (4.4) while Jones had almost double that amount with 833 yards (5.3). The FB's were banged up at the start of last year and William McCray missed most of August. It looked like Randy Golightly (6-2 237 Jr) would start the opener but suffered an injury, and missed the season. Later, 2nd string FB Greg Tony (5-11 210 Sr) fractured his lower back and was out until game 11. Chad Maeder started 9 games and most of last year's FB's depart. I list the 2 deep below. This year's top signees include PS#1 Lorenzo Booker and PS#13 Thomas Clayton. With Jones and Maddox both back, I look for strong production from this unit in 2002.

RECEIVERS - This was one of the most banged up units in the NCAA last year. Robert Morgan came into the year as the most experienced WR but went down to an injury in August. Anquan Boldin moved over from the #2 QB spot and was expected to become the feature receiver. Three days later he was lost for the year. TB Willie Reid (5-10 175 rFr, PS#21RB) moved to receiver but 2 days later broke his fibula and was out for the year. Safety BJ Ward was then moved to WR and saw plenty of action. Talman Gardner (PS#4) was injured in August and played with a slightly separated shoulder in the opener. He also had a problem with dropped passes during the year but still recorded 11 TD's (2nd best in the ACC). Bowden said after the Clemson game that the guy who kept catching his eye was Craphonso Thorpe (6-2 175 So, 4th in ACC in 200M) and expected him to play more. Thorpe did average an outstanding 19.6 ypc on 17 rec's in addition to 561 yards (20.8) on KR's. The #1 receiver last year turned out to be Javon Walker who had 49 rec and a team high 23.2 ypc. He departs (#1 DC of GB, PS#6) as does the other starter Atrews Bell (11 sts, 32 rec, 14.9) and TE Carver Donaldson (8 sts, 3 rec, 8.7). Everyone else is back, plus they get Boldin and Morgan back from injury. I list the 2 deep below and naturally there are plenty of VHT's in the group. Not listed below are true frosh Dishon Platt (PS#1) and Chris Davis (PS#4QB). It was a thin WR corps in the spring with Boldin and Morgan still recovering from injuries and the true frosh and a JUCO were not in yet. As long as the injuries do not crop up again, this group actually has more experience and should be much stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Seminoles had trouble running the ball from 1997 to 1999, with their top ypc rushing being 3.5. However, despite having to replace a 1st Team AA and 2 other starters in 2000, the unit averaged 4.3 ypc. Last year they had to replace 4 starters who earned either 1st or 2nd Team ACC honors plus a backup who had 6 starts. They did have 2 players returning with 7 or more starts and got in a super JUCO in Milford Brown. Overall the unit paved the way for just 3.9 ypc rushing but allowed 33 sacks, which was the most they allowed here since 1998 when they allowed 42. This year the only losses are backup C Josh Baggs and backup G Ronald Boldin so 8 of the top 10 return and Bowden has 6 super rFr to plug in including 4 VHT's. Their top OL, ST Brett Williams (PS#4), won the Jacob's Blocking Award (top blocker in the ACC), despite missing the final 3 games. Todd Williams moved to his spot for the last 3 with Ray Willis starting the last 3 at tight tackle, and those two will battle for the starter's job. This clearly is a much more experienced O-line and should be one of the strongest in the NCAA this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Seminoles are known for producing AA's from this unit. Last year they had to replace 2 starters, one of whom was a 1st round DC and the other a 2nd Team ACC performer, but did have 4 of the top 8 returning. Injuries hurt the unit, with 3 starters missing some time and they were forced to take the redshirt off of DE Eric Moore (6-4 234 So). Their normally ferocious defensive front allowed 3.3 ypc rushing, the highest since 1995, and the team managed a paltry 19 sacks on the year with 5 of those coming in the bowl game. They were even forced to use 2 walk-ons last year who combined for 13 tackles. This year everyone returns and naturally the unit is loaded with VHT's and I list a 3 deep below. This year's line should be more representative of what you would expect from the FSU defensive front and should get more pressure on opposing QB's.

LINEBACKERS - After having a veteran LB corps with all 3 starters returning in 2000, the team had to replace a pair of starters who were 2nd and 3rd round DC's as well as 2 backups. Just like the DL they were forced to use a walk-on in the regular rotation in Allen Augustin (6-1 221 Jr) who started one game and had 18 tkls and 2 tfl. This year they lose just 1 player from the 2 deep in Bradley Jennings (10 sts, 1st Tm ACC, w/121 tkls, 7 pbu). Four players return with starting experience and naturally this unit has VHT's even on the 3rd team. Injuries did slow the group last year and prior to the NC State game all 3 starters missed practice during the week. This year's group should be healthier and is more experienced. Just like the DL, this unit should be more representative of the LB corps you would expect from FSU.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FSU is always at the top of my pass efficiency defense rankings including 4 Top 2 finishes over the past 8 seasons. In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters but all four first teamers had starting experience and they finished #2 in my rankings. Last year they had to replace 3 full-time starters including a #1 and a #3 DC. That inexperience, coupled with the lack of a pass rush by the front 7, saw FSU drop all the way to #27 as they allowed 55.0% with an 11-16 ratio. I list the 2 deep below and this year all 3 CB's, who shared the starting jobs, return and there are quite a lot of VHT's behind them that will contend for time. They must replace SS Abdual Howard (12 sts, 111 tkls, 5 pbu) and FS Chris Hope (#3DC of PIT, 12 sts, 82 tkls, 3 int's, 10 pbu) as well as backup FS Gennarro Jackson (19 tkls). This group is more experienced and should head back towards their customary spot in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - There is no team in the country that is as deep in VHT's and HT's as the Seminoles are year after year, and with that talent base to choose from, you would expect them to be at the top of my special teams rankings on an annual basis. They were #17 in 1998, and #4 in 1999 which did not include K Sebastian Janikowski who won the Groza Award twice. Without Janikowski they dropped to #57 in 2000. Last year they only had to replace their leading punter and I expected them to contend for Top 10 honors. They were far from it however in fact, they finished #90 in my overall special teams rankings. Jesse Stein, a walk-on from Air Force, handled the KO duties and they allowed 20.5 on KR's with 15 TB's. True frosh Jerome Carter blocked a punt and returned it for a TD against Duke and the team had 3 blocked punts on the season including one in the bowl. Bowden was not happy with punter Chance Gwaltney at midseason and opened up a punting derby with Chris Hall. Gwaltney held on, averaging 40.1 but his net was a paltry 32.8 as they allowed 2 blocked punts. Special teams standouts Alonzo Jackson and Patrick Newton both missed time with injuries. Craphonso Thorpe came close to breaking a school record for the amount of KR's as well as yards, missing by 2 and 22 respectively. Of course he had so many KR's because FSU's defense was unusually weak. Xavier Beitia hit an amazing 16 of 17 FG's with a long of 50 and his only miss came from 42 yards out. With everyone back and more competition at the punting position, this unit actually has Top 20 potential.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU had an amazing run of 14 straight years finishing in the Top 5 of the final polls. Last year was clearly a rebuilding season for FSU as they had just 8 starters back. A team with only 5 senior starters saw many streaks end last season. They had their worst loss to an unranked team since 1976 (Bowden's first year), a streak of fourteen straight 10 win seasons was snapped, their 54 home game unbeaten streak was ended, they lost their 1st home game ever in ACC play (NC State) and had a 210 week stay in the Top 25 end after their loss to Florida. Last year FSU was just 6-2 in the ACC but still outgained league opponents by 89.8 ypg which was the best in the conference. This year they have just 14 lettermen lost which are the fewest in the ACC and 55 returning, which is the highest. FSU had 16 starters returning in '99 and won the National Title that year and this group is just as experienced. Offensively, they have 7 starters back and should be even more potent than last year's crew which averaged 33.6 ppg as they now have an experienced QB. Defensively, 7 sophs started last year and they allowed an unheard-of 25.3 ppg, which was the worst total since '83. They'll be much tougher on that side of the ball with 8 starters back. Last year was the window of opportunity for ACC teams to knock off FSU but that window now is probably closed. I look for them to sweep through conference play undefeated. They do have some tough non-conf games like a road trip to Miami and home games vs both Notre Dame and Florida but it looks like FSU is back this year. FSU can once again be considered a National Title contender.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB CHRIS RIX SO. 6-4 210 *PS#10. 4.56 spd. 12 sts as rFr, 3060 yards (57%), 26-14, 576 rush. Adrian McPherson (6-4 185 So) PS#5. Fabian Walker (6-2 210 Jr) PS#13.*

RB GREG JONES JR. 6-1 243 *PS#17. 266 yds (6.5) as true. 833 yds (5.3) LY, Four 100+ gms. Nick Maddox (6-0 200 Sr) PS#1. 11 sts LY, 444 rush (4.4), 27 rec (10.4). Lorenzo Booker PS#1.*

FB B.J. Dean rFr. 5-11 235 *PS#66LB. Moves over from LB this spg. James Buchanan (6-2 235 rFr) PS#48RB. PJ Selvidio (6-2 240 Jr). Kentrill White (6-0 215 Sr).*

WR Talman Gardner Sr. 6-2 205 *PS#4. 4.34 spd, 35 rec (19.1), **11 TD's** LY. **Craphonso Thorpe PS#4**, 17 rec (19.6) as **true**, 561 ret yds. P.K. Sam (6-3 185 So) PS#31, 11 rec (14.4).*

WR Anquan Boldin Jr. 6-2 205 *PS#11QB. 8 sts in 2000, 44 rec (15.8). Inj'd LY. **Robert Morgan** (6-0 187 Sr) PS#64. **9 sts**, 22 rec (17.6) in 2000. Inj LY. Chauncey Stovall is PS#22JC.*

TE Patrick Hughes Sr. 6-5 253 *PS#7. 1 rec as true. 1 st, 1 rec in '99. RS in 2000. 5 sts LY, 2 rec (6.5). Paul Irons (6-2 255 So) PS#103RB, 1 rec as true. Lonnie Davis is PS#10.*

C ANTOINE MIRAMBEAU SR. 6-4 285 *PS#49. 500+ bench. 3L. 12 starts LY, 37 pancakes, 88% grade. Andrew Henry-Kennon (6-4 285 rFr) PS#21. Matt Heinz (6-4 265 rFr) PS#49DL.*

TG MONTRAE HOLLAND SR. 6-3 325 *PS#18. **555 bench**. L/7 sts in 2000. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 32 pancakes, 83%. Bobby Meeks (6-3 285 So) PS#41. Blake Williams (6-4 270 rFr) PS#78.*

SG MILFORD BROWN SR. 6-4 319 *PS#12JC LY & Top Newcomer last spg. 12 sts here at SG, 45 pancakes, 84% grade, 15 key blocks. Matt Meinrod (6-4 275 rFr) PS#61OL.*

TT TODD WILLIAMS SR. 6-6 315 *PS#73. 505 bench, lettered in 2000. 12 sts LY, 30 pancakes. **Ray Willis** (6-6 288 So) PS#70. 3 sts at TT as rFr. **Ron Lunford** (6-5 324 rFr) **PS#18.***

ST BRETT WILLIAMS SR. 6-6 317 *PS#4. **Top OL in ACC LY**. 2nd Tm ACC in '99-00. 9 sts LY (inj) 0 sks, 91%, 48 pancakes. Alex Barron (6-6 302 So) PS#12. Eric Broe (6-6 290 rFr) PS#38.*

K XAVIER BEITIA SO. 5-10 200 *PS#14K. Hit super **16 of 17** FG's as true frosh, including 50 yarder. 4 of 5 from 40+. Brett Cimorelli (6-4 214 Jr) 6 of 10 FG's in 2000 as true.*

DE KEVIN EMANUEL JR. 6-4 258 *PS#27. 2 sts, 44 tkls, 9 tfl in 2000. 10 sts, 40 tkls, 8 tfl LY. **Eric Moore PS#2LB**, 15 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Charles Howard (6-3 250 Jr) 3 sts, 25 tkls LY.*

DT DARNELL DOCKETT JR. 6-4 285 ***PS#1**. 11 sts, 67 tkls, **8 sks** in 2000. 12 sts, 73 tkls, **22 tfl**, **1st Tm ACC** LY. Tony Benford (6-4 287 Sr) PS#67, 61 tkls, 12 tfl, 3Y. Eric Powell (6-4 270 Sr) PS#41JC.*

DT JEFF WOMBLE JR. 6-3 290 *PS#11. 12 sts as rFr, 53 tkls, 10 tfl. 11 sts LY, 38 tkls, 5 tfl. **Travis Johnson** (6-5 282 So) **PS#1LB**, 1 st, 33 tkls, 8 tfl as rFr. OJ Jackson (6-2 235 Sr) PS#75.*

DE ALONZO JACKSON SR. 6-4 255 *PS#32. 4 sts, 38 tkls, 5 sks in 2000. 10 sts, 38 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl LY. Willie Jones (6-1 200 rFr) PS#8LB, +40 lbs TY. Kamerion Wimbley is PS#6LB.*

SLB MICHAEL BOULWARE JR. 6-3 225 *PS#12WR. 22 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 86 tkls, 8 tfl, 3 int, 4 pbu, 4.5 spd, HM ACC. Ray Piquion (6-0 215 So) PS#26DB. Cornelius Collier (6-1 230 Jr) PS#19.*

MLB Jerel Hudson Sr. 6-3 277 *PS#113LB. 50 tkls in '99 & 2000. 2 sts LY, 42 tkls, 2 tfl. Robert May (6-0 240 Sr) PS#79JC LY. AJ Nicholson is **PS#5**. Buster Davis is **PS#8**.*

WLB KENDYLL POPE JR. 6-2 220 *PS#3. 1 st as true, 52 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts LY, 113 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. HM ACC. Nate Hardage (6-1 220 Jr) PS#48LB, JC LY. Allen Augustin (6-1 221 Jr).*

CB RUFUS BROWN JR. 5-9 183 *PS#26. 20 tkls as rFr. 7 sts LY, 32 tkls, 4 pbu. **Bryant McFadden** (6-0 176 So) **PS#1**, 22 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr. Leroy Smith (5-10 175 So) PS#110, 5 tkls LY.*

CB STANFORD SAMUELS JR. 5-10 180 *PS#43. 1 st, 27 tkls, 3 pbu in 2000. 11 sts LY, 41 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. **Malcolm Tatum** (6-1 175 Jr) 6 sts, 29 tkls, 9 pbu LY. **Dominic Robinson** (6-1 192 So) **PS#5**.*

ROV Jerome Carter So. 6-0 208 *PS#7. 6 games as true until injury, 11 tkls. Claudius Osei (6-0 200 So) PS#133, 15 tkls. 2 pbu, 1 int LY. B.J. Ward (6-3 205 So) PS#25LB.*

FS Yohance Buchanan Jr. 6-1 205 *PS#2. 12 games, 2Y. Kyler Hall (6-1 185 So) PS#76, 9 tkls, 1 int as true. **Pat Watkins** is **PS#1**. Gerard Ross (6-2 190 rFr) was PS#13.*

P CHANCE GWALTNEY SR. 5-10 175 *Hit 5 of 7 FG's in 2000. 57 punts in 2001, 40.1 avg and net of 32.8. Chris Hall (5-10 205 rFr) PS#55K last year and will contend this year.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Lorenzo Booker 5-11 178 PS#1
WR	Dishon Platt 6-0 180 PS#1
DB	Pat Watkins 6-4 195 PS#1
WR	Chris Davis 6-0 170 PS#4
LB	A.J. Nicholson 6-2 232 PS#5
LB	Kamerion Wimbley 6-4 225 PS#6
LB	Buster Davis 5-10 230 PS#8
RB	Thomas Clayton 5-11 194 PS#13
WR	Leon Washington 5-9 180 PS#8
DL	Chris Anderson 6-3 275 PS#20
DL	Chris Turner 6-3 270 PS#35
TE	Lonnie Davis 6-4 255 PS#10
LB	Sam McGrew 6-3 230 PS#30
WR	Chauncey Stovall 6-2 200 PS#22JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 24	† Iowa St (E. Robinson Classic)	G						FSU is 1-4 ATS in their 2nd straight home game the last 3 years. Noles are 5-1 SU and 4-2 ATS when visiting Chapel Hill. This year's opener is being played at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.
Aug. 31	Virginia	G						FSU is 5-0 SU and 4-1 ATS in preseason games since 1991. Including bowls, FSU is 14-3 SU & 10-7 ATS vs current Big 12 tms but 1-3 ATS L/10.
Sep. 14	at Maryland	G						Seminoles are 8-2 ATS vs UVA since joining the ACC. FSU is 37-19-2 ATS their L/58 as home chalk & 6-3 ATS the L/9 home openers.
Sep. 21	Duke	G						Note: We could not list it due to space constraints, but FSU did have a bye prior to this gm. The HT is 9-1 ATS the L/10 in this series, but FSU covered here in 2000.
Sep. 26	at Louisville (Thur)	G						Noles are 7-2 ATS in their last 9 ACC home games. Pending 8/31 result, FSU is 8-3 ATS in their last 11 ACC home games.
Oct. 3	Clemson (Thur)	G						FSU is 4-1 SU and ATS in Thursday games since 1983 FSU is 12-0 SU but 4-8 ATS vs current CUSA schools.
Oct. 12	at Miami (Fla)	G						Call 1-900-903-9467 for tonight's winner, just $9. Florida St is 10-0 SU the L10Y and the home team is 5-1-1 ATS the L7Y.
Oct. 19								The favorite has chalked up 9 of 13 ATS series wins. The home team is 11-5 ATS the last 16 in this Sunshine State battle.
Oct. 26	Notre Dame	G						Including the '95 Orange Bowl, there have been 4 meetings since 1981. FSU is 3-1 SU, ND is 3-1 ATS and the underdog has covered all 4 contests.
Nov. 2	at Wake Forest	G						Seminoles are 12-6 ATS in their last 18 November contests (1-2 LY). Pending earlier results, FSU is 9-5 ATS their last 14 as away favs.
Nov. 9	at Georgia Tech	G						FSU is 4-0 SU and 3-1 ATS when visiting GT, 3 SU wins by 24 or more. Bowden's Boys are 6-2-2 ATS overall vs Georgia Tech.
Nov. 16	N Carolina (HC)	G						Prior to last year, FSU had held the Heels to 14 or less in 6 straight gms. The home team is only 2-4 ATS in this series (2-0 L/2).
Nov. 23	at NC State	G						FSU lost SU and ATS in 2001 but are 7-3 ATS their last 10 vs NC State. Noles are 6-2 ATS in their L/8 road finales NOT vs Florida, but 0-2 ATS L/2.
Nov. 30	Florida	G						Garnet and Gold are 9-1 ATS in their last 10 home finales. FSU is 9-14 ATS the last 23 meetings, home team is 6-1 ATS the L7Y.

BOBBY BOWDEN (Career 323-91-4)
27th Year at Florida State

Bowden's records AT FLORIDA ST

250-59-4	Straight Up	65-47-2	Home Favorite
129-100-2	Vs The Spread	4-4	Home Dog
22-11	Off A S/U Loss	47-37	Away Favorite
65-50-2	Vs Conference	13-12	Away Dog
		64-50	Vs Non-Conf

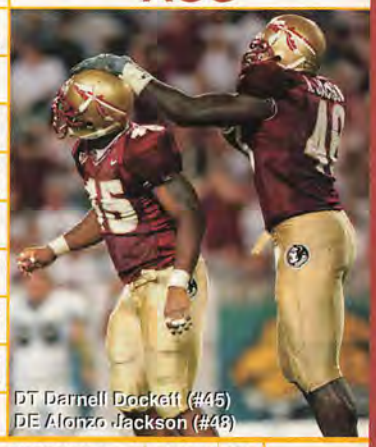
2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (22,30,3)
Lost: 14 (9,5,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 81,441

ACC



DT Darnell Dockett (#45)
DE Alonzo Jackson (#48)

STADIUM: DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (80,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	11-0	10-1	11-1	11-0	11-1	7-4	70-9
ATS	5-4-1	6-4-1	6-5	7-5	5-6	8-4	5-6	42-34-2
Home Fav	5-0-1	2-4-1	4-1	5-1	2-5	5-1	2-3	25-15-2
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1
Away Fav	0-3	3-0	2-4	2-4	3-1	3-3	3-1	16-16
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2
Favorite	5-3-1	5-4-1	6-5	7-5	5-6	8-4	5-4	41-31-2
Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-3
Grass	5-4-1	6-4-1	6-5	7-4	5-6	8-4	5-6	42-33-2
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	4-4	6-2	5-3	31-23-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-2	0-3	11-11
Off SU Win	4-3-1	6-3-1	6-4	6-4	5-5	6-4	2-4	35-27-2
Off SU Loss	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-2	4-3

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Greg Jones	157	867	34	833	6	5.3
Nick Maddox	101	507	63	444	3	4.4
Chris Rix	111	576	206	370	4	3.3
Eric Shelton	29	142	12	130	0	4.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Rix	311	177	56.9	3060	26	14
Adrian McPherson	37	18	48.6	198	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Javon Walker	49	1139	23.2	9	77
Talman Gardner	35	670	19.1	11	57
Atrews Bell	32	476	14.9	1	49
Nick Maddox	27	281	10.4	1	28
Craphonso Thorpe	17	334	19.6	1	51
PK Sam	11	158	14.4	2	29

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Chance Gwaltney	57	2287	40.1	–	32.8	2	14

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Xavier Beitia	3-3	9-9	3-4	1-0	16-17	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bradley Jennings	121	1	0	7	1
Kendyll Pope	113	2	5	5	2
Abdual Howard	111	0	2	5	1
Michael Boulware	86	1	7	4	3
Chris Hope	82	0	2	10	3
Darnell Dockett	73	2	22	0	0
Jerel Hudson	42	1	2	1	0
Stanford Samuels	41	0	1	8	1
Kevin Emanuel	40	1	7	0	0
Alonzo Jackson	38	5	5	1	0
Jeff Womble	38	0	5	0	0
Travis Johnson	33	2	6	0	0
Rufus Brown	32	0	0	4	0
Malcolm Tatum	29	0	0	9	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dominic Robinson	17	153	9.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Craphonso Thorpe	27	561	20.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Sugar	-6'	Ohio St	31-14	W
98	Fiesta	-5'	Tennessee	16-23	L
99	Sugar	-5'	Virginia Tech	46-29	W
00	Orange	-10	Oklahoma	2-13	L
01	Gator	+2	Virginia Tech	30-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FLORIDA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	33.6	22	155	3.9	271	56.0	12.7	+4	2001	4	25.3	19	119	3.3	234	55.0	13.9
6*	39.3	25	154	4.3	376	60.5	13.5	+11	2000	7	10.5	16	73	2.2	204	50.4	26.4
9*	38.2	23	115	3.3	305	59.1	11.0	+10	1999	7	16.9	18	114	3.1	207	52.7	19.0
5	30.8	20	147	3.4	243	51.2	12.6	+12	1998	5	12.4	13	83	2.3	146	42.1	18.4
5*	39.0	21	108	3.5	339	60.0	11.5	+16	1997	4	15.1	15	57	1.6	191	48.1	16.5
7	37.2	19	167	4.5	234	57.5	10.8	-5	1996	8	14.5	15	67	1.7	182	45.9	17.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Duke	19	38-200	5.3	16-30	189	0	9	36-32	0.9	13-30	194	2	+1
UAB	21	41-135	3.3	15-23	246	2	18	29-83	2.9	13-27	149	2	+2
at N Carolina	11	37-88	2.4	9-25	136	5	17	41-69	1.7	14-30	232	3	-3
Wake Forest	27	43-154	3.6	17-28	358	3	26	57-265	4.6	10-25	171	1	+2
Miami (Fla)	30	48-214	4.5	17-37	262	7	18	36-142	3.9	14-27	249	0	-3
at Virginia	30	58-303	5.2	14-25	230	3	12	19-34	1.8	19-39	167	1	+2
Maryland	23	39-134	3.4	16-27	363	3	20	38-214	5.6	21-37	214	1	+3
at Clemson	27	35-188	5.4	19-30	369	2	26	45-186	4.1	22-41	277	4	-1
NC State	25	28-132	4.7	20-35	302	1	26	38-187	4.9	27-35	276	0	-1
at Florida	13	21-40	1.9	27-40	228	1	24	30-123	4.1	28-43	330	0	+1
Georgia Tech	20	46-168	3.7	14-25	248	2	18	29-51	1.8	25-39	275	0	+1
†Virginia Tech	19	39-104	2.7	12-25	326	4	16	40-43	1.1	15-29	269	5	0
TOTALS	265	473-1860	3.9	196-350	3257	33	230	438-1429	3.3	221-402	2803	19	+4
AVERAGES	22.1	39-155	3.9	16-29	271	2.8	19.2	37-119	3.3	18-34	234	1.6	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	-11'	14-7	L
Maryland	-34	50-7	W
at Clemson	-20	35-28	L
Miami (Fla)	-22	47-0	W
at Duke	-35'	51-27	L
Georgia Tech	-23	38-0	W
at Virginia	-19	47-21	W
NC State	-29'	48-35	L
at N Carolina	-7	20-3	W
Wake Forest	-34	58-7	W
at Florida	-5'	29-32	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Texas A&M	-15'	23-14	L
at NC State	-26	7-24	L
Duke	-27'	62-13	W
USC	-13	30-10	W
at Maryland	-28	24-10	L
at Miami (Fla)	-9'	26-14	W
Clemson	-26'	48-0	W
at Georgia Tech	-13	34-7	W
N Carolina	-27	39-13	L
Virginia	-17'	45-14	W
at Wake Forest	-28	24-7	L
Florida	-2'	23-12	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana Tech	-36	41-7	L
Georgia Tech	-18	41-35	L
NC State	-28	42-11	W
at N Carolina	-19'	42-10	W
† Duke	-40	51-23	L
Miami (Fla)	-14	31-21	L
Wake Forest	-30'	33-10	L
at Clemson	-16	17-14	L
at Virginia	-13'	35-10	W
Maryland	-33	49-10	W
at Florida	-3	30-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† BYU	-25'	29-3	W
at Georgia Tech	-22	26-21	L
N Carolina	-25	63-14	W
Louisville	-33'	31-0	L
at Maryland	-30	59-7	W
at Miami (Fla)	-6'	24-27	L
Duke	-48	63-14	W
Virginia	-32	37-3	W
at NC State	-18'	58-14	W
Clemson	-19	54-7	W
at Wake Forest	-48	35-6	L
Florida	-11'	30-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-30	55-13	W
UAB	-29	29-7	L
at N Carolina	-17	9-41	L
Wake Forest	-26'	48-24	L
Miami (Fla)	+7'	27-49	L
at Virginia	-12'	43-7	W
Maryland	-8	52-31	W
at Clemson	-8	41-27	W
NC State	-18	28-34	L
at Florida	+16	13-37	L
Georgia Tech	-10	28-17	W

CLEMSON TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Prior to 2000 Coach Bowden said that Woodrow Dantzler would become the first QB in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 2,000. Had Dantzler not suffered a leg injury that season he probably would have done so, as he finished with 1,871 yards passing (56.1%) with an 11-7 ratio and had 1,028 net yards rushing (5.4). That year Willie Simmons (PS#14) came off the bench and led CU with 4 TD passes in a come-from-behind win vs NC and finished the year throwing for 679 yards (46%) with an 8-3 ratio. He has a cannon for an arm, is mobile and got the bulk of the work last spring with Dantzler sidelined by an injury. They added the option to the offense last year to suit Dantzler. He made Bowden's prophesy come true, finishing the year with 1,061 net yards rushing (4.8) while throwing for 2,578 yards (60.8%) with a 21-11 ratio. He did so despite having a young and banged up group of receivers who dropped a lot of passes. LB Lavar Fisher of NC State called Dantzler "the best RB in the league." He had 418 yards of total offense against Georgia Tech including the game winning TD run. Against NC State had 4 TD passes and 2 TD runs, hitting 23 of 27 for 333 yards, while rushing for 184 yards and his 517 total yards set yet another school record. Dantzler will be missed but Simmons has great potential. Last year he threw for just 292 yards (36.4%) with a 2-3 ratio while also rushing for 32. While his stats may not reflect it, he is supposed to be the superior passer to Dantzler. Bowden says he only hit 36% because he was playing in mop up time with backup WR's. Charlie Whitehurst (6-4 200 rFr) was PS#53 and in one spring scrimmage hit 14 of 15 passes. Brian Carr (5-11 185 So) was PS#92 and also saw some time at FS in spring. Bowden now says Simmons should throw for over 3,000 yds. I think Simmons will put up solid stats in this offense but clearly with the loss of a dynamic player like Dantzler, this unit looks weaker.

RUNNING BACKS - Clemson has had just one RB top 1,000 yards in a season since 1996 and that was Travis Zachery in 2000 when he rushed for 1,027 yards (5.0). Backup TB Bernard Rambert (PS#32) had 428 yards in his first 2 years but had 70 in the 1999 Peach Bowl when Zachery was out. Keith Kelly (6-0 225 So, PS#24) played in 7 games as a true frosh and was the 3rd leading rusher in 2000 with 243 yards (5.0). They opted to redshirt Kelly last year, so he could be groomed to take the feature back role with his nice combination of size and speed. Zachery ended up leading the RB's in rushing with 576 yards (4.1) and Rambert once again had his best effort in the bowl with 101 yards on 16 carries because Zachery was dismissed from the team. Rambert finished with 368 yards (4.9). FB Chad Jasmin (5-10 225 Jr, PS#147) had the best ypc of the RB's with 5.0 (204 yards). Zachery is gone but Rambert, Kelly and Jasmin are all back plus Bowden now feels that the two freshmen signees from last year will have a bigger impact. He says that Kyle Browning (5-7 160 rFr, PS#151) and Ty Hill (5-10 175 rFr, PS#134) were the first recruits that brought blazing speed to the backfield and the ability to go the distance on any play. Despite the loss of their leading RB, I think the talent level of this group is improved and one of these backs could end up topping 1,000 yards by season's end.

RECEIVERS - Last year Clemson had to replace their leading receiver in Rod Gardner who was a 1st round DC of the Redskins but did have an experienced group returning and an incredible freshmen class coming in. The top 4 signees last year were 3 WR's and 1 TE. Ty Zimmerman (PS#12) did not qualify, but the other three, WR Roscoe Crosby (PS#1), WR Airese Currie (PS#10) and TE Ben Hall (PS#8) all ended up starting some games. The team suffered a big loss early in the year when Kevin Youngblood, who is fast and has great size (11 rec in the spring game), was injured and lost for the year. When Bowden signed Crosby, he promised him that he would get the opportunity to touch the ball on the first play of the season and he did on a 12 yard reception. Crosby led the team in receiving in the first game but suffered an injury vs Wofford and was playing with a knee brace at midseason. He had just 1 reception for 9 yards in games 2 through 6 but came on down the stretch with 18 in the final 4 games. WR Jackie Robinson broke his jaw vs Virginia and missed 2 games and injuries were a major problem all season. Only 3 scholarship receivers were healthy vs GT and walk-ons saw the field. True frosh Airese Currie, a track champ in HS, had 18 rec's and a team high 17.8 ypc. PS#9TE Todd McClinton (6-6 295 Jr) has all the size and speed required for a TE but had problems picking up the blocking schemes. He only got in 1 start at TE and now moves to DL. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Derrick Hamilton (PS#29) led the team in rec's last year with 53 (12.9) as a rFr. Basically everyone is back from last year with the only losses being WR Matt Bailey (9 sts, 15 rec, 13.5) and TE Morgan Woodward (5 sts, 3 rec). This should be one of the most improved receiving corps in the country and could be the best in the ACC.

LB John Leake (45) & CB Kevin Johnson (27)

OFFENSIVE LINE - When Bowden took over here in 1999 the OL had zero returning starters and a very small front. The line got bigger each of the next two years. They averaged 3.6 ypc in 1999 and improved it to 4.5 in 2000. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but did get back LT Akil Smith, a 1999 starter, so basically there were 4 full-time starters returning. Overall they averaged 4.4 ypc rushing while the team allowed 30 sacks. This year the unit is inexperienced as 4 starters depart. Gone are C Kyle Young (12 sts, 150 Kd's, 2nd Tm ACC, 794 snaps, 4 yr st'r) who was one of 5 finalists for the Rimington Award, LT Akil Smith (10 sts, 2nd Tm ACC, 2 yr st'r), LG TJ Watkins (12 sts, 117 Kd's, HM ACC, 3 yr st'r) and RG Will Merritt (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, 104 Kd's, 2nd Tm ACC). I do list some talent in the 2 deep below including two players with 6 or more starts from last season. Bowden has done a great job with inexperienced lines before (inherited OL starters in his first year at Tulane as well) but clearly this year's unit is weaker than the 2001 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Former DC Reggie Herring used a platoon system on the defensive front, giving a lot of players experience. In the first 2 years of Bowden's regime they had 8 and 9 of their top 10 DL's returning. Last year they suffered some significant losses for the first time, having to replace 5 players, including 3 full-time starters and then had 3 backups that were kicked off the team in the spring. The unit was very green and went from allowing 3.0 ypc rushing to 3.8 while the team recorded just 27 sacks. This year's D-line is ridiculously deep in talent and experience. The only loss is DT Jovon Bush (12 sts, 66 tkls, 6 tfl). They move TE Todd McClinton (PS#9) in and 3 frosh got their feet wet last year and are now a year older. They have 3 HT rFr coming in and add JC Vontrell Jamison (6-8 260 Jr). Gaines Adams (6-6 235 Fr) is PS#113TE and spent last year at Fork Union where he had 22 sacks. They also landed a VHT true frosh in Cory Groover (PS#37). This group is vastly more experienced than it was last year and should be much tougher.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Clemson had 5 of their top 6 LB's back but then lost projected starter Altroy Bodrick with injury prior to the season. The big loss, however, was the unit's top player in 1st Tm AA LB Keith Adams. This year they must replace WLB Chad Carson (12 sts, 137 tkls, 2nd Tm ACC, 6 pbu) but 5 of the top 6 are back. They get 2 super JUCO's in Kelvin Morris (PS#25) and Brandon Jamison (PS#102) added to the mix. Both returning starters, Rodney Thomas and John Leake, each had 100+ tackles last season and this unit looks even stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 the Tigers ranked #12 in my pass D rankings with 3 returning starters. In 2000 they had to replace 2 starters and dropped a little to #39. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including 1st Team ACC and 3rd Tm AA performers and 2 backups. They dropped even further down to #61 allowing 240.6 ypg (54.2%) with a 22-13 ratio. Marcus Houskin beat out Eric Meekins for the FS job in August but then was injured and missed the rest of the year. This year they have only 2 losses in SS Charles Hafley (12 sts, 128 tkls, 2nd Tm ACC) and Braxton Williams (3 sts, 39 tkls, 3 tfl). Hafley set a school record for tackles in a game by a DB with 19 against NC and then broke it 3 games later with 20 vs Maryland. Two players who missed last year with injury could return as Houskin and ex-LB Altroy Bodrick are now recovered. Also in the mix and not listed in the 2 deep are ex-RB Terrance Huey (5-7 165 Jr) who was PS#299, Charles Harper (5-10 180 Jr, PS#160, 415 bench), Tavaghn Monts (6-2 185 So, PS#125) and VHT true frosh Jeff Francoeur (6-4 205). I look for some solid improvement this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Clemson finished #70 in my special teams rankings in Bowden's first year but improved all the way up to #16 in 2000. Last year they only had to replace their punter and got the healthy return of kicker Aaron Hunt. Hunt was bothered by hip and groin injuries throughout 2000 and his longest FG was just 31 yards. Last year a healthy Hunt hit a super 10 of 12 with a long of 48 and was a perfect 5 of 5 from 40-49. Bowden also said that he wouldn't hesitate to allow him to try 50 yard FG's as the 48 yarder he made cleared the crossbar by 10 yards. Overall the team fell to #40 with the net punting dropping off to 33.5. Wynn Kopp, a transfer from Georgia, had a 36.9 net for the Bulldogs in 1999 and should improve upon last year's average which was also hurt by the poor weather in the Humanitarian Bowl (32.7 avg). They also bring in PS#22 Cole Chason to contend. In 2000 Mance and JD Reames each had a PR TD and CU was #1 in the ACC and #14 in the NCAA in PR's with a 14.97 average. At one point last year Brian Mance ranked in the Top 10 in both KR's and PR's in the country and finished with impressive numbers of 13.2 on PR's and 23.5 on KR's and he returns. At the end of last season Derek Hamilton returned a KO 100 yards for a TD vs Maryland and finished the year leading the ACC with a 31.7 average. He had problems fielding punts earlier in the year but could see more action there. Rodney Thomas, who set a school record with 26 special teams tackles in 2000, is also back. Clemson led the ACC in KR defense allowing just 20.6 per return and had just 1 kick was returned over 30 yards. They do, however, lose KO-man Tony Lazzara who handled those chores the last two years. With most everyone back this group clearly has Top 20 potential.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tommy Bowden did a tremendous job in his first year as he took a young team with an undersized offensive line vs a killer schedule (only 5 home games) and somehow guided the team to a bowl. In 2000, with a veteran squad, they got to a January 1 bowl game. Last year they had just 11 starters back which was the 2nd lowest in the ACC. There was talk of a possible ACC Title prior to the season with QB Dantzler piloting a potent offense. However, Clemson has slipped a little. They started the 2000 season with an 8-0 record but since then are just 8-8. Last season they finished 6-5 during the regular season and then needed to buy their way into the Humanitarian Bowl. The team suffered its worst loss in a Homecoming game since 1970 (38-3 to N Carolina) and the fans booed heavily. Bowden does have an outstanding overall record as a head coach (40-18 in 5 seasons) and has become the first coach in CU history to take the team to 3 bowls in his first 3 years. They did beat #9 Georgia Tech on the road and at one point last year stood 4-1 and were ranked 13th. All in all, last season must be termed as a disappointment. This year they have just 12 starters back, which ties them for 2nd fewest in the league, and also must replace 23 lettermen, which is the 2nd most. Dantzler and 6 other starters must now be replaced on offense, although Simmons should do a fine job at QB. I expect a step back in terms of point production as they've been averaging over 30 pgg in each of the last 2 years. Keep in mind, however, that coming into last season, Bowden was the only coach in the NCAA to average 4 straight years of 190+ ypg running and 240+ ypg passing, narrowly hitting those figures again in 2001. Last year's defense was their youngest since 1989 and they allowed 7.2 ppg more than they did in 2000. This year's D shapes up as one of the Top 3 in the conference. The schedule is manageable as most of the toughest opponents have to travel to Death Valley. It's nice to see the renewal of the rivalry with Georgia in the opener. I see Clemson easily topping last year's 7 win total and moving up in the ACC standings as well.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Willie Simmons Jr. 6-1 195 PS#14. 679 yds (46%), 8-3 ratio, 124 rush in 2000. 292 yards (36.4%) 2-3 ratio, 32 yds rush LY. **Charlie Whitehurst** (6-4 200 rFr) PS#53.

RB Bernard Rambert Sr. 6-0 200 PS#32. 206 yds (4.8) as true. 222 (3.2) in 2000. 368 yds (4.9), 3 sts LY. **Keith Kelly PS#24**, 243 yds as true. RS LY. Tye Hill PS#134, 10.2 100m.

WR DERRICK HAMILTON SO. 6-4 190 PS#29. 10 sts as rFr, #1 rec w/53 (12.9), 499 return yds. JJ McKelvey (6-4 210 Sr) 7 sts LY, 29 rec (13.9). Kelvin Grant is PS#19, 4.45 spd.

WR ROSCOE CROSBY SO. 6-3 200 **PS#1**. 4 sts as true (inj), 27 rec (17.2). **Kevin Youngblood** (6-5 210 Jr) 5 sts, 13 rec (17.3) in 2000. RS LY. **Ty Zimmerman** (6-4 205 Fr) **PS#13**.

WR AIRESE CURRIE SO. 5-11 175 **PS#10**, 3 sts as true, 18 rec (17.8), 27 yds rush. **Jackie Robinson** (6-1 190 Sr) PS#30. 10 sts, 26 rec (11.6) in 2000. 6 sts LY (inj'd) 8 rec (10.9).

TE Ben Hall So. 6-5 250 PS#8. 2 sts. 12 games as **true**, 8 rec (9.9). Bobby Williamson (6-3 240 rFr) PS#59TE. Tyrone Lee (5-11 230 Jr) 5 games in 2000.

C Cedric Johnson So. 6-4 320 PS#435OL. Reported at 350 lbs in 2000 & RS. Then lost 40 lbs last year, 2nd string all year, 425 bench. Chip Myrick (6-4 250 rFr) PS#173OL.

RG Nick Black Jr. 6-5 292 PS#233OL in 1999. 2nd string and lettered in 2000. Knee injury LY. Greg Walker (6-5 320 Jr) PS#241. 161 snaps, 25 KD's, 600 lb squat.

LG Jermyn Chester Jr. 6-2 295 PS#175OL. 2nd string as true until injury. 2nd string C in 2000 & lettered. Mark Jetton (6-4 238 rFr) moved from DL. Dustin Fry is PS#50.

RT Derrick Brantley Sr. 6-4 300 PS#19JUCO. 6 sts here LY, 394 snaps, 32 KD's, 71.2% avg grade. Nathan Gillespie (6-3 275 Sr) PS#155DL, 2nd string LY, 490 bench.

LT GARY BYRD SR. 6-4 315 PS#81OL. 8 games as rFr. 4 sts in 2000, 353 snaps. 8 sts LY, 670 snaps, 75% avg grade, 93 KD's. William Henry (6-4 280 Jr) PS#42OL.

K AARON HUNT JR. 5-11 215 PS#67. 10 of 16 as true, L/31 due to inj's. 10 of 12 LY, long of 48, 5-5 from 40+! Rusty Curry (6-0 190 So) PS#39. 67 yd FG in high school.

DEFENSE

DE KHALEED VAUGHN JR. 6-4 260 PS#347. 1 st, 20 tkls, 3 sks in 2000. 11 sts LY, 64 tkls, 9 tfl. Mo Fountain (6-4 245 So) PS#135, 21 tkls, 6 tfl as true. Charles Bennett (6-4 225 rFr) PS#55.

DT Donnell Washington So. 6-6 315 PS#39. 44 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl as rFr, 435 bench. Eric Coleman (6-5 293 So) PS#120TE, 1 st as true, 5 tkls. DeJuan Polk (6-2 285 Jr) PS#96, 28 tkls, 2Y.

DT NICK EASON SR. 6-4 290 PS#241LB. 11 sts in 2000, 36 tkls, 7 sks, 4 tfl, Def MVP. 11 sts LY, 37 tkls, 7 tfl, 655 squat. Todd McClinton (6-6 295 Jr) **PS#9TE**. Trey Tate (6-4 265 rFr) PS#199.

DE BRYANT McNEAL SR. 6-5 245 PS#197LB. 2 sts, 23 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 12 sts, 54 tkls, 8 sks, 4 tfl LY. JJ Howard (6-3 225 Jr) PS#93, 16 tkls, 1 sk LY. Rod Whipple (6-5 205 rFr) PS#143.

MLB RODNEY THOMAS SR. 6-0 222 PS#50. 51 tkls, 5 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 100 tkls, 9 tfl. Rodney Feaster (6-0 223 Sr) PS#34, 74 tkls, 2 sks, 3Y. Roosevelt Nelson (6-2 205 rFr) PS#123.

OLB Eric Sampson So. 6-3 200 PS#47. 35 tkls as **true**. **Kelvin Morris** (6-4 220 Jr) **PS#25JC**. LeRoy Hill (6-1 205 So) PS#111LB, 31 tkls as **true**. Anthony Waters is PS#56.

SLB JOHN LEAKE JR. 6-1 225 PS#362. 4.4, 41.5" VL. 12 sts LY, **134 tkls**, 6 tfl, 4 pbu. Brandon Jamison (6-2 215 Jr) PS#52 in 2000. 4.36, JC L/2Y. David Dunham (6-2 215 rFr) PS#83.

CB KEVIN JOHNSON JR. 6-0 190 PS#88. 8 sts LY, 41 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu. Toure Francis (5-11 184 Jr) 3 sts LY, 37 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu, 2 tfl. Jamaal Fudge (5-10 180 rFr) PS#117.

CB BRIAN MANCE SR. 5-11 185 PS#12. 3 sts, 3 int, 5 pbu in 2000. 11 sts, 48 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu, 799 return yds LY. Ryan Hemby (5-10 166 So) PS#41, 2 sts, 13 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu.

SS Ronny Delusme So. 6-1 200 PS#107. 10 tkls as rFr. Altroy Bodrick (6-1 215 Sr) 5 sts, 79 tkls, 4 sks at LB in 1999 & 2000. RS LY. Curtis Baham (6-1 195 rFr) PS#135WR.

FS ERIC MEEKINS SR. 6-3 190 PS#47WR. 10 sts LY, 72 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 3 tfl. Marcus Houskin (6-1 192 So) PS#176, 1 st, 9 tkls until inj LY. Travis Pugh (6-1 190 So) PS#78.

P WYNN KOPP SR. 5-9 172 53 punts at UGA in '98, 36.3 avg, 35.5 net. 37 punts in '99, 38.4 avg, **36.9 net**. 48 punts here LY, 38.5 avg, 33.5 net. Cole Chason PS#22, 45.6 in HS LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR Kelvin Grant 6-2 205 PS#19
DB Jeff Francoeur 6-4 205 PS#17
LB Kelvin Morris 6-4 220 PS#25JC
LB Cory Groover 6-3 260 PS#37
OL Dustin Fry 6-3 290 PS#50
RB Justin Miller 5-11 180 PS#53
LB Anthony Waters 6-3 205 PS#56
RB Reggie Merriweather 5-9 195 PS#73
QB Will Proctor 6-3 190 PS#47
RB Duane Coleman 5-10 185 PS#77
QB Chansi Stuckey 6-0 170 PS#52
DB Buddy Williams 5-11 175 PS#71
DL Irvin Brisker 6-7 265 PS#87
LB Brandon Jamison 6-2 215 PS#102JC

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CLEMSON TIGERS

Clemson, South Carolina
Weather (864) 225-2000

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Georgia	G						When the Tigers are playing gms that carry extra significance they choose to wear special orange pants. They are 29-6 SU when donning these duds, with 7 wins in a row. Tigers are 0-3 ATS in lined home openers since 1992.
Sep. 7	Louisiana Tech	G						Counting bowls, CU is 1-5 SU and 2-4 ATS L/6 non-S Carolina SEC teams. Tigers are 3-5 SU and 2-6 ATS since '84 vs the Dawgs. Last meeting in '95.
Sep. 14	Georgia Tech	G						These 2 teams met in last season's Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, ID. The Tigers won 49-24 (★ rated Power Sweep winner) as a 6' pt favorite.
Sep. 21	Ball St	G						Clemson is 60-20-1 SU L/81 in ACC home games, but was 1-3 last year. Chalk has bitten the dust in this series, going 1-12 ATS the last 13.
Sep. 28								Pending earlier results, CU is 17-26-1 ATS (3-7 L2Y) as a home favorite. Tigers are 4-4 ATS prior to a bye since 1995, but 3-1 under Bowden.
Oct. 3	at Florida St (Thur)	G						Note: Won't apply TY, but CU has won 23 non-lined games in a row. The combined score of those games is Clemson 762, opponents 111.
Oct. 12	at Virginia	G						Clemson has lost both of their Thursday road games SU and ATS. CU is 11-4-1 ATS as an ACC dog of 7 or more but FSU has delivered 3 of those losses.
Oct. 19	Wake Forest (HC)	G						The visitor has covered 9 of the last 11 in this matchup. The underdog is 14-7 ATS in the last 21 series meetings.
Oct. 26	NC State	G						Tigers have roared to a 22-3 SU mark vs WF but are only 3-8-1 ATS L12Y. Clemson is 26-3-2 SU in Homecoming games since 1971.
Nov. 2	at Duke	G						Mention this ad and take $9 off this weekend's package. Each of the last 5 meetings have been decided by 8 or less.
Nov. 9	at N Carolina	G						Clemson is 4-9 ATS in their last 13 meetings with Duke. Tigers are 11-19-2 ATS as away chalk.
Nov. 16	Maryland	G						Pending LW's result, CU is 17-9 SU & ATS L/26 in Nov (0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS LY). The favorite is 5-2 ATS in the last 7 series meetings.
Nov. 23	S Carolina	G						Could apply: Clemson is 15-6 ATS as a home dog since 1980. Tigers have stayed focused prior to SC. They are 6-3 ATS last 9 years.
Nov. 30								The visiting team is 17-4 ATS L/21 meetings in this rivalry (11-2 ATS L/13). Four of the last 6 series meetings have been decided by 9 or less.

TOMMY BOWDEN (Career 40-18)
4th Year at Clemson

Bowden's records AT CLEMSON

22-14	Straight Up	5-7	Home Favorite
14-16-1	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
7-4-1	Off A S/U Loss	3-4-1	Away Favorite
12-11-1	Vs Conference	4-3	Away Dog
		2-5	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (26,24,2)
Lost: 23 (13,6,4)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,152

ACC

LB Rodney Thomas

STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	7-4	3-8	6-5	9-2	6-5	46-31
ATS	7-3	4-5-1	4-5-1	4-6	7-4	3-7	4-5-1	33-35-3
Home Fav	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-2	2-0	2-4	1-3	11-15
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-1	6-5
Away Fav	3-1	0-2	2-1-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	1-0-1	8-8-2
Away Dog	1-0	1-1-1	1-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	8-7-1
Favorite	5-2	2-4	2-4-1	2-2	3-2	3-6	2-3-1	19-23-2
Dog	2-1	2-1-1	2-1	2-4	4-2	0-1	2-2	14-12-1
Grass	7-3	4-5-1	4-5-1	4-6	7-4	3-7	4-5-1	33-35-3
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	6-2	4-4-1	3-4-1	3-5	7-1	2-6	3-4-1	28-26-3
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	1-1	5-9
Off SU Win	5-2	4-2-1	3-3	0-2	3-2	3-5	1-3	19-19-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	0-3	1-2-1	4-4	4-1	0-2	3-1-1	14-14-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Woodrow Dantzler	221	1312	251	1061	10	4.8
Travis Zachery	142	618	42	576	8	4.1
Bernard Rambert	75	385	17	368	3	4.9
Chad Jasmin	41	205	1	204	0	5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Woodrow Dantzler	334	203	60.8	2578	21	11
Willie Simmons	55	20	36.4	292	2	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derrick Hamilton	53	684	12.9	4	57
Travis Zachery	45	414	9.2	3	43
J.J. McKelvey	29	402	13.9	4	63
Roscoe Crosby	27	465	17.2	4	58
Airese Currie	18	320	17.8	1	79
Matt Bailey	15	202	13.5	2	55

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Wynn Kopp	48	1848	38.5	–	33.5	1	8

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Aaron Hunt	3-3	2-4	5-5	0-0	10-12	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chad Carson	137	4	1	6	1
John Leake	134	1	5	4	0
Charles Hafley	128	0	6	10	4
Rodney Thomas	100	3	6	2	0
Eric Meekins	72	0	3	3	1
Jovon Bush	66	1	5	0	0
Khaleed Vaughn	64	2	7	2	0
Bryant McNeal	54	8	4	1	0
Brian Mance	48	0	0	7	3
Donnell Washington	44	4	4	1	0
Kevin Johnson	41	0	1	9	1
Braxton Williams	39	2	1	3	0
Rodney Feaster	38	0	1	1	0
Nick Eason	37	0	7	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brian Mance	16	211	13.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brian Mance	25	588	23.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Peach	+6'	LSU	7-10	W
97	Peach	+4'	Auburn	17-21	W
99	Peach	-3	Mississippi St	7-17	L
00	Gator	+6	Virginia Tech	20-41	L
01	Humanitarian	-6'	Louisiana Tech	49-24	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CLEMSON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	30.8	24	192	4.4	240	57.2	14.0	-5	2001	4	28.3	22	154	3.8	241	54.2	14.0
8*	34.7	23	224	4.5	213	52.9	12.6	+6	2000	8	21.1	17	111	3.0	236	49.9	16.4
6*	26.8	22	151	3.6	252	59.6	15.0	+4	1999	5	21.1	19	132	3.3	200	51.3	15.7
5	19.8	15	120	3.2	185	52.8	15.4	-11	1998	5	24.7	17	105	2.8	216	48.9	12.9
7*	24.3	18	153	3.6	192	60.5	14.1	-3	1997	6	18.3	17	90	2.7	225	50.2	17.2
8*	20.4	17	199	4.4	136	51.6	16.4	+4	1996	5	20.1	18	139	3.4	200	54.1	16.9

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UCF	17	42-138	3.3	15-25	154	3	19	22-35	1.6	29-47	297	2	-1
Wofford	29	41-200	4.9	26-37	283	2	19	56-276	4.9	6-16	36	2	-1
Virginia	29	51-182	3.6	25-34	251	2	19	35-160	4.6	18-34	227	1	-2
at Georgia Tech	27	52-248	4.8	18-32	254	6	26	45-196	4.4	17-27	216	2	0
at NC State	28	52-234	4.5	23-27	333	2	21	21-21	1.0	25-48	331	3	-1
N Carolina	18	28-65	2.3	14-46	144	3	22	54-219	4.1	14-18	206	1	-2
at Wake Forest	19	41-177	4.3	16-27	211	0	24	60-193	3.2	8-16	151	1	+2
Florida St	26	45-186	4.1	22-41	277	4	27	35-188	5.4	19-30	369	2	+1
at Maryland	20	35-123	3.5	18-37	218	3	23	53-218	4.1	12-21	189	2	-3
at S Carolina	16	31-146	4.7	15-29	204	1	19	55-215	3.9	14-24	152	1	-1
Duke	25	45-328	7.3	18-31	280	2	19	29-82	2.8	24-57	312	4	+1
†Louisiana Tech	28	55-273	5.0	16-29	275	2	25	26-49	1.9	29-59	401	6	+2
TOTALS	282	518-2300	4.4	226-395	2884	30	263	491-1852	3.8	215-397	2887	27	-5
AVERAGES	23.5	43-192	4.4	19-33	240	2.5	21.9	41-154	3.8	18-33	241	2.3	-0.4

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	23-12	–
at NC State	+2	19-17	W
Florida St	+20	28-35	W
at Georgia Tech	-1	20-23	L
UTEP	-32'	39-7	L
Virginia	-5'	7-21	L
at Maryland	-11	20-9	T
at Wake Forest	-3	33-16	W
Duke (OT)	-14'	29-20	L
N Carolina	+6	10-17	L
at S Carolina	-1	47-21	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Furman	NL	33-0	–
Virginia Tech	-3	0-37	L
at Virginia	+15	18-20	W
Wake Forest	-6	19-29	L
at N Carolina	+6'	14-21	L
Maryland	-7	23-0	W
at Florida St	+27	0-48	L
at Duke	+2'	23-28	L
NC State	+4	39-46	L
Georgia Tech	+8	21-24	W
S Carolina	-5'	28-19	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	+2'	10-13	L
Virginia	+5	33-14	W
at Virginia Tech	+12	11-31	L
N Carolina	-5'	31-20	W
at NC State	-1'	31-35	L
at Maryland	+1	42-30	W
Florida St	+16	14-17	W
at Wake Forest	-4'	12-3	W
Duke	-12	58-7	W
at Georgia Tech	+4	42-45	W
at S Carolina	-14	31-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
The Citadel	NL	38-0	–
Missouri	-17'	62-9	W
Wake Forest	-33	55-7	W
at Virginia	-9	31-10	W
at Duke	-37	52-22	L
NC State	-21'	34-27	L
Maryland	-31'	35-14	L
at N Carolina	-19	38-24	L
Georgia Tech	-12	28-31	L
at Florida St	+19	7-54	L
S Carolina	-7'	16-14	L

2001 RESULTS

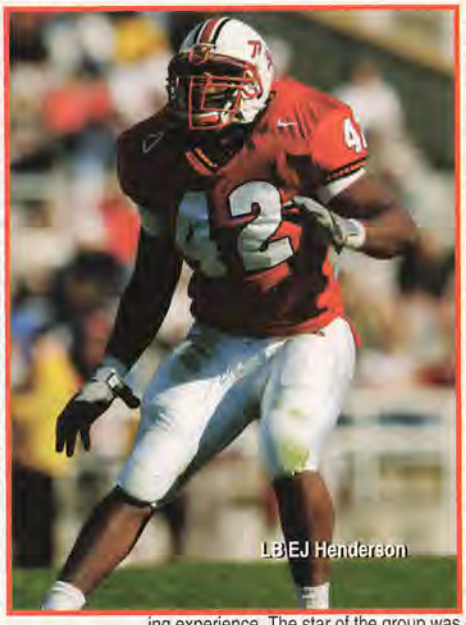
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-16	21-13	L
Wofford	NL	38-14	–
Virginia	-11'	24-26	L
at GA Tech (OT)	+12'	47-44	W
at NC State	-3	45-37	W
N Carolina	-6'	3-38	L
at Wake Forest	-7	21-14	T
Florida St	+8	27-41	L
at Maryland	+7'	20-37	L
at S Carolina	+5'	15-20	W
Duke	-27	59-31	W

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Shaun Hill was a JUCO transfer who was contending for the starting job in 2000 until he was injured. He missed 5 weeks but ended up starting the final 3 games, including throwing for 318 yards vs Georgia Tech and he had a 6-4 ratio on the year. Hill was not the biggest or fastest QB and did not have the strongest of arms but threw for 2,637 yards (59.8%) with a 14-10 ratio while also adding 514 gross yards rushing last year. He was a solid leader of the offense. Chris Kelley (6-2 206 So, PS#18) missed 2000 due to an ACL injury. He was #2 out of the spring last year but injured his knee again and played in just 2 games. He was impressive in bowl practices and was the leading QB candidate until suffering another torn ACL in this year's spring game. He may not be available for the start of the 2002 season. Latrez Harrison (6-3 217 Jr) was PS#16 and has a powerful arm. He got in 2 starts as a true in '99 vs (Fla St and Virginia) but hit just 5 of 24 passes for 30 yards while rushing for 44. He redshirted in 2000 and last year played in 4 games rushing for 147 yards while hitting 5 of 14 for 25 yards. He has moved to WR. Scott McBrien (PS#96) transferred in from W Virginia. He threw for 252 yards in 3Q's vs Notre Dame and had 755 yards overall in 2000. Hunter Cross (6-3 209 Jr, PS#215) also originally signed with W Virginia in '98. Orlando Evans was PS#107QB in '99 and originally signed with Oregon. He went to a JUCO and threw for 2391 yards (65.7%) with 28 TD's last year and was in for the spring. When Friedgen was at Maryland as the OC from '82-'86 he helped develop Boomer Esiason, Frank Reich and Stan Gelbaugh. While at GT, he tutored Shawn Jones (QB of National Title team) and Joe Hamilton. He does have some talented QB's to work with here but this group is a less experienced and I'll call it down a few notches.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Terps had to replace a top-notch back in LaMont Jordan (#2DC of NYJ) who left as the school's all-time leading rusher and finished third on the ACC's all-time rushing list. The leading returning rusher was Mark Riley who came into the year with just 36 yards rushing in 3 years. Even in August, the RB job was a 4 man battle and OC Taaffe said nobody had really stepped to the forefront. That all changed in the first game when diminutive Bruce Perry rushed for 116 yards. His best game of the year was a 276 yard effort vs Wake Forest, and at that time he was leading the NCAA in rushing yardage. Perry finished with 1,264 yards (5.5) while adding 43 rec's (9.0) and was one of 3 finalists for the Doak Walker Award. He was voted the ACC Off POY and was the key part of the Terp offense last season. I list the 2 deep below and along with Perry, both FB's with starting experience return. Also in the mix at TB are Jason Crawford (6-2 220 So) who was PS#43 and originally signed with N Carolina. He had 146 yards rushing (4.1) as a true frosh. Chris Downs (5-8 188 Sr) had 14 yards. Mario Merrills (5-10 195 rFr) was PS#43DB and has 4.37 speed which makes him the fastest RB. He was the Offensive Scout MVP last year. Perry did get injured prior to the bowl and was still not fully recovered in the spring. Crawford was banged up as well but they should be 100% for the fall. This group has more experience but it will be tough for Perry to top last year's stats so I'll call the group simply equal to last season.


LB EJ Henderson

RECEIVERS - Last year the Terps had their top 2 receivers back and only had to replace 3 guys who combined for 5 starts but they were the #3, #4 and #5 receivers. Last year their top returning receiver, Guilian Gary, suffered a neck injury in August but still started all 12 games and led the team again with 53 rec's (14.4). TE Jeff Dugan had 25 rec's (12.8) as the #2 receiver in 2000 but saw his production drop with just 7 catches. In fact in the first 6 games the TE's had combined for only 5 rec's but over the last 6 they totalled 19. This year two starters return but they lose their top guy in Gary as well as TE Matt Murphy (#7DC of DET, 2 sts, 17, 10.5) and WR Daryl Whitmer (13, 13.2). I list the 2 deep below and ex-coach Ron Vanderlinden did a good job recruiting in this area as there is a good amount of HT's, plus they have the solid addition of QB Latrez Harrison (PS#16). Starting-wise, this group is much more experienced than it was heading into last year but with the loss of their top guy, I'll call it simply equal.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Vanderlinden usually did a fine job recruiting OL's and Friedgen inherited a top-notch group last year. The Terps allowed just 20 sacks in 2000 and averaged 3.6 ypc rushing. They had 4 starters back last year and the experienced group paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 21 sacks. They also had 7 talented underclassmen in the 2 deep. This year more improvement can be expected. The only loss is C Melvin Fowler (#3DC of CLE, 12 sts, 1st Tm ACC, 4 yr st'r) but 9 of the top 10 are back and I list a gifted 2 deep below. I wasn't able to fit Tim Donovan (6-4 301 rFr, PS#120) in the 2 deep. As you can see they have plenty of HT's and VHT's in the group and this looks to be one of the top OL's in the ACC this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Terps DL was young and inexperienced and allowed 4.1 ypc rushing although the defense did record 32 sacks. Last year Friedgen signed 4 true frosh to play right away but only 1 did in PS#48 Randy Starks. Overall they had 3 full-time starters back and as you would expect the D made strides, allowing just 2.9 ypc rushing while the defense had 40 sacks. While MD used the terminology of a 3-4 defense the LEO LB is a rush DE so I list that position in this write-up. Once again only 1 starter departs from the front but it is their best player, Charles Hill (#3DC of HOU, 12 sts, #2 tkl'r, 8 tfl). They also lost LEO Ryan Swift (1 st, 9 tkls, 1.5 sks). Seven of the top 8 DL return and this is an extremely deep unit that adds in a VHT true frosh and a VHT JUCO. I list the 2 deep below. Players not listed below are DE Kevin Eli (6-4 260 So, PS#117), DT Davian Bryan (5-10 281 So), DE Scott Smith (6-4 257 Jr, PS#244) and DE Jonathan Condo (6-3 237 So, PS#181RB). This unit is even deeper in experience and talent than it was last year.

LINEBACKERS - In '99 the Terps had to replace a couple of NFL DC's and ended up with 2 soph starters and all 6 members of the 2 deep were underclassmen. The unit returned intact the next 2 years with all 3 first stringers last year having at least 2 years of starting experience. The star of the group was clearly EJ Henderson, who is rated as the top LB for next year's NFL draft and had 158 tackles, 6.5 sacks, **22 tfl**. He was named the ACC POY. He surprisingly turned down the NFL. They do lose SLB Aaron Thompson (12 sts, 62 tkls, 10 tfl), backup MLB Monte Graves (1 st, 14 tkls), Marlon Moye-Moore (32 tkls, 7 games, susp 5) and Reggie Lewis (3 tkls). Basically 4 of the top 6 return and this year Friedgen signed 4 top-notch true frosh including a pair of VHT's. With the star of the unit back, this unit could be even stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Terps finished #81 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and last year only had to replace 1 starter. They had 7 players back with starting experience and added some top-notch newcomers. The unit did lose their top CB, Tony Okanlawon, after 8 starts with injury yet he still won 1st Tm ACC honors. This year they lose Okanlawon (40 tkls, 5 int's, 10 pbu), SS Tony Jackson (11 sts, 82 tkls, 6 int's, 9 pbu, 1st Tm ACC), FS Randall Jones (12 sts, 58 tkls, 5 int's, 5 pbu, HM ACC) and SS Rod Littles (1 st, 49 tkls, 4 tfl). I think Domonique Foxworth (4.35 speed) will be the top player in the secondary this year. Last year he took off his redshirt with just 3 games to go and started the last 2 at CB as a VHT true frosh. They have 2 VHT's in the 2 deep below and they add in a JUCO and some top-notch frosh this year. This unit clearly has potential and last year finished #31 in my rankings, allowing just 56% with a 21-26 ratio but are less experienced this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 the Terps ranked #37 in my special teams rankings but had to replace their super kicker Brian Kopka as well as their top KR. Brooks Barnard has a powerful leg as a punter and set the school record in 2000 with a 44.7 average, although the team did use a pooch punter, which greatly aided his lofty average. Last season Barnard had an even better year handling all of the punts while averaging 44.6 (just 0.1 less than 2000). Without a pooch punter, it was a very solid effort (net of 38.9). Their KR coverage was not good as they struggled all year and allowed 26.1 per return, the worst in the ACC. Nick Novak (PS#77K) got off to a very rough start and in fact was 4 of 10 when he lined up for the clutch FG that sent the GT game into OT. After hitting that big kick he rallied to hit 13 of his last 17 FG's including a long of 51 and actually was HM ACC. The top PR, Guilian Gary, departs but averaged just 5.0 and 6.7 the last 2 years. Their top KR, Rich Parson (20.4) is back. They finished #89 in my 2001 special teams rankings, allowing 2 KR TD's but blocking 2 punts. With basically everyone back, I look for them to greatly improve upon last year's final ranking.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In last year's magazine I pointed out that Maryland had 7 home games and a soft non-conf schedule as well as one of the most veteran teams in the ACC with 16 starters back and just 20 lettermen lost. New head coach Ralph Friedgen came in with some very experienced coordinators in Charlie Taaffe (offense) and Gary Blackney (defense) both with previous head coaching stints under their belts. I said the team had the potential to open up the season at 5-0 and if that happened they could buy into Friedgen's program and get a shot at their first bowl game since 1990. Maryland exceeded my expectations as they not only made it to the post season, they simply won the ACC Title outright (the first non-Florida St team to accomplish that since the Seminoles joined the league). Last year Maryland had 26 Iron Terps (previous high was 10) and while only two Terps benched 400 lbs in 2000, sixteen accomplished that feat last year. They beat GT, breaking a streak of 33 straight games in which they had lost to ranked teams. The team, which was picked 7th in the league by the media, won their first ACC Title since 1985 and earned their first 10 win season since 1976. It was a storied sports year for Maryland as their basketball team won the National Title and their football team amazingly appeared in the Orange Bowl. "The Fridge" was given a 10 year contract extension after guiding UM it to its first major bowl since 1977 and seeing them finish #6 in the final regular season AP poll. Maryland did have 3 close wins in ACC play last year, beating Georgia Tech in OT, edging Wake Forest by 7 and getting past NC State by 4, but they still outgained ACC foes by an average of 83 ypg. I do 7 sets of power ratings and 6 of them have the Terps among the Top 3 in the ACC. Even though last year was a storybook season and Maryland benefitted from +18 turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on pg 295), this is a talented team. The non-conf schedule should be good for 4 or 5 wins but they must face their main rival for 2nd place in the ACC (Clemson) at Death Valley. This talented Maryland team has a shot at matching last year's 10 win total.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Scott McBrien Jr. 6-2 180 *PS#96. 755 yds (42.4%) 3-3 ratio at WV. Chris Kelley PS#18. 39-0 as st'r HS. Inj'd, 2 gms in 2Y & tore ACL in spg. Orlando Evans is PS#95JC.*

RB BRUCE PERRY JR. 5-9 188 *PS#40. 12 sts LY, 1264 yds (5.5), 43 rec (9.0). **ACC Off POY**. Jason Crawford is PS#43. 146 yds LY. Mario Merrills (5-10 195 rFr) PS#43, **4.37.***

FB JAMES LYNCH JR. 5-11 267 *PS#104. 8 sts, 139 yds (7.3), 7 rec LY. Chad Killian (6-2 256 Sr) PS#360. 4 sts LY, 44 yds. Bernard Fiddler (6-1 231 Jr) PS#108LB. 13 yds.*

WR Latrez Harrison Jr. 6-3 217 ***PS#16QB**. 2 sts, 246 yds last 2 years. Scooter Monroe (6-1 193 Sr) PS#59. 12 sts, 28 rec (14.6) 2Y. Rich Parson (5-10 180 So) PS#165RB.*

WR JAFAR WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 195 *PS#352DB. 9 rec in 2000. 10 sts, 43 rec (12.0), 10.4 in 100m. Ike Roberts (5-11 170 So) PS#73WR. Steve Suter (5-9 182 So) PS#72.*

TE JEFF DUGAN JR. 6-4 266 *PS#114. 10 sts in 2000, 25 rec (12.8). 10 sts in 2001, 7 rec (9.1). Derek Miller (6-8 257 rFr) PS#67. Ryan Flynn (6-4 262 So) PS#77TE.*

C Kyle Schmitt So. 6-5 310 ***PS#50OL**. 2nd string as rFr, Lettered in 12 games LY (G and C), 1 st at LG. Added 12 lbs. Jason Holman (6-2 272 rFr) PS#308OL.*

RG LAMAR BRYANT JR. 6-3 302 ***PS#103OL**. 6 sts at G as rFr. 12 starts last year, **670 lb squat**. Reggie Kemp (6-4 312 So) **PS#75**. Raheem Lewis (6-3 329 rFr) **PS#48**.*

LG TODD WIKE SR. 6-3 300 ***PS#30TE**. 10 sts at LG in '99. 11 sts at LG in 2000. 11 sts LY, 726 plays, **1st Tm ACC**. Ed Tyler (6-3 312 Jr) PS#162. Russell Bonham (6-4 309 rFr) PS#62.*

RT MATT CRAWFORD SR. 6-6 312 *PS#111OL. 11 sts as rFr. 9 sts in 2000. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, Piccolo Award. Lou Lombardo (6-6 303 So) PS#114. 640 squat, Iron Terp.*

LT CLINTON (CJ) BROOKS SO. 6-5 316 *PS#147OL. 12 sts as rFr, added 12 lbs. Eric Dumas (6-6 308 Jr) PS#151DL. 17 games, 2 letters. Matt Powell (6-4 332 rFr) PS#132.*

K NICK NOVAK SO. 6-0 189 *PS#77. Only 4 of 10 FG's here as a rFr until game winner vs Georgia Tech. Then 13 of last 17 with misses from 50 and 62! HM ACC.*

DEFENSE

DE DURRAND ROUNDTREE SR. 6-3 255 *PS#243. 5 sts in 2000, 22 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 sts last year, **710 squat, 4.68 spd**, 29 tkls, 4.5 sks. Landon Jones (6-4 259 Jr) PS#190LB. 2 sts in 2000.*

NT C.J. FELDHEIM JR. 6-3 277 *PS#137LB. 12 sts at DT, 38 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl, 585 squat, Iron Terp. William Shimè (6-4 277 Sr) 12 tkls, 3Y. Tosin Abari (6-0 258 Jr) 3 tkls, 1 sk LY.*

DT Randy Starks So. 6-4 299 ***PS#48DL**. 1 sts as **true**, 39 tkls, 3.5 sks, 4 tfl. Akil Patterson (6-3 294 rFr) PS#146. Added 34 lbs. Mike Steele (6-5 291 rFr) Moved from OL.*

DE MICHAEL WHALEY JR. 6-1 233 *PS#299, 11 sts, 68 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 62 tkls, 4.5 sks, 9 tfl. Acad ? Jamahl Cochran (6-0 241 So) PS#149. 13 tkls LY. JC Andrew Wojcik.*

SLB Leroy Ambush Jr. 6-1 223 ***PS#56LB**. 8 tkls in 2000. 9 tkls, 1 sk LY. Ricardo Dickerson (6-3 230 rFr) PS#367LB, Scout Tm Def POY. Shawne Merriman is PS#46LB.*

MLB EJ HENDERSON SR. 6-2 250 *10 sts, 109 tkls, 13 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 158 tkls, 6.5 sks, **22 tfl, ACC POY, 1st Tm AA**. Andrew Henley (5-11 237 Jr) 22 tkls. **Reggie Holmes** is PS#49.*

WLB LEON JOE JR. 6-1 223 *PS#117. 31 tkls in 2000. 12 sts LY, 79 tkls, 8 tfl, **435 bench, 4.43**. Curtis Williams (6-2 199 So) PS#155WR. Maurice Smith (6-0 216 So) PS#118.*

CB CUROME COX JR. 6-1 199 *PS#125RB. 9 sts as rFr, 2 int. 11 sts LY, 38 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, Iron Terp. Jamal Chance (6-1 190 Sr) **PS#30JC**. 13 tkls LY. Mohamed Savage (5-8 174 So).*

CB Domonique Foxworth So. 5-11 172 ***PS#50**. Took off RS late, 3 gms, 2 sts LY, 12 tkls, 2 pbu. Marcus Wimbush (5-11 180 Fr) **PS#34** LY. Gerrick McPhearson (5-11 190 rFr) PS#153RB.*

SS Dennard Wilson Jr. 5-11 186 *PS#124WR. 1 st in 2000. 16 tkls. 3 sts LY, 28 tkls, 2 int. 7 pbu. Tyrone Stewart (6-0 195 Sr) PS#113. 22 tkls, 2.5 sks LY. Andrew Smith had 1 st, 19 tkls in 2000.*

FS Madieu Williams Jr. 6-1 193 *9 sts, 42 tkls, 10 pbu at Towson St in 2000. Reuben Haigler (6-0 179 Jr) PS#189JC, 10.6 100m. Raymond Custis (5-8 188 So) PS#220.*

P BROOKS BARNARD SR. 6-2 188 ***PS#25K**. 42 punts, 42.1 avg in '99, 35.3 net. 49 punts in 2000. 44.7 avg, 37.9 net. 59 punts in 2001, 44.6 avg (#6 NCAA), 38.9 net. **1st Tm ACC.***

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MD	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The average score of the last 10 FSU/MD games is FSU 51, MD 15. Terps are 4-1 ATS when hosting Duke. *The Tobacco Road schools are Duke, N Carolina, NC State and Wake Forest.
Aug. 31	† Notre Dame (Kickoff Classic)	G						Terrapins are 5-2 ATS the last 7 years in their 1st lined game. This will mark the Terps first appearance in the Kickoff Classic.
Sep. 7	Akron	G						Maryland is 9-3-2 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more home games. Fighting turtles were 6-0 as home chalk for The Fridge in 2001.
Sep. 14	Florida St	G						Terps are 1-6 ATS the last 7 vs the Seminoles. FSU was the only team to win or cover vs Maryland in 2001.
Sep. 21	E Michigan	G						This is only Maryland's 3rd gm vs a current MAC tm S/'80, 1-1 SU & ATS. Last year I won a 4★ Small College Play in MD's 50-3 win over EMU.
Sep. 28	Wofford	G						Terps are 6-2 ATS in games before W Virginia the last 8 Only once in 20 yrs has MD had a B2B 4 gm homestand, last time losing 48-21 SU & ATS to VA.
Oct. 5	at W Virginia	A						The underdog is 8-4-1 ATS the last 13 but 0-2 ATS the last 2 years. The visitor is 1-5-1 ATS in this series over the last 7 years.
Oct. 12								Bonus: UM is 2-7-1 ATS the last 10 prior to a bye. No byes last year. Bonus: Terps were 4-0 LY, but 3-7-1 prior to 2001 favored by 9 or more.
Oct. 17	Georgia Tech (Thur)	G						Pending 10/5 result, UM is 18-29-1 ATS (3-1 LY) the last 48 October gms. Four Thursday series meetings since 1990: UM is 3-1 ATS, 2-2 SU.
Oct. 26	at Duke	G						MD came into 2002 with a 7-12 ATS mark as an AF and were 2-0 ATS LY. The favorite has covered only 4 of the last 16 meetings.
Nov. 2	at N Carolina	G						Pending LW, MD is 10-14-1 ATS (2-0 LY) when travelling on Tobacco Road.* UM is 6-9 ATS last 15 vs Heels but have covered 4 in a row.
Nov. 9	NC State (HC)	G						The favorite is 2-5-1 ATS the last 8 meetings, MD covered as chalk LY. Maryland is 11-4 ATS in their last 15 sandwiched home games.
Nov. 16	at Clemson	G						The home team is 9-3-1 ATS the last 13 years in this series. Friedgen has won 5 in a row vs Clemson SU including his yrs as OC at GT.
Nov. 23	at Virginia	G						The visitor is 12-6 ATS in the last 18 series meetings. UM is 10-4 ATS the last 14 road finales, 10-1 if you eliminate trips to FSU!
Nov. 30	Wake Forest	G						Terps are 7-3 ATS in their home finale, fear the Turtle! The favorite is 5-1 ATS in the last 6 meetings, WF only favored once.

RALPH FRIEDGEN (Career 10-2)
2nd Year at Maryland

Friedgen's records AT MARYLAND

10-2 Straight Up	6-0 Home Favorite
10-1 Vs The Spread	1-0 Home Dog
1-0 Off A S/U Loss	2-0 Away Favorite
7-1 Vs Conference	1-1 Away Dog
3-0 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,21,2)
Lost: 20 (8,11,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,565

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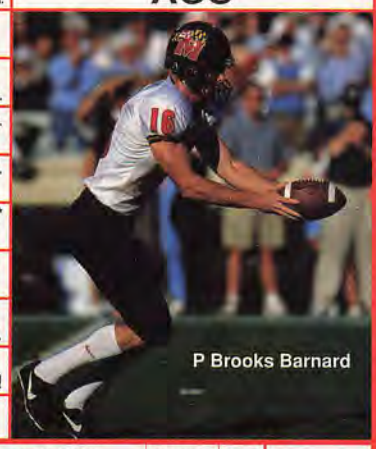
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STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (48,055)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	2-9	3-8	5-6	5-6	10-1	36-41
ATS	6-5	3-6-1	3-6-2	4-5-1	6-4	5-6	10-1	37-33-4
Home Fav	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	1-2	1-2	6-0	12-7-1
Home Dog	3-1	1-0	0-3-1	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-0	9-8-1
Away Fav	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	2-0	6-5
Away Dog	1-2	0-4-1	1-2-1	3-2	1-1	3-1	1-1	10-13-2
Favorite	2-2	2-2	2-1	0-1-1	3-3	1-3	8-0	18-12-1
Dog	4-3	1-4-1	1-5-2	4-4	3-1	4-3	2-1	19-21-3
Grass	5-4	3-6	2-6-2	4-4-1	5-4	5-5	10-1	34-30-3
Artificial	1-1	0-0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	3-3-1
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	2-4-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	7-1	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	0-1-1	2-0	0-3	3-0	9-7-2
Off SU Win	4-2	0-4	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-3	8-1	19-14
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-2-1	2-4-2	2-4-1	3-2	3-2	1-0	14-17-4

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bruce Perry	**230**	**1300**	**36**	**1264**	**10**	**5.5**
Marc Riley	94	382	21	361	12	3.8
Shaun Hill	127	514	174	340	7	2.7
Jason Crawford	**36**	**151**	**5**	**146**	**2**	**4.1**
Latrez Harrison	**19**	**147**	**7**	**140**	**1**	**7.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Shaun Hill	368	220	59.8	2637	14	10
Latrez Harrison	**14**	**5**	**35.7**	**25**	**0**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Guilian Gary	53	762	14.4	6	53
Jafar Williams	**43**	**516**	**12.0**	**3**	**36**
Bruce Perry	**43**	**386**	**9.0**	**2**	**38**
Scooter Monroe	**14**	**229**	**16.4**	**1**	**42**
Matt Murphy	17	179	10.5	0	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Brooks Barnard	**59**	**2632**	**44.6**	**–**	**38.9**	**0**	**19**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Novak	**11-12**	**2-4**	**2-6**	**2-5**	**17-27**	**51**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
E.J. Henderson	**158**	**6.5**	**22**	**5**	**1**
Charles Hill	83	2	6	0	0
Tony Jackson	82	0	3	9	6
Leon Joe	**79**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**1**
Aaron Thompson	62	5	5	0	0
Mike Whaley	62	4.5	9	5	1
Randall Jones	58	0	0	5	5
Rod Littles	49	2	2	4	1
Tony Okanlawon	40	0	0	10	5
Randy Starks	**39**	**3.5**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Curome Cox	**38**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**3**
CJ Feldheim	**38**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Marlon Moye-Moore	32	0	1	0	0
Durrand Roundtree	**29**	**4.5**	**0**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Guilian Gary	15	101	6.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rich Parson	**22**	**449**	**20.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	Citrus	-3'	Tennessee	23-30	L
84	Sun	-7	Tennessee	28-27	L
85	Cherry	-7'	Syracuse	35-18	W
90	Independence	-1	Louisiana Tech	34-34	L
01	Orange	+14	Florida	23-56	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MARYLAND'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	34.4	23	211	4.5	222	58.7	12.6	+18	2001	9	22.2	19	100	2.9	258	56.4	16.2
7*	22.5	17	124	3.6	211	54.5	14.9	+3	2000	6	25.8	23	186	4.1	254	58.2	17.0
9*	26.5	16	231	5.2	144	48.3	13.6	+9	1999	6	23.6	20	126	3.4	247	59.2	12.5
6	18.4	15	161	3.8	117	45.5	15.2	-2	1998	5	26.4	19	159	3.9	202	53.9	13.7
5*	14.6	16	88	2.3	174	58.6	18.0	+8	1997	4	32.3	22	175	4.2	227	62.5	12.5
8*	17.0	14	135	3.1	135	48.3	15.9	+9	1996	8	21.7	17	141	3.3	179	53.4	14.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Carolina	17	46-161	3.5	10-26	86	3	10	37-118	3.2	16-26	158	4	+3
E Michigan	27	52-280	5.4	16-25	196	0	9	29-24	0.8	15-30	100	5	+1
at Wake Forest	24	51-297	5.8	16-23	222	2	18	46-163	3.5	17-32	216	1	0
W Virginia	23	52-181	3.5	13-32	192	3	27	43-151	3.5	31-52	279	2	+6
Virginia	23	55-243	4.4	22-35	237	0	16	25-64	2.6	21-38	281	2	0
at Georgia Tech	19	34-92	2.7	21-41	210	3	20	39-50	1.3	26-45	320	5	+4
Duke	34	54-362	6.7	28-36	335	1	18	35-133	3.8	13-32	163	3	+1
at Florida St	20	38-214	5.6	21-37	214	1	23	39-134	3.4	16-27	363	3	-3
Troy St	25	55-277	5.0	17-29	232	1	15	26-(-1)	0.0	19-36	272	8	+2
Clemson	23	53-218	4.1	12-21	189	2	20	35-123	3.5	18-37	218	3	+3
at NC State	22	36-103	2.9	27-41	296	2	19	33-38	1.2	27-43	275	2	-1
†Florida	19	40-103	2.6	23-39	257	3	30	25-203	8.1	33-49	456	2	+2
TOTALS	276	566-2531	4.5	226-385	2666	21	225	412-1200	2.9	252-447	3101	40	+18
AVERAGES	23.0	47-211	4.5	19-32	222	1.8	18.8	34-100	2.9	21-37	258	3.3	1.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-12	14-21	L
at Florida St	+34	7-50	L
N Carolina	+24	14-40	L
at Temple	-2'	24-21	W
Duke	-3'	16-10	W
W Virginia	+9'	14-31	L
at Wake Forest	+7'	17-35	L
Clemson	+11	9-20	T
Virginia	+8'	0-45	L
at NC State	+17	28-45	T
at Georgia Tech	+19'	18-37	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
James Madison	NL	23-15	–
at Virginia	+30	19-31	W
at W Virginia	+19	20-42	L
Temple	-10	30-20	T
Florida St	+28	10-24	W
at Clemson	+7	0-23	L
Wake Forest	-1	10-20	L
Georgia Tech	+13	14-31	L
at N Carolina	+16	13-24	W
at Duke	+9	42-25	W
NC State	+10	21-35	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	-5'	6-0	W
W Carolina	NL	51-10	–
W Virginia	+6	33-0	W
at Georgia Tech	+19'	31-49	W
at Wake Forest	-1	17-14	W
Clemson	-1	30-42	L
N Carolina	-9	45-7	W
Duke	-9'	22-25	L
at NC State	-1'	17-30	L
at Florida St	+33	10-49	L
Virginia	+9	30-34	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-10	17-10	L
at W Virginia	+10	17-30	L
Mid Tenn St	-20	45-27	L
Florida St	+30	7-59	L
at Virginia	+10'	23-31	W
at Clemson	+31'	14-35	W
Wake Forest	-12'	37-7	W
at Duke	-11'	20-9	L
NC State (2OT)	+6	35-28	W
at N Carolina	+7	10-13	W
Georgia Tech	+10	22-35	L

2001 RESULTS

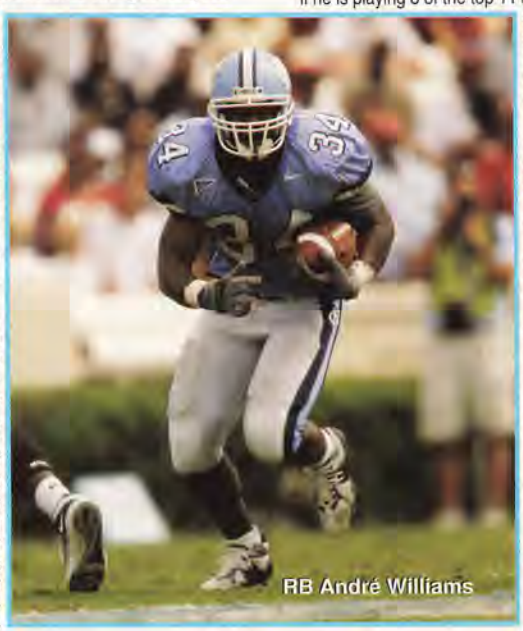
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Carolina	+2'	23-7	W
E Michigan	-25	50-3	W
at Wake Forest	-6	27-20	W
W Virginia	-10	32-20	W
Virginia	-7'	41-21	W
at Georgia Tech (OT)	+8'	20-17	W
Duke	-25	59-17	W
at Florida St	+8	31-52	L
Troy St	-22'	47-14	W
Clemson	-7'	37-20	W
at NC State	-3	23-19	W

N CAROLINA TAR HEELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - I find it interesting that N Carolina has NEVER produced a QB who has played in the NFL. Ronald Curry was PS#1 in 1998 and a more highly touted prospect than Michael Vick. He did not live up to his advanced billing but was a very talented athlete, playing on both the football and basketball team. Even so, Curry leaves (#7DC of OAK) as the career total offense leader here. He threw for 1,030 yards (47.9) with an 8-6 ratio while rushing for 520 in 11 starts as a senior. Darian Durant was PS#19 and could have been rated higher but broke his leg in his senior year in high school. He won the backup job in August and then took over with 2:00 left in the 3Q in the opener vs Oklahoma. He alternated with Curry the rest of the year but did have 2 games (GT and WF) where he started and played the entire game. It should be noted, NC lost both games, although vs WF Durant threw for 361 yards with 4 TD's. During the week of the WF game, both QB's missed practice due to family deaths. After starring the year slow, NC was 8-0 down the stretch when both Curry and Durant were available. Aaron Leak was PS#29. He got in just 2 games (4 passes) but was suspended for the bowl and was kicked off the team in the spring. Chris Stephens (6-3 216 Jr) was PS#26 and is a transfer from Florida. He got in for one play in 2000 as a rFr, but mostly worked on the scout team at UF. Matt Baker (6-2 209 rFr) was PS#76. Terrance Highsmith (6-0 169 rFr) was PS#190. Durant announced he was leaving the team in the offseason, but Bunting left the door open and Durant came back and rejoined the team after the spring. He will battle Stephens for the job and gives the unit some much needed experience. This group looks at least as strong as last year.

RUNNING BACKS - North Carolina has had twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers, the most of any team in NCAA history (USC is 2nd with 21). From 1973 to 1984 the team had a 1,000 yard rusher in every season but in the last 8 years has had just one and that was in 1997 when Jonathan Linton barely got there with 1,004 yards. In 1998, 1999 and 2000 a frosh led the team in rushing. 2000's leading rusher, Brandon Russell (508 yards, 3.5), was the first true frosh to start in the opener since 1946 when Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice did it. Willie Parker, who has 4.3 speed, started the last 3 games in 2000 after missing most of the season due to a back injury. Last year Russell was moved to WR in the spring and Parker, after rushing for 355 yards (4.2) in 2000, was the team's leading rusher (531 yds, 5.2). Andre' Williams (PS#18) is the strongest of the RB's and after 8 games last year had 493 yards (3.3) but then he suffered a back injury and in the final 5 had just 22 carries (27 yards). They took the redshirt off of Jacque Lewis (PS#32) against FSU and he rushed for 247 yards (4.2) for the season. Everyone is back this year and I list the FB's below. It will be interesting to see if an NC back can finally get back over the 1,000 yard barrier. This group is in better shape than it was heading into last season.


RB André Williams

RECEIVERS - Last year the Heels returned five of their top eight receivers with all of their WR's back but they did have to replace a pair of NFL draft picks at TE. Kory Bailey led the team in receiving in 1999 and was the #2 receiver in 2000. Last year he hauled in 44 receptions (13.8) and was #2 once again. Sam Aiken (PS#55) emerged & led the team with 53 rec & a solid 16.3 ypc. Aiken is back bigger, stronger & faster this year. Four players depart this year in Bailey, TE Doug Brown (4 sts), WR Danny Davis (4 rec), and Bosley Allen (10 sts). There are two VHT WR's and a VHT TE who I list below. Brandon Russell, who was the top rusher in 2000, was moved to WR and had 19 receptions. Also in the mix at WR are Isaiah Robinson (6-0 188 Jr, PS#103, 2 rec), Danny Rumley (6-4 230 rFr) and this year's freshmen, including VHT true frosh Ian Firestone (PS#3). Bosley Allen was dismissed from the team following the spring. This unit looks close to last year despite Allen's unexpected loss.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 UNC had a senior laden O-line that did not live up to its potential. In 2000, 5 starters had to be replaced and then-coach Torbush liked the athleticism of the unit but the inexperienced group allowed 35 sacks and only paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing. Last year 3 starters departed and it appeared 7 of the top 10 were indeed back. Two expected returnees, including projected starter Bryant Malloy, were suspended, so only 5 of the top 10 were back. Overall they averaged just 3.2 ypc rushing but did trim the sack total to 34 (2 more games played in 2001). This year's group looks more experienced and would have been even more so but LT Greg Woofter (12 sts, 830 snaps) decided to transfer after the season. Also gone is C Adam Metts (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM ACC), and backup Chase Page (6-5 272 So) moves to the DL. OG Issac Morford (2 sts LY, 11 sts in 2000) was not on the spring roster but if he is playing 8 of the top 11 return. All 5 projected starters have starting experience with 3 full-time starters returning. They did lose OL Coach Caldwell who left for Vanderbilt but bring in a super replacement in Hal Hunter, whose O-lines at Indiana were very productive. For the second straight year this group is more experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Tar Heels had one of the top D-lines in the country, with the star being DE Julius Peppers who led the NCAA in sacks in 2000 and last year was the Lombardi and Bednarik Winner. Even at 270 lbs, he ran a 4.5 forty and had great leaping ability. He left early for the NFL draft and was the #1DC of CAR. Also departing this year are DE Joe Evans (#7DC of CIN, 13 sts, 42 tkls, 9.5 tfl) and DT Ryan Sims (#1DC of KC, 13 sts, 57 tkls, 6 sks, 1st Tm ACC, 3rd Tm AA). Backup DT Anthony Perkins (5 sts, 19 tkls) also leaves. Perkins missed the first half of the season while recovering from injury and took over the DT spot when Will Chapman suffered a torn ACL in the 8th game. They do have 4 of the top 8 players returning and get a transfer from S Carolina in Carl Smalls (PS#86DL). I list the 3 deep below and the star player now could be Jocques Dumas (PS#12). This has the makings of a decent D-line but with the loss of a couple of AA's who were the #2 & #6 overall picks in the NFL draft, this unit is clearly weaker in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Tar Heels had to replace #3 and #4 draft picks but did have one starter returning plus they added a starter from 1999 who had missed the previous year with injury. This year the group is even less experienced and the 3 starters logged the majority of the action last season with backups Clarence Gaddy, Devllen Bullard and Robert Harris combining for only 6 tackles. The 3 starters are all gone in LB Merceda Perry (12 sts, 39 tkls, 3 tfl), MLB Quincy Monk (#7DC of NYG, 13 sts, 131 tkls, 7 tfl) and SLB David Thornton (#4DC of IND, 13 sts, 139 tkls, 11 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC). I list the 2 deep below and there is some talent in the group including a couple of HT's that I project as starters. Malcolm Stewart did start the bowl game last year but as the leading returning player from last year in this group he had just 4 tackles.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UNC finished in the Top 20 of my pass D rankings for 3 straight years when Dré Bly was on hand. In 1999 they had to replace Bly and 2 other starters and dropped some to #42. In 2000 they had to replace one starter and finished #40. Last year 3 starters returned but SS DeFonte Coleman was injured and missed the majority of the season. This year they must replace CB Errol Hood (13 sts, 78 tkls, 6 tfl, 7 pbu) and SS Billy Dee Greenwood (13 sts, 72 tkls, 7 pbu). Overall the unit finished #15 in my pass D rankings, allowing 51.3% with a 10-10 ratio. Coleman missed the spring this year, still recovering from his injury, but was an 8 game starter in 2000 and if he returns healthy the unit would have 3 players who have started full-time returning including solid CB Michael Waddell (PS#5). Due to the much weakened front 7 I do not think Carolina will finish as high in the pass D rankings, but the talent level of this group is on par with last year's group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Mack Brown's final two seasons this unit finished #92 and #82. In Torbush's first season they finished #12 but lost some key components and dropped to #47 and #81 the next two years. Last year they appeared to be in great shape with everyone returning, but punter Blake Ferguson (PS#26) opted to transfer. Jeff Reed, a preseason Groza Award candidate, hit 13 of 17 with a long of 49. They had all of the top returnmen back last year but Kevin Knight ended up being the top KR (18.1). Sam Aiken averaged 20.3 and 21.0 per KR the last 2 years. Bosley Allen averaged 15.0 on PR's in 2000 but only 10.3 last year and now departs. Michael Waddell avg'd 14.9 on his 11 PR's. John Lafferty ended up the top punter with a 39.7 average. Lafferty is back but will have to battle Dan Orner (PS#33) who transferred in from Michigan St. Thirty-eight of Orner's 44 KO's in high school were touchbacks and he could handle both the kicking and punting duties. They also signed PS#15 K this year in David Woolridge. Overall the unit finished #93 in my special teams rankings and I look for significant improvement this year but the FG accuracy (which is not included in the rankings) will likely drop.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 UNC suffered 4 losses after leading in the 4Q and 95 of the 105 players on the roster participated in summer conditioning last year to improve their stamina. N Carolina had been to 7 straight bowl games before a 2 year absence in 1999 and 2000 and has had 1 player picked in every NFL draft since 1971. John Bunting inherited 60 lettermen last year which was by far the most in the conference. He had a grueling opening schedule which featured a 3 game road trip to Oklahoma, Maryland and Texas. An 0-3 Carolina team upset Florida St in resounding fashion (41-9) and it all turned around as they would go 8-2 in their final 10 games including a bowl victory. They faced 9 bowl teams (10 bowl eligible teams) of their 13 opponents last year and after the season Bunting got a salary increase and his contract was extended through 2007. Bunting's 8 wins were more than any other 1st year N Carolina coach. Offensively, they were at their best when QB's Durant and Curry both played as their only 2 losses after the 0-3 start were when Curry was not available. After being -12 in turnovers in 2000, I expected better fortunes in 2001 but they were -10 last year as well. They almost matched both Maryland and Florida St in ypg in conference play, outgaining league foes by an average of 80.6 ypg. They only outscored the foes on the season by 5.1 ppg. They have 7 starters back on offense and Durant's return to the team gives them an experienced QB. I think they can exceed last year's 25.9 ppg. Defense is going to be the big question mark this year as they lose 2 of the top 6 DC's in the NFL in Julius Peppers and Ryan Sims and they will be nearly impossible to replace. They also lose outstanding DC John Tenuta. NC's D clearly looks weaker and goes from my #1 rated unit in the conference down to #6. They should be able to improve upon the -10 in turnovers and have some other solid edges this year. They get a bye prior to Georgia Tech and GT will be on their 3rd road game in 4 weeks. They host Maryland, Georgia Tech and Clemson who are their major rivals for 2nd place in the ACC. With the defense being weaker, NC is probably in the middle of the pack of the ACC in terms of talent this year but with the favorable schedule, the Heels should stay in the upper half of the ACC standings.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Darian Durant So. 5-11 226 PS#19. 2 sts as rFr, 1919 (63%), 17-11, 220 rush. Chris "CJ" Stephens (6-3 216 Jr) PS#26. Orig at Florida, 1 play in 2000. Trans in 2001.

TB ANDRE' WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 215 PS#18. 165 yds (4.2) as true. 8 sts LY until inj. 520 yds (3.0), 5 rec (5.0). Jacque Lewis (5-10 184 So) PS#32, 1 st, 247 yds (4.2), 8 rec (7.9).

FB MADISON HEDGECOCK SO. 6-3 250 PS#25, 11 sts as rFr, 1 rec, 1 rush LY. **TB Willie Parker** (5-11 201 Jr) PS#141. 3 sts as rFr, 355 yds (4.2). 4 sts LY, 531 yds (5.2), 4.3 spd.

WR Chesley Borders Sr. 6-0 190 **PS#10**. 2 sts LY, 27 rec (16.6). Brandon Russell (5-11 190 Jr) PS#55RB. 508 yds (3.5) rush as true. 19 rec (12.4) as WR LY. Ian Firestone is PS#34.

WR Sam Aiken Sr. 6-2 205 PS#55. 29 rec (14.1), 385 ret yds in 2000. 53 rec (16.3), 3 sts LY. Harry Lewis (6-0 197 rFr) PS#89. Jarwarski Pollock (5-8 166 So) PS#93.

TE ZACH HILTON SR. 6-7 276 PS#24. 258 snaps in '99 & 2000. 9 sts LY, 12 rec (7.3). **Bobby Blizzard** (6-3 276 Jr) **PS#3**, 6 sts at UK, 32 rec, 2Y. Brian Chacos (6-4 267 rFr) PS#19.

C Jason Brown So. 6-3 311 PS#59. Took off RS in Week 4, 216 snaps reg season, 9 games, 3 starts as **true** at RT. Moved to C in spring. Steven Bell (6-3 268 rFr).

RG JEB TERRY JR. 6-6 305 PS#78DL. 3 tkls as true, 48 snaps, 3 KD's. RS in 2000. 13 sts at LG LY, 776 snaps in reg season. Marcus Wilson (6-3 261 Jr) PS#310. 6 gms LY.

LG JUPITER WILSON JR. 6-3 212 PS#110. 7 games at RG, 134 snaps as rFr. 11 sts LY, 677 snaps in reg season. Riko Feemster (6-4 320 Jr) PS#62. 1 game in 2 years.

RT WILLIE McNEILL SO. 6-5 283 PS#196OL. 10 sts as rFr, 639 snaps in reg season, 13 games. Jonas Seawright (6-6 343 So) PS#72DL. Moved to OL LY, 2 games.

LT Skip Seagraves So. 6-5 282 PS#56. 6 games as rFr including 1 start. **Justin Barton** (6-6 307 So) **PS#20**, limited action LY. Drew Hunter (6-7 290 rFr) PS#160OL.

K Dan Orner Jr. 5-7 170 PS#33. Mich St trans. Hit 8 of 10 FG's, long of 48 in HS, 38 of 44 KO's were TB's. David Wooldridge is PS#15, hit 28 of 34 career FG's in HS.

DE Issac Mooring Jr. 6-3 272 PS#122. 59 snaps as rFr, 3 tkls, 7 games. 1 start LY, 22 tkls, 2 sks. Jermicus Banks (6-4 265 So) PS#44, 5 tkls. Kendall High is PS#55TE.

DT Eric Davis Sr. 6-3 268 PS#79LB. 153 snaps in 2000, 14 tkls, 2.5 tfl. 11 tkls, 1 tfl, 10 gms LY. **Carl Smalls** (6-0 285 So). Darryl Grant (6-3 293 Jr) PS#103. 4 gms, 1 tkl, 2Y.

DT WILL CHAPMAN JR. 6-4 272 31 tkls, 7.5 tfl, 211 snaps as rFr. 8 sts LY, 29 tkls, 3 tfl. Donti Coats (6-3 296 Jr) PS#113OL. 16 tkls, 2 tfl, 2Y. Chase Page was PS#179OL, 94 snaps OL LY.

DE Jocques Dumas So. 6-6 253 **PS#12DL**. 8 tkls as true, 1 tfl, 13 games. Larry Jessup (6-6 239 So) PS#222DL. Backup TE as rFr. Tommy Davis (6-2 250 rFr) PS#182LB

SLB Clarence Gaddy So. 6-2 225 **PS#22DL**. 2 tkls as rFr, 1 int. Clay Roberson (6-1 234 Jr) PS#70, 5 tkls, 2Y. Martin Jernigan (5-11 207 So). Leon Scroggins (5-11 200 So).

MLB Doug Justice rFr. 6-2 238 **PS#17LB**. Devllen Bullard (6-1 223 So) PS#325, 2nd string LY, 0 tkls. Sean Williams (6-1 238 Sr) 1 tkl. Robert Harris (6-1 223 Sr) 16 tkls in 2000.

WLB Malcolm Stewart Sr. 6-3 223 PS#65LB. 21 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 1 start the last 2 years, 7 tkls, 17 games. Jeff Longhany (6-4 257 rFr) PS#81. Melik Brown is PS#58LB.

CB MICHAEL WADDELL SR. 5-11 173 **PS#5**. PQ in '99. 11 sts in 2000, 42 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 61 tkls, 1 int, **15 pbu**, 245 ret yds, spd. Chris Hawkins (5-10 171 So) PS#183.

CB Kevin Knight Sr. 5-8 186 PS#116. 1 st, 9 tkls as true. 290 snaps, 25 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 52 tkls, 2 tfl at NB LY. Derrick Johnson (5-9 168 Jr) PS#32, 15 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu, 2Y.

SS DeFonte Coleman Sr. 6-1 219 PS#44WR. 1 rec as rFr. **8 sts** at SS in 2000. 78 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu, 631 snaps. 2 tkls LY (inj). Chris Curry (6-1 196 So) PS#176, 6 tkls LY as true, 1 pbu.

FS DEXTER REID JR. 6-0 187 PS#47. 542 snaps, 69 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu, 3 tfl as rFr. 13 sts LY, 107 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Bryant Macklin (6-0 214 So) PS#61DB. 7 games LY.

P Dan Orner Jr. 5-7 170 PS#33. Mich St trans. John Lafferty (5-10 193 Sr) 20 punts in 2000, 35.4 avg. 75 punts LY, but only 33.3 net, 18 inside 20. Paul Roberts (6-2 201 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Ian Firestone 6-2 190 PS#34
OL	Kyle Ralph 6-4 280 PS#43
RB	Mahlon Carey 6-2 195 PS#58
LB	Melik Brown 6-2 225 PS#58
LB	Victor Worsley 6-2 220 PS#63
DB	Tommy Richardson 6-3 205 PS#58
DL	Mickey Rice 6-2 265 PS#76
OL	Whit Efird 6-5 305 PS#99
RB	D.J. Walker 6-1 170 PS#101
DB	Cedrick Holt 6-1 180 PS#91
WR	Rashaad Tindall 6-4 195 PS#105
WR	Daunte Fields 6-1 160 PS#111
TE	Lewis Burnham 6-5 235 PS#51
TE	Kendall High 6-6 250 PS#55

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Aug. 31	Miami (Oh)	G					
Sep. 7	at Syracuse	A					
Sep. 14	Texas	G					
Sep. 21							
Sep. 28	Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 5	at Arizona St	G					
Oct. 12	NC State	G					
Oct. 19	at Virginia	G					
Oct. 26	at Wake Forest	G					
Nov. 2	Maryland (HC)	G					
Nov. 9	Clemson	G					
Nov. 16	at Florida St	G					
Nov. 23	at Duke	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

NC is 4-0 SU but 1-3 ATS since 1976 vs current WAC teams.
Heels are 19-4 SU (2-4 SU L/6) at home in October.
NC is 11-1 SU since 1990 but 0-3 ATS the last 3 vs CUSA teams.

NC has covered only 3 of their last 8 season openers.
Heels opened vs the Redhawks in '98 as well and lost 13-10 as a 19 pt HF.

NC is 4-0 ATS on artificial turf since 1995.
The Heels are 8-2 ATS the last 10 years in their first road game.

NC lost their 2 gms vs Big 12 foes LY by a combined 85-41 count (1-1 ATS).
This marks the return of former HC Mack Brown to Chapel Hill.

Bonus: NC was 1-3 ATS in non-ACC games for Bunting last year.

NC is 10-5 SU but 6-9 ATS (0-2 LY) after a bye week since 1992.
Heels have been stung 6 of the last 8 ATS by the Yellow Jackets.

Tar Heels are 2-1 SU & 1-2 ATS S/'80 in reg season gms vs the Pac 10.
N Carolina is 3-8 ATS the week before playing rival NC State.

The SU winner has covered 6 in a row in this series.
Tar Heels have turned the Pack Carolina blue, as they are 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS L9Y.

The visiting team is 3-13 ATS in the last 16 meetings.
NC is only 1-5 ATS in the last 6 series meetings.

Tar Heels are 1-3 ATS the last 4 in their 2nd straight away game.
The visitor is 11-0-1 ATS in the last 12 series meetings.

NC came into 2002 with a 10-18 (36%) home ATS record since 1997.
The home team is 10-4 ATS in this series.

The SU winner is 14-2-1 ATS in this series, so it makes sense that...
...the favorite is 11-4-1 ATS in the last 16 meetings.

I won a 3★ Late Phone Play on the Heels vs FSU last year.
I also used N Carolina as my Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep.

Heels are 8-12 ATS L/20 but 5-0 ATS the L5Y against their arch rival.
NC has outscored Duke 227-58 the last 5 years, covering by 21.0 ppg.

JOHN BUNTING (Career 8-5)

2nd Year at North Carolina

Bunting's records AT N CAROLINA

8-5 Straight Up	1-4 Home Favorite
5-7 Vs The Spread	1-0 Home Dog
2-3 Off A S/U Loss	0-1 Away Favorite
4-4 Vs Conference	3-2 Away Dog
1-3 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (14,21,1)
Lost: 20 (8,11,1)

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-2	10-1	6-5	3-8	6-5	7-5	47-31
ATS	4-6-1	8-3	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	5-7	38-38-1
Home Fav	1-2-1	4-1	2-3	2-3	0-2	2-3	1-4	12-18-1
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	1-0	5-3
Away Fav	1-3	2-2	3-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	10-9
Away Dog	0-1	2-0	0-0	2-1	3-2	1-2	3-2	11-8
Favorite	2-5-1	6-3	5-5	4-4	0-2	4-3	1-5	22-27-1
Dog	2-1	2-0	0-1	2-1	4-4	2-2	4-2	16-11
Grass	3-6-1	6-3	5-6	6-5	4-6	5-5	5-7	34-38-1
Artificial	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	4-0
vs Conf	2-5-1	6-2	5-3	5-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	28-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	0-3	1-2	1-1	3-0	1-3	10-11
Off SU Win	2-3	6-2	4-5	4-1	0-1	2-3	2-4	20-19
Off SU Loss	2-2-1	1-1	1-0	2-3	3-4	3-2	2-3	14-15-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Willie Parker	102	590	59	531	4	5.2
André Williams	172	597	77	520	4	3.0
Ronald Curry	99	520	200	320	4	3.2
Jacque Lewis	59	267	20	247	1	4.2
Darian Durant	60	220	104	116	2	1.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Darian Durant	237	149	62.9	1919	17	11
Ronald Curry	140	67	47.9	1030	8	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Sam Aiken	53	862	16.3	8	75	
Kory Bailey	44	608	13.8	6	53	
Bosley Allen	39	562	14.4	4	48	
Chesley Borders	27	448	16.6	4	53	
Brandon Russell	19	235	12.4	1	36	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
John Lafferty	75	2974	39.7	–	33.3	0	18
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Jeff Reed	3-3	9-10	1-3	0-1	13-17	49	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Thornton	139	4	7	6	1
Quincy Monk	131	1	6	10	2
Dexter Reid	107	2	3	5	2
Errol Hood	78	0	6	7	1
Billy-Dee Greenwood	72	0	1	7	0
Julius Peppers	69	9.5	9	9	3
Michael Waddell	61	0	1	15	1
Ryan Sims	57	6	3	4	0
Kevin Knight	52	1	1	1	0
Joey Evans	42	2.5	7	2	0
Merceda Perry	39	0	3	1	0
Will Chapman	29	0	3	2	0
Issac Mooring	22	2	0	0	0
Anthony Perkins	19	1	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bosley Allen	32	331	10.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Kevin Knight	15	272	18.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Carquest	-2	Arkansas	20-10	W
96	Gator	-6'	W Virginia	20-13	W
97	Carquest	-11'	Virginia Tech	42-3	W
98	Las Vegas	-7	San Diego St	20-13	T
01	Peach	-2	Auburn	16-10	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NORTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	25.9	19	130	3.2	230	56.8	13.9	-10	2001	7	20.8	17	118	3.3	178	51.3	14.2
3*	24.5	20	148	3.5	223	53.5	15.2	-12	2000	9	25.8	16	103	2.8	224	49.4	12.7
7	16.9	16	144	3.2	133	45.3	16.4	+2	1999	4	24.7	20	191	4.3	183	53.3	15.1
6*	24.0	16	133	3.5	185	49.7	13.2	+0	1998	4	23.6	17	133	3.1	209	47.9	14.5
6*	29.0	19	116	3.1	267	60.4	13.2	+1	1997	9	12.2	12	79	2.3	128	46.4	17.0
8	29.8	20	118	2.8	243	60.3	12.1	+26	1996	8	10.3	13	73	2.4	156	45.8	22.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Oklahoma	20	35-64	1.8	17-41	226	3	12	33-108	3.3	21-31	178	3	-4
at Maryland	10	37-118	3.2	16-26	158	4	17	46-161	3.5	10-26	86	3	-3
at Texas	14	38-95	2.5	10-30	116	5	19	35-159	4.5	17-37	167	2	-1
Florida St	17	41-69	1.7	14-30	232	3	11	37-88	2.4	9-25	136	5	+3
at NC State	21	49-161	3.3	17-29	186	3	14	20-52	2.6	25-45	309	2	-1
E Carolina	25	48-134	2.8	21-33	278	1	13	37-190	5.1	9-23	109	1	+1
Virginia	22	56-234	4.2	13-21	243	3	23	18-71	3.9	33-55	334	2	-2
at Clemson	22	54-219	4.1	14-18	206	1	18	28-65	2.3	14-46	144	3	+2
at Georgia Tech	15	17-13	0.8	22-37	286	0	26	52-237	4.6	18-27	187	1	0
Wake Forest	21	34-54	1.6	24-32	361	2	24	58-212	3.7	14-24	142	0	-3
Duke	25	39-192	4.9	22-39	368	2	11	36-59	1.6	13-33	172	2	0
SMU	17	32-162	5.1	15-27	212	1	18	32-96	3.0	20-31	202	2	-3
†Auburn	12	40-174	4.4	13-21	114	6	12	32-31	1.0	18-28	145	3	+1
TOTALS	241	520-1689	3.2	218-384	2986	34	218	464-1529	3.3	221-431	2311	29	-10
AVERAGES	18.5	40-130	3.2	17-30	230	2.6	16.8	36-118	3.3	17-33	178	2.2	-0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	-30	23-6	L
Stanford	-13	28-17	L
at Maryland	-24	40-14	W
Virginia	-14	48-20	W
at TCU	-26	31-10	L
Wake Forest	-24	30-12	L
at NC State	-12'	20-7	W
at Georgia Tech	-8'	16-13	L
Florida St	+7	3-20	L
at Clemson	-6	17-10	W
Duke	-22	50-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Oh)	-19	10-13	L
at Stanford	-8	34-37	L
Georgia Tech	-4'	21-43	L
Clemson	-6'	21-14	W
Pittsburgh	-7	29-10	W
at Wake Forest	-4	38-31	W
at Florida St	+27	13-39	W
Maryland	-16	24-13	L
at Virginia	+10	13-30	L
at Duke	-6'	28-6	W
NC State	+2'	37-34	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	-2'	17-20	L
at Indiana	+1'	42-30	W
Florida St	+19'	10-42	L
at Clemson	+5'	20-31	L
at Georgia Tech	+17	24-31	W
Houston	-6'	12-20	L
at Maryland	+9	7-45	L
Furman	NL	3-28	–
Wake Forest	+8	3-19	L
† NC State	+12	10-6	W
Duke	+3	38-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-17'	30-9	W
at Wake Forest	-11'	35-14	W
at Florida St	+25	14-63	L
Marshall	-3	20-15	W
Georgia Tech	-3	28-42	L
NC State	-1'	20-38	L
Clemson	+19	24-38	W
at Virginia	+4'	6-17	L
at Pittsburgh	+8	20-17	W
Maryland	-7	13-10	L
at Duke	-11	59-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+20'	27-41	W
at Maryland	-2'	7-23	L
at Texas	+22	14-44	L
Florida St	+17	41-9	W
at NC State	+1'	17-9	W
E Carolina	-6	24-21	L
Virginia	-8'	30-24	L
at Clemson	+6'	38-3	W
at Georgia Tech	+4	21-28	L
Wake Forest	-13'	31-32	L
Duke	-27'	52-17	W
SMU	-23'	19-10	L

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OT Nat Dorsey already has an impressive resumé as the 18 year old was 1st Team ACC in 2001.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The big question here in 2000 was who would replace super QB Joe Hamilton and coming into the season the position was thought to be a weak spot. George Godsey, who George O'Leary said, "is like a coach on the field," took over and improved on a weekly basis. Over the last six games of the regular season he threw for 316 ypg (67%) with a 13-3 ratio and the team averaged 518 ypg in that span. He tore a ligament in his left knee in the Peach Bowl and missed spring practice in 2001 and they were reluctant to run the option early on last year. Godsey also had to deal with the loss of super OC Ralph Friedgen. Despite the injury and not having "The Fridge", Godsey improved his completion percentage to 64.6% and threw for more yards than he did in 2000 but his TD/int ratio went from 23-8 to 18-11. He was 17-8 as a starter and leaves as the #3 all-time in Tech's career passing charts. Andy Hall was the backup last year but quit the team this spring. Damarius Bilbo (6-3 220 rFr) got in 1 game last year, throwing an int on his only attempt, and redshirted. He has the strongest arm of the QB's & is the most athletic. Mark Logan (5-11 195 So, PS#26), who was impressive on the scout team in 2000, and Rahshan Johnson (6-1 202 rFr, PS#32) have both moved to WR. Brian Camp (6-1 225 Jr, PS#29) moves back to QB after playing FB last year. Dawan Landry (6-2 200 rFr, PS#45) moved to S. This year's starter should be AJ Suggs (PS#17) who has a strong arm. Suggs started 4 games at Tennessee in 2000, completing 58.3% with a 5-3 ratio, but lost the job to Casey Clausen and elected to transfer. He worked with the GT scout team last year and was available for the bowl game. I like the talent that has been assembled here and a capable QB should emerge but it will be tough to match Godsey's numbers as well as experience.

RUNNING BACKS - When Ralph Friedgen ran this offense, normally the unit had 4 or 5 RB's dividing up the carries evenly. In 1999, Sean Gregory was the ACC's #5 rusher (901 yds) but in his last 2 years he had just 464 yards. Joe Burns took 47.7% of the attempts in 2000 and rushed for 1,004 yards (4.2). Last year he took 52.8% and rushed for 1,165 yards (4.1). Burns did have one forgettable game against Maryland where he had two crucial fumbles and also ran out of bounds which gave the Terps the chance to send it to OT. Other than that, he had a top-notch year. Sidney Ford had 246 yards (5.0) in 2000 and added 293 (4.2) last year and I project him as this year's starter. Jimmy Dixon (PS#59) rushed for 76 yards (3.5). Jermaine Hatch (6-2 205 Jr) rushed for 193 yards (4.7) in 2000 but missed last year with a knee injury. Burns opted to leave early for the NFL (although he wasn't drafted) and he departs as the school's #4 all-time leading rusher. I do not list the FB's below but there is some talent in the mix. The starter looks to be Johnathan Jackson (6-2 225 So, PS#31TE), who had 1 start in 2001, with the backups being Brian Johnson (6-3 240 rFr, PS#64DL) and true frosh "Ace" Eziemefe (PS#46). The only loss from that position is Ross Mitchell (2 sts, 11 yds). Not listed below is Gordon Clinkscale (5-10 192 Sr, PS#97). A true frosh that might be in the mix is Eddie Ivery (5-10 175 Fr), whose father (Eddie Lee) was a star here, and Mike Sampson (PS#125) could also earn some time. With the loss of their top guy, this unit looks weaker in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Kelly Campbell was GT's fastest player last year and leaves as the career leader in TD's, rec's and yards (by over 700 yards). After having 64 rec's with a solid 15.5 ypc in 2000 as well as 116 yards rushing, Campbell missed 3 games last year due to injury. He still led the team with 66 rec's (12.3) but had just 14 yards rushing. Both Will Glover and Kerry Watkins topped 100 yards in the Virginia game which Campbell missed. Watkins (PS#14) and Glover (PS#100) are both back with Glover being more of a sure handed receiver who had 33 rec's over the last 5 games. Nate Curry (PS#57) was a projected starter last year but missed the season with a torn ACL. Jonathan Smith came out of nowhere to be #2 with 57 rec (11.4). TE Russ Matvay was a 3 year starter who had 24 rec's in his senior year. He departs but both of the backup TE's return. They add a couple of top-notch players from QB in Mark Logan (PS#26) and Rahshan Johnson (PS#32) and get back Nate Curry from injury. Also in the mix is Trevor Bowman (6-3 210 So), who was originally at Auburn, and they get in two tall true frosh this year. Last season they had two of three starters returning, including their top 3 receivers but this year the losses are a bit heavier.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the team had to replace 2 four year starters, one of whom was a 1st Team AA and the other a 1st Team ACC honoree. Two of the returning starters from last year did not hold on to their jobs. RT John Bennett (12 sts in 2000) started the first 3 and then was lost for the year to injury. Ray Roberts-Blake (12 sts at LG in 2000) lost his job at midseason to Leon Robinson. Basically there was just 1 returning starter over the final 7 games. While the 2000 version only paved the way for a 3.9 ypc, they led the ACC in allowing just 19 sacks. Last year's rather inexperienced front opened the holes for just 3.4 ypc rushing while the team allowed 22 sacks. This year they are in much better shape. Three full-time starters are back plus Bennett and Roberts-Blake can plug into the openings should they be able to win the open spots. I list the 2 deep below and it includes a top-notch JUCO from last year in Garren Findlay and also Jeremy Phillips (6-7 295 So, PS#59), who probably would have started last year if not for an injury. The only losses this year are C David Schmidgall (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Jason Kemble (13 sts, HM ACC). Nat Dorsey was 1st Team ACC as an 18 year old in 2001! The group has a lot of HT's available and looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 basically everyone returned up front but 3 players were lost prior to the season including a 12 game starter. The team still made great strides, allowing just 2.7 ypc. The defense recorded 42 sacks with super DE's Nick Rogers and Greg Gathers (PS#54) combining for 23. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 2 productive backups (one of whom had 11 tfl) and then starting DT Merrix Watson was banged up and lost his starting job. Basically 2 starters from the 2000 unit remained and the super DE combo combined for just 18 sacks. Overall Tech allowed 3.3 ypc rushing while the sack total dropped to 39. This year they lose Rogers (#6DC of MIN, 13 sts, 2nd Tm ACC, 67 tkls, 7 sks) and Watson (4 sts, 12 tkls, 3 tfl) but 6 of the top 8 return including their top DL Gathers, who was 2nd team AA 2 years ago. I list a talented 2 deep below and they hope to get more production from their DT's. Others that could contribute are Chirod Williams (6-4 245 So, PS#164), Fred Wright (PS#217DL) who has 20 career tackles and 4 tfl, Travis Parker (6-3 254 rFr, PS#178) and a couple of HT true frosh. Even with the loss of an outstanding DE, this unit looks stronger in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 Tech's LB corps was very young with 1 Jr, 1 So and 4 Fr on the 2 deep. Last year basically everyone returned but Ather Brown (6-3 220 Jr) broke his foot after 5 games and managed just 3 starts. This year three players who started the majority of the season return and I look for much bigger things from Daryl Smith (PS#71). He had 101 tackles as a true frosh but missed 3 games last year with a dislocated elbow and played with a cumbersome brace on it, limiting his tackle total to just 63. I list a very talented 2 deep below with a lot of HT's and a couple of VHT's. Not listed is Tabugbo Anyansi (6-1 215 So, PS#45) who had 1.5 tfl as a true frosh, Sterling Green (6-2 210 Jr, PS#69), and EJ Kuale (6-2 210 So, PS#110). This clearly looks like one of the ACC's best LB corps and is probably the most experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS -In 2000 GT dropped to #72 overall in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup and had 5 players coming back with starting experience. The unit made some improvement, moving up to #47 and while they allowed 216.9 ypg (54.0%) with a 14-11 ratio. This year they must replace CB Chris Young (#7DC of DEN, 13 sts, 64 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu) but 7 of the top 8 are back and they have 6 VHT's in the mix. Not listed below is Kelly Rhino (5-7 179 Sr) who has 30 career tackles and was 1st Team ACC as a return specialist, VHT signee I-Perfection Harris (PS#52), and Nathan Burton (6-2 200 Jr, PS#255) who had 5 tackles and 3 more talented frosh. Jonathan Cox and Albert Poree are two capable candidates to fill in at the CB slot. Also Dennis Davis finished 6th in the ACC in the 60m for the indoor track team, showing his blazing speed. I look for Tech's highest finish in the pass D rankings in the last 5 years, topping the previous high of #41.

SPECIAL TEAMS - GT had my #12 rated special teams in 2000 and that did not take into account their super kicker Luke Manget who had 25 of 36 career FG's with a long of 50 coming into the season. Last year Manget's FG accuracy dropped to 20 of 29 although he was 2 of 2 from 50+ with a long of 51. His only bad game came vs NC State when he missed 5 FG's, two of which were blocked. Manget did break the all-time ACC's record for consecutive xp's. He has excellent KO's but after the team allowed just 16.3 per return in 2000, they gave up 22.5 last year with 2 TD's. O'Leary blamed himself for the poor kick coverage saying that he was experimenting with walk-ons on special teams when Virginia and Wake Forest returned KO's for TD's. Dan Dyke averaged 42.6 in 2000, (net 38.2). Dyke returned but saw his average drop a little to 41.5 with Chris Morehouse averaging 41.7. Overall the teams' net punting dropped to 37.8 but was still solid. PR Kelly Rhino set an ACC record with 520 PR yards (10.4). He did this despite breaking a thumb vs Navy and is back. KR Kelly Campbell (23.1) departs. The team did not block any punts last year and did suffer one blocked punt against them. Basically everyone except for Campbell returns so GT should contend for Top 20 honors this year after a surprising slip to #47 last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Chan Gailey has been a head coach with four different teams (2 in college, 1 in the NFL & 1 in the World League) so he has more head coaching experience than most might think. He was 24-11 SU as collegiate coach, with 1 year at Samford and two at Troy State (19-5 record there & guided them to the Div II National Title) before moving on to the pro ranks. GT ended a 6 year bowl drought in 1997 and has now appeared in 5 straight. Last year many called for Tech to finish at the top of the ACC standings, but they did benefit from +13 turnovers in 2000 while having to replace their genius OC Ralph Friedgen. Tech opened up the season 3-0 but surprisingly went just 4-4 in conference play. New OC Bill O'Brien did have the team operating almost at 2000's efficiency level as they averaged 31.2 ppg for the year (just 1 point less than 2000) but that was with veteran QB George Godsey who was "like a coach on the field". They have just 5 starters back on that side of the ball and must break in a new QB and are now 2 years removed from Friedgen's input and I look for them to be weaker on that side of the ball. Defensively GT has 9 starters back and I rate them as the 2nd best D in the league. Overall the team has to replace just 15 lettermen, which is the 2nd fewest in the ACC. Even in last year's 4-4 conf season they outgained league foes by an average of 61.7 ypg and suffered some tough losses with 3 of them by a combined 7 points including 2 in OT (Clemson & Maryland). One set of my power ratings calls GT the 2nd best team in the ACC and all the other ratings have them rated 4th or better. Unfortunately the schedule maker did GT no favors this year as one of their home games is against Florida St and their trip to N Carolina is their 3rd road game in 4 weeks, while the Tar Heels have a bye the week prior. However, overall this is a team with 29 seniors on it, the most in the league and should be able to achieve a 6th straight bowl trip.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB A.J. Suggs Jr. 6-4 220 PS#17. **4 sts at Tenn**, 785 yds (58%) 5-3 ratio. **Damarius Bilbo** (6-3 220 rFr) PS#13. 23 yds rush, 1 gm but RS. Drafted by Brewers (MLB) out of HS.

TB Sidney Ford Sr. 5-9 205 PS#56. 246 yds (5.0) in 2000. 293 yds (4.2) LY. Tony Hollings (5-10 211 Jr) PS#52DB. 17 tkls, 2Y. Jimmy Dixon (6-1 211 So) PS#59. 76 yds LY.

WR JONATHAN SMITH JR. 5-10 183 8 rec (10.9) as true. 10 sts LY, #2 w/57 rec (11.4). **Nate Curry** (5-10 186 So) PS#57RB. 2 sts as **true**, 24 rec (13.5). Torn ACL & RS LY.

WR KERRY WATKINS SR. 5-11 186 PS#14. 6 sts, 34 rec (18.1) in '99. 29 rec (14.8) in 2000. 9 sts LY, 42 rec (**16.4**). Mark Logan (5-11 195 So) PS#26QB. Rahshan Johnson PS#32QB.

WR Will Glover Sr. 5-10 180 PS#100RB. 1 st, 141 yds as true. 4 sts, 32 rec (9.8) in 2000. 7 sts, 45 rec (12.7) LY, 33 rec in L/5. Levon Thomas (6-0 195 So) PS#113. 4 rec LY.

TE John Paul Foschi Jr. 6-4 260 PS#24. 4 rec (14.5) as true. 3 sts 4 rec (14.8) in 2001. **Will Heller** (6-6 250 Sr) 4 sts, 12 rec, 2Y. Darius Williams (6-6 255 So) PS#28TE.

C HUGH REILLY JR. 6-4 285 PS#145DL. 5 gms as rFr at backup C/OG. 13 sts at RG LY. Andy Tidwell-Neal (6-4 295 So) PS#174. 2nd string LY. Joseph Rearden (6-0 235 Jr).

RG Ray Roberts-Blake Sr. 6-2 278 PS#124. 4 games as true. **12 sts** at LG in 2000. 7 sts LY (lost job to Robinson). Clay Hartley (6-4 288 Jr) PS#123, 2nd string last year.

LG LEON ROBINSON SO. 6-4 310 PS#122OL. Benched 225 lbs 25 times, 32.5" VL. Took over and started 6 of L/7 at LG as a rFr. Brad Honeycutt (6-4 290 rFr) is PS#114.

RT John Bennett Jr. 6-5 290 PS#152OL. 12 sts at RT as rFr. 3 sts LY until inj, +25 lbs. Kyle Wallace (6-5 280 So) PS#91. 2nd string as true. Jeremy Phillips PS#59.

LT NAT DORSEY SO. 6-6 315 PS#102. L/10 sts as **true** and **1st Tm ACC!** Garren Findlay (6-5 290 Sr) PS#84JC LY. Salih Besirevic (6-7 263 rFr) PS#105TE. Bosnia native.

K LUKE MANGET SR. 5-9 176 PS#6. 13 of 20, L/49 as true. 12 of 16, L/50 in 2000. 20 of 29, L/51 LY, 2-2 from 50+. **1st Tm ACC** in 2000-01. ACC rec 131 straight xp's.

DEFENSE

DE Hobie Holiday Jr 6-3 260 **PS#15LB.** 35 tkls, 1 tfl, 2Y. **Anthony Hargrove** (6-4 255 So) PS#281. 10 gms, 21 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl as true. Eric Henderson (6-3 260 rFr) PS#58LB.

DT GARY JOHNSON SR. 6-1 275 PS#93LB. 2 sts, 23 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 13 sts, 48 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl LY. Casey Loesch (6-3 275 Sr) 5 tkls, 1 pbu LY. LeRon Lee (6-2 277 rFr) PS#88DL.

DT ALFRED MALONE SO. 6-4 290 PS#142. 9 sts as rFr, 19 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Reggie Koon (6-4 300 Jr) PS#76DL. 15 tkls, 1 tfl in 16 games, 2Y. Omar Billy (6-2 265 rFr) PS#148.

DE GREG GATHERS SR. 6-1 275 PS#54. 74 tkls, 8 sks, 11 tfl as **true. 2nd Tm AA** in 2000, **14 sks**, 9 tfl. 13 sts LY, 57 tkls, 11 sks. **1st Tm ACC.** Turned down NFL. Fred Wright (6-4 260 Sr).

LB RECARDO WIMBUSH SR. 6-1 218 PS#62. 12 sts as true, 97 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts in 2000, 101 tkls, 14 tfl. 13 sts LY, 102 tkls, 9 tfl, HM ACC. **Ather Brown** 12 sts, 51 tkls 3 tfl in 2000. Inj LY.

LB KEYARON FOX JR. 6-3 220 PS#89. 41 tkls, 2 tfl as **true.** 11 sts LY, #1 w/103 tkls, 8.5 tfl. Gerris Bowers-Wilkinson (6-3 230 rFr) PS#34. Matthew Etheridge (6-0 222 Sr) 22 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

LB DARYL SMITH JR. 6-2 230 PS#21. 10 sts as **true**, 101 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. 10 sts LY (inj) 63 tkls, 8 tfl. **Anthony Lawston** (6-3 230 Jr) PS#16. 25 tkls. Tabugbo Anyansi PS#45.

CB Jonathan Cox Jr. 5-10 185 **PS#28.** 5 sts as true, 25 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 11 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Albert Poree (5-10 190 Jr) **PS#57, ND transfer.** 15 tkls, 1 pbu here last year.

CB MARVIOUS HESTER SR. 5-11 180 PS#121. 8 sts as rFr, 2 int, 5 pbu. 4 sts in 2000 (inj). 13 sts LY, 49 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 int, 13 pbu, HM ACC. Dennis Davis (6-0 180 So) **PS#49DB.**

SS CORY COLLINS SR. 5-11 199 **PS#31**. 1 st, 10 tkls as true. L/5 sts at SS in 2000. 46 tkls, 2 tfl. 13 sts LY, 76 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. Reuben Houston (6-0 195 rFr) **PS#28.** on track tm.

FS JEREMY MUYRES SR. 6-3 205 **PS#30**. 12 sts in 2000, 52 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu. 13 sts LY, 90 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu, 5 tfl. **2nd Tm ACC in 2000 & LY.** James Butler (6-3 208 So) PS#112.

P DAN DYKE SR. 5-11 185 35 punts (42.0) in '99, 38.1 tm net. 39 punts in 2000, 42.6 avg, net 38.2. 31 punts LY, 41.5, net of 37.8. Chris Morehouse (6-1 200 Sr) 30 career punts, 42.9.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Ajenavi Eziemefe 6-2 225 PS#46
WR	Xavier McGuire 6-4 210 PS#56
TE	George Cooper 6-5 255 PS#23
OL	Zeb McHargue 6-5 300 PS#77
DB	I-Perfection Harris 6-1 180 PS#52
DB	Chris Reis 6-1 200 PS#73
WR	LeKeldrick Bridges 6-2 175 PS#89
DL	Terron Pullen 6-3 260 PS#125
RB	Mike Sampson 6-1 190 PS#125
DB	Kingi McNair 6-3 218 PS#138
DL	Brad Brezina 6-3 265 PS#140
K	David Jordan 6-4 195 PS#12
TE	Mike Matthews 6-4 245 PS#83
DB	Venice Gilliam 5-10 185 PS#421

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								GT is 15-0-1 SU their last 16 non-lined games with an avg score of 37-11. Tech is 11-26-1 ATS in their last 38 November games. GT is 0-4 ATS at Wake, games decided by total of 11 pts.
Aug. 31	Vanderbilt	G						Ramblin Wreck is 10-5 ATS vs non-ACC foes over the last 4 years. Gailey was 11-4-1 ATS at home as Dallas head coach, 9-3-1 ATS as HF.
Sep. 7	at Connecticut	G						GT is 8-1 ATS in their first game away from Atlanta since 1993. Gailey was 5-11 ATS away as HC of Dallas, 3-6 ATS as away chalk.
Sep. 14	at Clemson	G						An amazing 6 straight series meetings have been decided by 3 pts. GT is 4-2 SU but 2-4 ATS in that span.
Sep. 21	BYU	G						Could apply here: GT is 8-2 ATS their last 10 as a home dog. Gailey was 4-11-1 ATS in non-division games as HC of Dallas.
Sep. 28	at N Carolina	G						Techsters are 6-2 ATS the last 8 years vs the Tar Heels. Gailey was 12-4 ATS in division games as the Cowboys head man.
Oct. 5	Wake Forest	G						Ramblin Wreck are 23-14-1 ATS in their last 38 October games. The home team is 7-0 ATS in the last 7 meetings.
Oct. 12								⇧Note: This is the 8th straight year GT has a bye before a Thursday game. ⇧They are 5-2 SU and 3-3-1 ATS in those games before a bye.
Oct. 17	at Maryland (Thur)	G						Yellow Jackets are 7-13 ATS their last 20 games after a bye. Call 1-900-903-9467 (Just $9) for this Thursday Night Winner!!
Oct. 26	Virginia (HC)	G						Jackets are 5-2 SU and 4-3 ATS after their last 7 Thursday games. GT is 6-0 SU and 4-1 ATS in their last 6 Homecoming games.
Nov. 2	at NC State	G						GT is 7-2-1 ATS in the last 10 series meetings. Tech is 6-1 SU and 4-2 ATS prior to FSU since 1995.
Nov. 9	Florida St	G						Yellow Jackets are 2-6-1 ATS vs the Seminoles since 1993. GT has lost 2 out of the L/3 by single digits but L9Y FSU's avg victory margin was 27.2 ppg.
Nov. 16	Duke	G						Tech is 4-0 ATS after losing SU to Florida St since 1997. GT is 8-18-1 ATS vs Duke since 1976, 3-1 ATS last 4 years.
Nov. 23								Bonus Angle: GT is 3-9 ATS in their last 12 home finales.
Nov. 30	at Georgia	G						Ramblin Wreck have covered just 5 of 15 road finales. GT has won 3 of 4 SU but is 3-8 ATS last 11 years in this rivalry.

CHAN GAILEY (Career 0-0) (Div IAA 24-11)
1st Year at Georgia Tech

Gailey's records AT GEORGIA TECH

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (16,19,4)
Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,685

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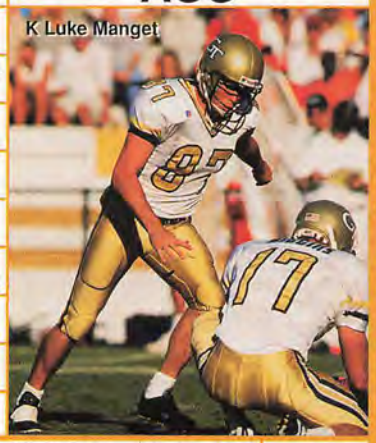
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STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (46,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	6-5	9-2	8-3	9-2	7-5	50-28
ATS	4-4-2	4-6	7-4	8-3	4-7	9-2	3-8	39-34-2
Home Fav	0-2-1	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-4	4-1	1-4	13-14-1
Home Dog	2-0	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	8-2
Away Fav	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-0	2-3	9-12
Away Dog	1-1-1	0-2	2-1	3-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	9-6-1
Favorite	1-3-1	3-3	2-3	4-2	3-7	6-1	3-7	22-26-1
Dog	3-1-1	1-3	5-1	4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	17-8-1
Grass	4-4-2	4-6	6-4	8-3	4-7	9-2	3-8	38-34-2
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	3-3-2	4-4	4-4	6-2	2-6	7-1	2-6	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-2	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	11-8
Off SU Win	3-1-2	2-3	4-2	6-2	2-5	7-1	2-4	26-18-2
Off SU Loss	1-3	1-2	2-2	2-0	1-2	2-0	1-3	10-12

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Burns	282	1197	32	1165	14	4.1
Sidney Ford	**70**	**309**	**16**	**293**	**1**	**4.2**
Sean Gregory	49	194	21	173	1	3.5
George Godsey	68	136	178	-42	4	-0.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
George Godsey	421	272	64.6	3351	19	11
Andy Hall	**27**	**15**	**55.6**	**262**	**1**	**2**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kelly Campbell	66	814	12.3	4	72	
Jonathan Smith	**57**	**648**	**11.4**	**4**	**40**	
Will Glover	**45**	**571**	**12.7**	**3**	**65**	
Kerry Watkins	**42**	**689**	**16.4**	**5**	**66**	
Joe Burns	28	249	8.9	1	60	
Russ Matvay	24	278	11.6	0	27	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Dan Dyke	**31**	**1285**	**41.5**	**–**	**37.8**	**0**	**6**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Luke Manget	**10-11**	**5-10**	**3-6**	**2-2**	**20-29**	**51**	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keyaron Fox	**103**	**2.5**	**6**	**4**	**0**
Recardo Wimbush	**102**	**1**	**8**	**5**	**0**
Jeremy Muyres	**90**	**0**	**5**	**9**	**3**
Cory Collins	**76**	**0**	**4**	**9**	**2**
Nick Rogers	67	7	6	1	0
Chris Young	64	2	1	12	1
Daryl Smith	**63**	**3**	**5**	**2**	**0**
Greg Gathers	**57**	**11**	**9**	**1**	**0**
Marvious Hester	**49**	**1**	**3**	**13**	**3**
Gary Johnson	**48**	**5**	**6**	**1**	**0**
Matthew Etheridge	**22**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Ross Mitchell	22	0	0	0	0
Anthony Hargrove	**21**	**2**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Alfred Malone	**19**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kelley Rhino	**50**	**520**	**10.4**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Kelly Campbell	30	692	23.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Carquest	-3	W Virginia	35-30	W
98	Gator	-2'	Notre Dame	35-28	W
99	Gator	+4'	Miami (Fla)	13-28	L
00	Peach	-8'	LSU	14-28	L
01	Seattle	+6	Stanford	24-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

GEORGIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	31.2	22	139	3.4	278	63.6	13.4	+1	2001	9	21.6	18	118	3.3	217	54.0	15.5
5	32.2	23	162	3.9	263	60.7	13.2	+13	2000	8	19.8	21	94	2.7	285	57.6	19.2
9*	38.4	26	222	4.8	280	63.5	19.1	-12	1999	6	30.6	22	186	4.3	229	54.8	11.5
8*	35.5	21	185	4.3	208	55.5	11.1	+5	1998	7	24.6	20	167	4.1	223	55.1	15.9
6*	26.2	20	156	3.7	220	62.2	14.4	+5	1997	7	24.7	22	126	3.8	301	63.8	17.3
8	30.0	18	166	3.6	169	55.0	16.7	0	1996	8	21.5	17	150	4.0	199	58.2	16.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
†Syracuse	19	46 - 125	2.7	15 - 26	224	2	13	26 - 59	2.3	19 - 32	183	4	+1
The Citadel	21	36 - 122	3.4	22 - 34	351	2	13	34 - 70	2.1	15 - 26	132	3	-1
at Navy	22	54 - 270	5.0	15 - 19	291	0	13	40 - 106	2.7	11 - 26	111	4	+4
Clemson	26	45 - 196	4.4	17 - 27	216	2	27	52 - 248	4.8	18 - 32	254	6	0
at Duke	27	48 - 210	4.4	24 - 40	295	1	11	37 - 102	2.8	11 - 29	201	4	-1
Maryland	20	39 - 50	1.3	26 - 45	320	4	19	34 - 92	2.7	21 - 41	210	3	-4
NC State	25	43 - 124	2.9	24 - 39	256	2	15	26 - 41	1.6	20 - 32	223	4	+2
N Carolina	26	52 - 237	4.6	18 - 27	187	1	15	17 - 13	0.8	22 - 37	286	0	0
at Virginia	29	33 - 74	2.2	39 - 55	486	1	27	25 - 134	5.4	32 - 46	327	1	+1
at Wake Forest	20	47 - 146	3.1	20 - 27	267	4	23	43 - 140	3.3	18 - 39	210	2	+1
Georgia	15	28 - 63	2.3	19 - 35	179	3	22	52 - 232	4.5	11 - 25	210	2	-1
at Florida St	18	29 - 51	1.8	25 - 39	275	0	20	46 - 168	3.7	14 - 25	248	2	-1
†Stanford	20	34 - 137	4.0	23 - 38	266	4	20	36 - 125	3.5	17 - 34	225	0	0
TOTALS	288	534 - 1805	3.4	287 - 451	3613	22	238	468 - 1530	3.3	229 - 424	2820	39	+1
AVERAGES	22.2	41 - 139	3.4	22 - 35	278	2.5	18.3	36 - 118	3.3	18 - 33	217	3.0	0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	+20'	13-17	W
at Wake Forest	-7'	28-26	L
Clemson	+1	23-20	W
at Boston College	-6'	42-14	W
NC State	-5'	27-17	W
at Florida St	+23	0-38	L
N Carolina	+8'	13-16	W
at Virginia	+4'	31-35	W
at Duke	-7'	41-38	L
Maryland	-19'	37-18	L
Georgia	+4	24-27	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College	-13	31-41	L
New Mexico St	-34	42-7	W
at N Carolina	+4'	43-21	W
Duke	-10'	41-13	W
at NC State	+2	47-24	W
Virginia	+2'	41-38	W
Florida St	+12'	7-34	L
at Maryland	-13	31-14	W
at Clemson	-8	24-21	L
Wake Forest	-17	63-35	W
at Georgia	+3	21-19	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	-18	49-14	W
at Florida St	+18	35-41	W
UCF	-29'	41-10	W
Maryland	-19'	49-31	L
N Carolina (OT)	-17	31-24	L
at Duke	-16'	38-31	L
NC State	-17	48-21	W
at Virginia	-7	38-45	L
Clemson	-4	45-42	L
at Wake Forest	-9	23-26	L
Georgia (OT)	-5	51-48	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-15'	21-17	L
Florida St	+22	21-26	W
Navy	-16	40-13	W
at NC State (OT)	+3	23-30	L
at N Carolina	+3	42-28	W
Wake Forest	-24'	52-20	W
Duke	-29	45-10	W
at Clemson	+12	31-28	W
Virginia	-9'	35-0	W
at Maryland	-10	35-22	W
at Georgia	-1'	27-15	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Syracuse	-8	13-7	L
The Citadel	NL	35-7	–
at Navy	-25'	70-7	W
Clemson (OT)	-12'	44-47	L
at Duke	-24'	37-10	W
Maryland (OT)	-8'	17-20	L
NC State	-12	27-17	L
N Carolina	-4	28-21	W
at Virginia	-14'	38-39	L
at Wake Forest	-8	38-33	L
Georgia	-2'	17-31	L
at Florida St	+10	17-28	L

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

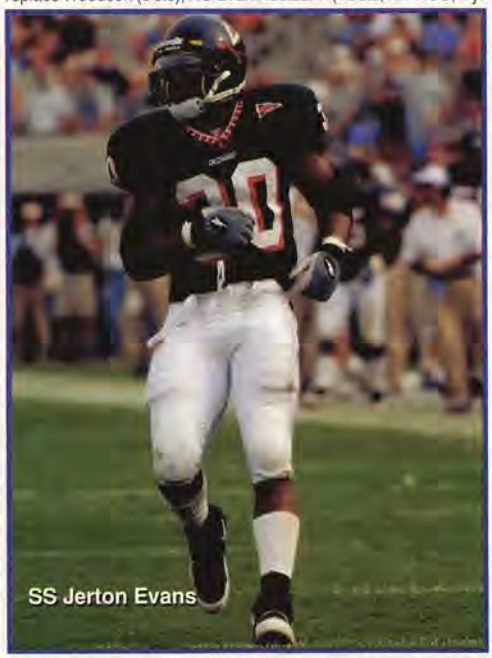
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 starting QB Dan Ellis got injured and former HC George Welsh split the time between Bryson Spinner (PS#15) and Matt Schaub (PS#42). Schaub, more of a drop back passer, hit 13 of 18 passes for 97 yards in 4 games in 2000. Schaub ended up winning the starting spot in 2001 and in the opener he threw 2 int's while Spinner had 154 yards passing and 2 TD's. Spinner started against Richmond but Schaub led the team's lone 1H TD drive. Spinner led the last minute TD drive against Clemson for the win but Schaub came off the bench and was more effective against both Duke and Maryland (led team to 21 pts vs MD). Schaub reclaimed the starting spot vs N Carolina then Spinner took over against Georgia Tech and simply set a school record for total offense with 399 yards, but struggled the next week against VT hitting just 2 of 8 for 18 yards before suffering a concussion in the 2Q. Spinner let his weight grow to 235 lbs by season's end and Schaub got most of the snaps in the season finale. After the year was over Spinner decided to transfer. True frosh Marques Hagans (PS#70DB) was the #3 QB and on the travel team last year but managed to redshirt and he will be the backup. Heath Miller (6-5 234 rFr) was PS#55 but moved to TE. Billy Schweitzer (6-3 210 So) was PS#160. This year's top QB signee is Anthony Martinez (PS#15). This group has about as much experience as it did heading into last season and actually looks stronger despite Spinner's departure and remember that Schaub is now in his second year of Groh's system.

RUNNING BACKS - George Welsh recruited some top-notch backs here like Tiki Barber and Thomas Jones, both of whom were selected in the first 2 rounds of the NFL draft. Virginia actually has had the ACC's top rusher in 4 of the last 6 years and last year Antwoine Womack returned after rushing for 1,076 yards (4.8) in 2000. In 2001 Womack had a 70 yard screen pass for a TD called back against Wisconsin and then was injured and missed 7 games. Arlen Harris (PS#3) was the starting RB in 2000 until his injury opened the door for Womack. Last year Harris became the starter with Womack's injury and led the team in rushing over the next 4 games only to lose his spot against UNC to Alvin Pearman (1st true frosh RB to start here since 1988). Pearman would end up leading the team in rushing but his 371 yards were the lowest for the Cavs' top rusher since '77. Harris injured his hamstring and did not carry the ball in the final 5 games and opted to transfer. Third string RB Brandon Isaiah was injured in the opener and was lost for the year. Womack returned vs GT and provided the team a spark down the stretch as he rushed for 56 vs GT, 36 against VT and then 153 yards against Penn St, guiding the Cavs to the upset. Womack (#7DC of NE) departs along with Harris and Foreman (10 sts, 359 total yards). FB Jon Ward got in 2 starts when Foreman was injured and I list the rest of the 2 deep below which includes many of this year's top frosh signees. Despite the loss of 3 key players, this group was extremely injury plagued last year, so I look for improvement in 2002 and true frosh Michael Johnson (PS#5) could emerge as the main man.

RECEIVERS - Virginia has had some great receivers including players like Herman Moore and Germane Crowell but Billy McMullen has outshined them all. McMullen, who has great size (6-4 205, 4.45 speed, 38" VL), broke Moore's frosh receiving record in 1999 and led the team in receptions in 2000. Last year he not only set a single season Cavs record for rec's with 83 (12.8) but also became their all-time leading receiver in only 3 years. Last year they had to replace their #2, #3 and #4 receivers but this year's group is more experienced since McMullen has opted to return after turning down the NFL. Their only losses are WR Tavon Mason (2 sts, 30 rec, 11.4) and TE Chris Luzar (#4DC of JAX, 12 sts, 33 rec, 11.5). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and while TE Patrick Estes did not have as large an impact as expected as a true frosh, he should benefit from being in the program for a year. Not listed below are WR's Ryan Sawyer (6-2 200 Jr, PS#65) and Jeremiah Chambliss (5-10 170 So). This unit looks to be even stronger than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - For 3 straight years the Cavs returned 3 starters to the OL. They had to replace 2 full-time starters again in 2001 but had 5 players back with starting experience including 4 seniors. The unit underperformed during the season and against Wake Forest Groh shook up the O-line, inserting frosh Elton Brown and Mike Mullins in on the right side of the line, and moving RT Kevin Bailey to C in place of Jared Woodson. Brown was the first true frosh to start on the OL in 25 years here. UVA was more productive down the stretch, averaging 26.5 ppg after the moves were made. While I am only counting 2 starters returning on the offensive front, 3 players are back who started the last 4 games. This year they must replace Woodson (8 sts), RG Evan Routzahn (12 sts, HM ACC, 4 yr st'r), G Josh Lawson (8 sts, 4 yr st'r) and T Jermese Jones (12 sts, HM ACC). The Cavs rushing totals have declined in each of the last 4 years, going from 5.0 in 1998 to 4.4, 4.0 and just 3.4 last year. They were better at pass protection, giving up just 23 sacks last year after yielding 34 in 2000. This group has less starting experience than it did heading into last season but I like the way they played down the stretch so this year's group has potential.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DEFENSIVE LINE - For 10 straight years UVA had a 1st or 2nd Team ACC pick from the DL but they have not had one the last 3 seasons. An inexperienced and young DL gave up 4.4 ypc rushing and recorded just 16 sacks in 2000. Last year all 4 starters from the DL returned and Groh switched to a 3-4 defense so the unit was loaded with experience. Overall the Cavs allowed 4.3 ypc rushing and the defense recorded 23 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE Darryl Sanders (12 sts, 73 tkls, 5 sks), NT Monsanto Pope (#7DC of DEN, 12 sts, 98 tkls, 5 sks), DE Ljubomir Stamenich (12 sts, 77 tkls, 8 tfl) and DT George Stanley (14 tkls). This is one area where true frosh should play right away, especially VHT Kwakou Robinson who has great size (6-4 303) and is PS#9. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Last year's DL did not live up to its potential but this year's is much less experienced, although it is bigger.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cavs had to replace their #1, #2 and #3 tacklers who were all LB's and also switched to the 3-4 defense, adding an extra LB spot. There was very little experience heading into last season but this year is a much different story. They do have to replace ILB Earl Sims (7 sts, 45 tkls) and OLB John Duckett (12 sts, 115 tkls, 7 tfl) but I like the talent that remains. While only 3 players return with starting experience, there are a lot of HT's and VHT's listed in the 3 deep below, including some of this year's fine true frosh class which contains PS#2 and PS#4 LB's! Top signee Ahmad Brooks had yet to qualify as of mid-May, however. This unit is much more experienced, has added talent and looks to be much stronger in 2002, pending Brooks' qualification.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cavs secondary had a streak of 20 int's or more for 4 straight years but the last four years have totaled 12, 19, 11 and 18. They had a #15 finish in my pass D rankings in 1998 with an inexperienced secondary but dropped to #74 in 1999. In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters and 3 backups and finished #73. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's. Jerton Evans and Shernard Newby (PS#121WR) were solid at safety but starting CB's Jamaine Winborne (5-10 206 Jr) and Rashad Roberson (5 sts, 23 tkls) lost their jobs to Art Thomas (PS#31RB) and Almondo "Muffin" Curry at midseason. The Cavs finished #74 in my rankings, allowing 227.8 ypg and 58.9% completions. They took on a tough slate of opposing QB's and allowed just 14 TD's along with those 18 int's. This year they lose Roberson as well as S Devon Simmons (5 tkls). They now have a very experienced secondary but Groh brings in 2 VHT true frosh who I plug into the 2 deep below. This is an even more seasoned secondary and the Cavs could finally get above the 20 interception mark again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - George Welsh had three Top 20 finishes in my special teams rankings from 1994 to 1996 but in his final 4 years they were just #53, #64, #85 and #48. Last year the Cavs had all of their key players back on this unit but surprisingly dropped to #76 despite the presence of Mike Abrams. Abrams was #16 in the NCAA in punting in 2000 with a 42.7 average and his directional punting helped the team rank #5 in the NCAA with a net of 40.0. Last year his net average dropped to 37.8. Kicker David Greene hit 12 of 22 FG's (3 misses were blocks) and had a long of 48 but now both kickers depart. Tavon Mason was the top KR with a super 25.4 average but he is also gone. Alvin Pearman averaged 9.1 on 27 PR's but had his return duties curtailed when he became the starting RB. The team suffered two blocked punts against Maryland as well as a blocked FG and came up a -3 in the TD/Blk category. A lot will depend on how the newcomers do with Groh having PS#27 Bryan Smith available at kicker and PS#51 Tom Hagan at punter and he adds in PS#5 Bryce Coffee this year who could do both. While last year's team did not meet expectations, it is going to be tough to move up in the rankings.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

George Welsh was one of the best coaches in the country, posting an amazing 13 consecutive seasons with 7 wins or more at a school that had not been to a bowl prior to his arrival. Welsh took them to 12 bowls during his tenure. Al Groh was their new head coach last year and stepped into a tough situation as UVA had just 11 starters back as well as a killer schedule. I said that if he could achieve a winning record against that tough slate, with a rebuilding team, that he deserved Coach of the Year mention. UVA ended up suffering its first losing season since 1986 and remember the Cavs got a TD on a hook and ladder play vs Georgia Tech with :22 left for one of their victories. The team is still rebuilding and during the spring had just 55 scholarship players available including 8 seniors, which is the 2nd fewest in the conference. Last year UVA was 3-5 in league play but were actually outgained by an average of almost 100 ypg in ACC action. This year they lose 24 lettermen which is the most in the league and have the fewest amount returning (31). They also face nine 2001 bowl teams on this year's schedule. The last 2 years the team has averaged less than 21 ppg but with an experienced QB like Matt Schaub, better health at the RB position as well as a top-notch receiving corps, I expect them to easily top that total this year. Defensively they have 6 starters back from a unit that I rated 2nd worst in the league in 2001 but they should make strides on that side of the ball. Non-conf games versus Col St, S Car, Penn St and Virginia Tech give them the toughest schedule in the conference but I expect solid improvement in Groh's 2nd season which should have them flirting with a winning season.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB MATT SCHAUB JR. 6-5 235 PS#42. 4 gms as rFr, 97 yds (72%) 1-0 ratio. 5 sts LY, 1524 yds (58.3%) 10-8 ratio, 97 rush. Marques Hagans (5-10 196 rFr) PS#70DB.

RB ALVIN PEARMAN SO. 5-10 195 PS#71. 4.38 spd. 5 sts as **true**, #1 w/371 yds (4.2), 25 rec (11.3). **Michael Johnson is PS#5.** Tony Franklin is PS#55. Kenneth Tynes is PS#89.

FB Jon Ward Jr. 6-0 232 PS#35. 74 yds (3.4) as true. 2 sts LY, 24 yds. Marquis Weeks (5-11 205 So) PS#52, 19 yds. Brandon Isaiah (6-0 218 So) PS#245, inj'd as rFr.

WR MICHAEL McGREW JR. 6-2 196 PS#116. 10 sts, 31 rec (9.7) in 2001. Ottowa Anderson (6-0 187 So) PS#61. 12 rec (9.3) in 11 games as **true**. Wali Lundy is PS#21.

WR BILLY McMULLEN SR. 6-4 205 **38" VL, 4.45 spd, 6-4!** 31 rec (16.6) as true. 31 rec (18.0), in 2000. **School rec 83 rec** (12.8), **1st Tm ACC** LY. Scott Robinson (6-1 170 rFr) PS#32.

TE Patrick Estes So. 6-7 247 **PS#1TE**. 8 gms as true, 3 rec (11.0). Heath Miller (6-5 234 rFr) PS#55QB. Kase Luzar (6-2 235 Jr) TE/FB in 2000. 12 gms LY, 6 rec (8.2).

C Jay Green Jr. 6-2 275 PS#367DL. 2nd string C LY, 485 bench. Mark Farrington (6-2 270 So) PS#160. Zac Yarborough (6-4 260 So) PS#101TE. Lettered at TE LY.

RG ELTON BROWN SO. 6-6 340 PS#88OL. First **true** OL to start here in 25 years. Last 4 sts as true, added 25 lbs this year. Wesley Wilson (6-4 290 rFr) PS#241OL.

LG Ben Carber Jr. 6-2 294 PS#35OL. 5 games as 2nd string as rFr. Did not letter LY. Micah Kimball (6-4 297 Jr) PS#75DL. 2 games as rFr. 2nd string LY & lettered.

RT Mike Mullins Sr. 6-8 292 PS#265OL. 6 games as rFr. 7 games in 2000. Last 4 sts in 2001. Robert Jenkins (6-4 280 So) PS#232JC. Tom Howell (6-4 273 So) PS#334.

LT KEVIN BAILEY JR. 6-6 300 PS#234OL. 8 games as rFr, 1 start, missed 3 with injury. 12 sts last year (8 at LT, L/4 at C). Joe Holt (6-4 288 So) PS#158DL, 0 letters.

K Bryan Smith So. 5-10 155 PS#27K. 11 of 15 FG's as Sr in HS. Missed spring with injury. Kurt Smith (6-1 153 rFr) 3 of 6 FG's in spring game. **Tom Hagan** is **PS#5K.**

DE Larry Simmons Jr. 6-3 280 PS#177DL. 1 st as rFr, 11 tkls, 3 sks, 221 plays. 16 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu LY. Matt Stone (6-5 253 rFr) PS#174. Braden Campbell is PS#102.

DT Kwakou Robinson Fr. 6-4 303 **PS#9DL**. Great size already. Andrew Hoffman (6-5 281 So) PS#110DL, 3 tkls, 65 plays as true. RS LY. Justin Walker (6-2 290 Jr) PS#166DL.

DT Chris Canty So. 6-7 262 PS#419DL. 1 st at DT, 12 games as rFr, 23 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. Keenan Carter is PS#63DL. Brennan Schmidt (6-3 250 rFr) was PS#235DL.

OLB RAY MANN JR. 6-1 232 **PS#7.** 11 tkls, 111 plays as true. 11 sts, 80 tkls, 6 tfl LY. **4.56.** Jon Thompson (6-2 210 So) bkup L/4 gms LY. Marcus Hardy (6-3 241 So) PS#35TE.

ILB ANGELO CROWELL SR. 6-1 234 PS#91. 1 st, 40 tkls as true. 4 sts, 90 tkls, 430 plays in 2000. **2nd Tm ACC** LY, team rec'd 144 tkls, 4 sks. RC Cosby (6-2 224 Jr) is PS#136RB.

ILB Ahmad Brooks Fr. 6-4 242 **PS#2. Merrill Robertson** (6-1 244 Sr) 5 sts, 88 tkls, 9 tfl, 3Y. Rich Bedesem (6-2 235 So) PS#87RB, 30 tkls **true**, RS LY. **Melvin Massey** (6-2 245 rFr) **PS#23.**

OLB Kai Parham Fr. 6-3 233 **PS#4.** Bryan White (6-2 218 So) PS#85, 4.6, 12 tkls as true. **Darryl Blackstock** (6-4 224 Fr) PS#30TE, 19 sks at Hargrave LY. Stanley Norfleet PS#46TE.

CB ALMONDO "Muffin" CURRY JR. 5-8 175 PS#182WR. 6 sts LY, 32 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. Marcus Hamilton (6-0 177 Fr) is **PS#31**, top-notch cover CB. Jay Dorsey (6-2 186 So) PS#86, 1 tkl LY.

CB ART THOMAS JR. 6-2 205 PS#31RB, 8 tkls, 154 plays, 19 KR (18.1) as true. 7 sts LY, 48 tkls. Jamaine Winborne 27 tkls, 6 sts, 3 int, 5 pbu LY. Jermaine Hardy (5-11 202 So) 8 tkls as true.

SS JERTON EVANS SR. 5-11 200 PS#35WR. 10 sts, 49 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu last year. 11 sts, 60 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 83 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu LY. Stefan Orange is **PS#30.**

FS SHERNARD NEWBY SR. 6-1 210 PS#121WR. 12 sts, 49 tkls, 1 int in 2000. 12 sts, **2nd Tm ACC**, 60 tkls, 5 int, 2 pbu LY. Chris Williams (6-3 208 Sr) PS#137WR. 11 sts, 72 tkls in '99. 32 tkls, 3 int LY.

P Tom Hagan Fr. 6-2 175 PS#5 and averaged 43.0 as a senior in high school last year. Bryce Coffee (5-11 185 Jr) PS#51 in '99. No action in 2 years. Sean Johnson (6-1 190 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Ahmad Brooks	6-4 242 PS#2
LB	Kai Parham	6-3 233 PS#4
RB	Michael Johnson	5-10 187 PS#5
DL	Kwakou Robinson	6-4 303 PS#9
WR	Wali Lundy	6-1 204 PS#21
QB	Anthony Martinez	6-3 217 PS#15
DB	Stefan Orange	6-2 181 PS#30
OL	D'Brickashaw Ferguson	6-4 265 PS#51
DB	Marcus Hamilton	6-0 177 PS#31
RB	Tony Franklin	5-11 177 PS#55
WR	Ron Morton	6-1 178 PS#61
DL	Keenan Carter	6-1 299 PS#63
DB	Willie Davis	6-2 182 PS#53
K	Tom Hagan	6-2 175 PS#5

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VA	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 22	Colorado St (Jim Thorpe Classic (Thur))	G					
Aug. 31	at Florida St	G					
Sep. 7	S Carolina	G					
Sep. 21	Akron (HC)	G					
Sep. 28	at Wake Forest	G					
Oct. 5	at Duke	G					
Oct. 12	Clemson	G					
Oct. 19	N Carolina	G					
Oct. 26	at Georgia Tech	G					
Nov. 2							
Nov. 9	at Penn St	G					
Nov. 16	NC State	G					
Nov. 23	Maryland	G					
Nov. 30	at Virginia Tech	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

- UVA is 15-30 ATS off a SU win, but was 3-1 last year.
- Cavs are 2-9 ATS prior to playing North Carolina.
- Note: Virginia has a bye on September 14th this year.
- This will be the first meeting between these two teams.
- UVA has covered just 3 of their last 9 lined home openers.
- The Cavaliers are 11-4 ATS in first away game of the year.
- Virginia is 2-8 ATS their last 10 vs FSU and 0-5 ATS the last 5 years.
- UVA is 1-2 SU, but 2-1 ATS vs the Gamecocks, being outscored 43-99.
- Cavs are 5-1 ATS prior to a bye week.
- The Cavs were 3-0 ATS vs non-conference foes for Groh last year.
- UVA is 3-0 SU but 1-2 ATS S/'93 vs MAC opp. Combined score is 146-49.
- LY's loss ended the Cavs' 17 game series SU winning streak over WF.
- The visiting team has covered 8 of the last 9 meetings.
- Cavs are 1-3 ATS in the 2nd of back to back road games since 1996.
- UVA is 12-7 ATS last 19 (won LY) but 2-6 ATS their last 8 vs Duke.
- The underdog is 10-2 ATS in the last 12 series meetings.
- Cavaliers are 1-3 ATS last 4 and 9-16 ATS their last 25 vs the Tigers.
- Virginia is 3-1 SU and 4-0 ATS in the last 4 series meetings.
- The home team is 17-5 ATS in this series, but only 2-2 last 4 years.
- Pending prior results: UVA is 8-17 (5-7 away) ATS in October since 1995.
- Could apply: UVA is 10-2 SU in their last 12 road night games.
- Bonus: VA is 1-8 the L/9 and 5-15 ATS the L/20 in lined games after playing N Carolina.
- The Cavs are 12-20 ATS in November since 1992.
- Two meetings since 1992: UVA 2-0 SU and ATS, won both as dogs.
- UVA has covered just 6 of their last 15 prior to rival Maryland, but...
- ...they have covered 3 of their last 4 in that span.
- The home team has covered the last 3 series meetings.
- Virginia is 8-18 ATS vs the Terps since 1976.
- Cavaliers are 8-14 ATS their last 22 vs their arch rival Hokies.
- Virginia is 1-6 ATS in their last 7 road finales.

AL GROH (Career 31-47)
2nd Year at Virginia

Groh's records AT VIRGINIA

5-7 Straight Up	1-1 Home Favorite
7-4 Vs The Spread	3-1 Home Dog
3-3 Off A S/U Loss	0-0 Away Favorite
4-4 Vs Conference	3-2 Away Dog
3-0 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 31 (15,15,1)
Lost: 24 (12,10,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,283

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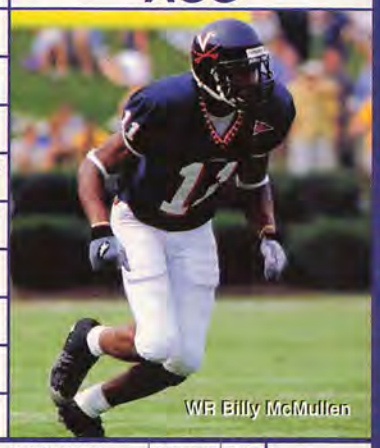
WR Billy McMullen

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STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	7-4	7-4	9-2	7-4	6-5	5-7	49-30
ATS	4-7	7-4	3-7	6-5	5-6	3-7	7-4	35-40
Home Fav	1-3	4-1	1-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-1	11-15
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	3-1	7-6
Away Fav	1-4	1-2	1-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	8-11
Away Dog	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-3	3-2	9-8
Favorite	2-7	5-3	2-4	5-4	2-4	2-3	1-1	19-26
Dog	2-0	2-1	1-3	1-1	3-2	1-4	6-3	16-14
Grass	4-6	7-4	3-7	6-5	5-6	3-7	6-4	34-39
Artificial	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	2-6	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	24-32
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	0-2	3-0	11-8
Off SU Win	2-6	4-3	1-5	4-4	1-5	0-6	3-1	15-30
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	3-3	15-8

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alvin Pearman	**88**	**389**	**18**	**371**	**1**	**4.2**
Arlen Harris	92	396	28	368	1	4.0
Antwoine Womack	63	291	28	263	0	4.2
Bryson Spinner	60	290	118	172	1	2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Schaub	**240**	**140**	**58.3**	**1524**	**10**	**8**
Bryson Spinner	206	121	58.7	1334	14	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Billy McMullen	**83**	**1060**	**12.8**	**12**	**63**	
Kase Luzar	**33**	**380**	**11.5**	**0**	**27**	
Mike McGrew	**31**	**302**	**9.7**	**2**	**31**	
Tavon Mason	30	341	11.4	2	64	
Tyree Foreman	27	231	8.6	4	28	
Alvin Pearman	**25**	**283**	**11.3**	**3**	**35**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mike Abrams	62	2616	42.2	–	36.1	1	17
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
David Greene	2-5	8-10	2-6	0-1	12-22	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Angelo Crowell	**144**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**2**
John Duckett	115	3	4	5	0
Monsanto Pope	98	3	5	0	0
Jerton Evans	**83**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**2**
Raymond Mann	**80**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Ljubomir Stamenich	77	1.5	6	1	0
Darryl Sanders	73	5	3	1	0
Shernard Newby	**60**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**5**
Art Thomas	**48**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**0**
Earl Sims	45	0	1	2	1
Almondo Curry	**32**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Chris Williams	**31**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**3**
Merrill Robertson	**29**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Alvin Pearman	**27**	**247**	**9.1**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Tavon Mason	19	482	25.4	1
Alvin Pearman	**13**	**266**	**20.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Peach	-6'	Georgia	34-27	W
96	Carquest	+3'	Miami (Fla)	21-31	L
98	Peach	-2'	Georgia	33-35	L
99	MicronPC	-2'	Illinois	21-63	L
00	Oahu	+9'	Georgia	14-37	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	20.8	19	106	3.4	239	58.3	16.6	+4	2001	6	27.6	23	203	4.3	228	58.9	15.6
7*	20.2	18	162	4.0	198	54.1	17.9	0	2000	6	24.3	21	182	4.4	238	59.4	17.3
7	28.8	22	190	4.4	211	57.3	13.9	+4	1999	5	30.4	20	180	4.1	233	56.0	16.6
6*	29.8	21	212	5.0	215	51.7	14.3	+11	1998	8	20.6	17	122	3.3	215	50.7	16.4
4	25.2	18	118	3.2	232	59.6	13.9	+6	1997	4	25.2	16	114	3.2	210	58.9	14.8
5	28.4	19	190	4.6	189	47.3	13.3	+2	1996	6	16.9	16	104	2.6	195	53.9	17.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Wisconsin	16	33 - 128	3.9	13 - 32	178	1	20	51 - 228	4.5	10 - 24	191	2	-2
Richmond	25	43 - 110	2.6	26 - 37	242	2	15	39 - 197	5.1	9 - 19	129	3	0
at Clemson	19	35 - 160	4.6	18 - 34	227	1	29	51 - 182	3.6	25 - 34	251	3	+2
Duke	23	37 - 157	4.2	24 - 36	284	1	23	37 - 123	3.3	17 - 36	191	4	0
at Maryland	16	25 - 64	2.6	21 - 38	281	2	23	55 - 243	4.4	22 - 35	237	0	0
at N Carolina	23	18 - 71	3.9	33 - 55	334	2	22	56 - 234	4.2	13 - 21	243	3	+2
Florida St	12	19 - 34	1.8	19 - 39	167	1	30	58 - 303	5.2	14 - 25	230	3	-2
at NC State	12	30 - 66	2.2	15 - 29	149	2	22	45 - 196	4.4	21 - 30	217	1	+1
Wake Forest	22	33 - 152	4.6	28 - 46	287	2	22	51 - 248	4.9	12 - 19	233	0	+2
Georgia Tech	27	25 - 134	5.4	32 - 46	327	1	29	33 - 74	2.2	39 - 55	486	1	-1
Virginia Tech	15	28 - 8	0.3	21 - 36	261	6	20	55 - 241	4.4	12 - 24	190	0	-3
Penn St	19	50 - 188	3.8	13 - 23	131	2	18	39 - 164	4.2	12 - 28	136	3	+5
TOTALS	229	376 - 1272	3.4	263 - 451	2868	23	273	570 - 2433	4.3	206 - 350	2734	23	+4
AVERAGES	19.1	31 - 106	3.4	22 - 38	239	1.9	22.8	48 - 203	4.3	17 - 29	228	1.9	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Auburn	+4'	17-28	L
Richmond	NL	26-7	–
at N Carolina	+14	20-48	L
Wake Forest	-10	21-13	L
at Clemson	+5'	21-7	W
Duke	-16	13-10	L
Florida St	+19	21-47	L
at Maryland	-8'	45-0	W
Georgia Tech	-4'	35-31	L
at NC State	-2'	24-31	L
Virginia Tech	-4'	34-20	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	-2	19-0	W
Maryland	-30	31-19	L
Clemson	-15	20-18	L
at Duke	-10	24-0	W
San Jose St	-28	52-14	W
at Georgia Tech	-2'	38-41	L
NC State	-10'	23-13	L
at Wake Forest	-12'	38-17	W
at Florida St	+17	14-45	L
N Carolina	-10	30-13	W
at Virginia Tech	+2'	36-32	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+2'	20-17	W
at Clemson	-5	14-33	L
Wake Forest	-10'	35-7	W
at BYU	+7	45-40	W
Virginia Tech	+5'	7-31	L
Duke (2OT)	-17	17-24	L
at NC State	E/-1	47-26	W
Florida St	+13'	10-35	L
Georgia Tech	+7	45-38	W
Buffalo	-49	50-21	L
at Maryland	-9	34-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
BYU (OT)	-6'	35-38	L
Richmond	NL	34-6	–
at Duke	-20	26-10	L
Clemson	+9	10-31	L
at Wake Forest	-16'	27-10	W
Maryland	-10'	31-23	L
at Florida St	+32	3-37	L
N Carolina	-4'	17-6	W
at Georgia Tech	+9'	0-35	L
NC State	+1	24-17	W
at Virginia Tech	+20	21-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+10'	17-26	W
Richmond	NL	17-16	–
at Clemson	+11'	26-24	W
Duke	-17	31-10	W
at Maryland	+7'	21-41	L
at N Carolina	+8'	24-30	W
Florida St	+12'	7-43	L
at NC State	+7	0-24	L
Wake Forest	-3	30-34	L
Georgia Tech	+14'	39-38	W
Virginia Tech	+15	17-31	W
Penn St	+5'	20-14	W

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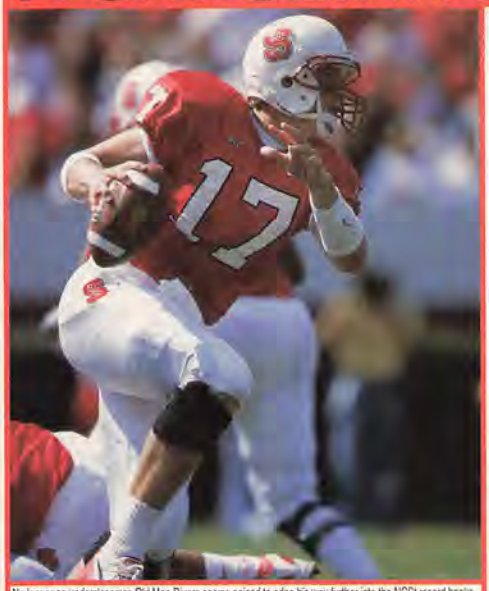

No longer an underclassman Old Man Rivers seems poised to edge his way further into the NCSt record books.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Wolfpack had to replace a 4 year starting QB and did so with true frosh Philip Rivers. Rivers is a big QB (6-5 236) that showed remarkable poise for a true frosh. He participated in spring practice in 2000 after graduating from HS early and led the team to comeback wins in 3 of their first 4 games. He ended up setting school records for attempts, completions and TD passes with 3,364 yards (54.4%) with a 27-12 ratio. Last year Rivers lost not only his top WR in Koren Robinson (1st round NFL DC), but also OC Norm Chow. Rivers' yardage total was down, as he threw for just 2,775 yards, but he did increase his completion percentage to a solid 65.2% (a school record and a jump of 10.8% from his frosh year) with a 17-8 ratio. His backup last year was Olin Hannum (PS#13JC) who hit 6 of 14 for 102 yards. Hannum was the team's #2 rusher with 46 rushes for 296 gross yards in 11 games. He must be replaced. Jay Davis was PS#21 last year and looks like the new backup. Clayton Russell (6-2 204 So) will likely be 3rd string. Rivers is already #3 in career passing yards here and is the most prolific soph passer in ACC history with 5,640 regular season yards in 2 years. As long as Rivers stays healthy, I look for him to put up improved numbers with a stronger receiving corps in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Ray Robinson was a 4 year starter here and the ACC Rookie of the Year in 1998. In 2000 he had 208 rush attempts and 46 rec's while the top backup had just 36 rushes. Last year was more of the same as the #2 rusher was actually #2 QB Hannum. Robinson had 200 attempts for 784 yards (3.9). He was also the leading receiver with 56 grabs (7.3) (first RB to lead team in rushing and rec's since Ted Brown did it in 1978). Robinson showed tremendous improvement in the 2H of the year. In the first six games he had just 345 yards (3.3) but then rattled off 3 consecutive 100 yard games (5.6 ypc in those). He was banged up in the last 2 regular season games and had just 73 yards in those. He leaves as the team's #4 all-time rusher and #6 all-time receiver. Cotra Jackson has been the #2 rusher among the RB's in each of the last 2 years, combining for 320 yards and had 5 starts at FB in 2001 but also got a lot of action at TB. Carlos Doggett (5-10 232 Sr) broke his foot early in the year and got in just 2 carries for 10 yards. He was PS#118 in 1998 and has 144 rushing yards in 3 years. I do not list a FB position below but the top 3 are Chance Moyer (6-2 232 So, PS#154LB), John Ritcher (6-2 236 rFr, PS#83LB) (the son of Jim) and Josh Brown (5-10 185 So, PS#201). Amato is hoping that true frosh Tristian McLendon (PS#15) will have the same impact that Rivers had on the offense as a true frosh. If he does then this unit could actually improve. Although Robinson averaged just 3.9 ypc the last 2 years, this unit will miss his experience.

RECEIVERS - The star of the NC State offense in 2000 was Koren Robinson who had 69 rec's (17.7) and was a 1st round DC by Seattle. Last year the Wolfpack expected a pair of true frosh in Tramain Hall (PS#23) and Sterling Hicks (PS#28) to fill the void. Hall, unfortunately, was controversially ruled ineligible prior to the year. Hicks would get in 9 games with 13 rec's (15.5). Physically impressive Bryan Peterson (PS#80), who has power lifted 300 lbs (110 more than his body weight) was the third fastest returning player (4.43) and was the top WR with 51 (13.4). However, the Wolfpack clearly lacked a game breaker at this position and RB Robinson led the team in rec's. Jerricho Cotchery was #4 with 42 (11.5) and TE Willie Wright, who bulked up to 243 lbs, had 48 rec's (10.5). Wright and his backup Andy Vanderveer (1 rec) now depart. W Virginia transfer Sean Berton is a VHT that was not eligible until the bowl and got in 14 plays there. Hall is back in school but will not be eligible to play this year. Richard Washington is PS#11 this year and I expect much bigger numbers from Sterling Hicks. This unit has more experience, added talent and looks solidly improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and then lost a pair of projected starters for the season. They averaged just 3.3 ypc and allowed 37 sacks. Last year they expected 4 starters to return but RT Reggie Poole was dismissed from the team prior to the season, so only 3 were actually back. The unit led the ACC by allowing just 1 sack for every 21.4 pass attempts in the regular season and improved slightly on the ypc (3.5). This year they must replace 3 starters in RG Keegan Weir (12 sts), C Derek Green (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG William Brown (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backup G Tim Turner. Two converted DL's are now projected as the starting OG's. Six of the top 10 are back but this group is a little less experienced overall. However it is bigger now as the projected starting 5 average 295 lbs across compared to 279 last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Wolfpack allowed 3.6 ypc rushing and Amato's goal was to increase the speed of the unit. In 2000, his first year, the defense allowed 4.2 ypc but increased the sack total to 34. Last season they had to replace 1.5 starters due to graduation and Amato had high hopes for the 3 top-notch JC transfers he added in Shawn Price, Terrance Martin and Terrance Chapman. Those three combined for 78 tackles, 14 sacks and 10 tfl and they should be more productive in their 2nd year in IA ball. This year the team must replace DE Corey Smith (Top DL Award, 2nd Tm ACC, 6 sks) as well as DT Darius Bryant (9 sts, 22 tkls). DE Drew Wimsatt (6-4 244 Sr) played in 12 games a year after back surgery and should be closer to full health this fall. I list the 2 deep below and I'm impressed with this unit as there are plenty of HT's in the group. Amato also brings in 2 more JC's and 2 rFr, including one that was the Scout Team MVP, Renaldo Moses (6-5 210 rFr PS#142). Despite the losses, I think this front presents itself as the most formidable DL the Wolfpack has put on the field in years.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the team had to replace one player who earned 7 starts but basically had all 3 starters returning, including their star Levar Fisher (ACC Def POY in 2000). Fisher had another fine season and was 1st team AA last year with 148 tackles, 4 tfl and the team MVP. When he went down to injury in the bowl game, the Pack's defensive fortunes took a downward turn. Fisher departs (#2DC of ARZ) and as well as SLB Brian Jamison (10 sts, 83 tkls, 4 tfl). Two players return with starting experience as do some true soph's that saw good sized playing time last season. I list the 2 deep below and there is some talent in this group but with the loss of a player like Fisher, who simply is NCS's all-time leading tackler, this unit is clearly weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolfpack ranked #34 in my pass D rankings in 1999 but had a super CB tandem who were both picked in the NFL draft. Without those two stars the unit dropped to #54 in 2000. Last year they only had to replace their starting SS who was a #3 DC. They had 3 starters returning including top-notch FS Terrence Holt. Surprisingly, the Wolfpack dropped further in my pass D rankings to #98, allowing 221.8 ypg (58.6%) and a 20-7 ratio. This year 7 of the top 8 return including 6 players with starting experience. Including this year's true frosh there are 2 VHT's in the 2 deep. Their only loss is cover CB Brian Williams (#4DC of MIN, 64 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu, most valuable DB). Other players available but not listed in the 2 deep are Craig Moody (6-0 193 Jr, PS#77WR), JJ Jones (5-10 186 So) who had 5 tackles as a true frosh, and Victor Stephens (6-0 185 Jr) has 1 start and 17 tackles in the last 2 years. Last year 5 true frosh saw significant action so you can expect this year's VHT signee, AJ Davis (PS#3), to have an immediate impact. I look for significant improvement in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 NC State had their highest finish ever in my special teams rankings finishing at #31, thanks to the exploits of Koren Robinson who averaged 15.6 on PR's and 25.3 on KR's. Robinson departed last year and the Wolfpack dropped to #53. Jerricho Cotchery led them in PR's (9.5). On KR's true frosh Greg Golden (PS#38) had 17 KR's (23.0) and true frosh Lamont Reid (20.3). Golden returned a kickoff 90 yards for a TD in the bowl. They allowed 9.4 per PR and 23.3 per KR last year. They look solid in the kicking game as Austin Herbert (PS#11) returns for his third year as punter. After averaging 38.2 as a true frosh he increased that to 40.8 last year. He was also 3 of 3 on FG's. Adam Kiker took over the main FG duties when Herbert was injured early and hit 15 of 16 including 1 of 2 from 40-49 but he had a long of just 41. Kiker also had 11 TB's on kickoffs. Terrence Holt returns for his senior season and has already blocked 8 kicks in his career and is a key weapon in that area. Long snapper Danny Young (6-5 237 Jr) also returns. With all of the key components back from last year, you can look for a rise in the rankings and a potential Top 25 finish with the amount of talent available.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 six of NC State's wins came after trailing in the 4Q but they finished an outstanding 8-4 under first year head coach Chuck Amato. He has brought a lot of excitement to the program as the team set the single season record for season tickets sold at 49,254 in 2001 and have now expanded Carter-Finley Stadium, adding 5,000 seats this season in a $102 million expansion. Amato achieved that winning record in the first year despite having only 64 scholarship players available for the bowl and they increased the amount of scholarship players to 76 last year. The Wolfpack's last ACC Title was in 1979 but last year they became the first team ever to beat FSU in Tallahassee in ACC play. Last year's team had to replace just 15 lettermen and was a veteran squad but suffered a significant loss on the offense when coordinator Norm Chow left for USC. Despite having Philip Rivers back at QB the Wolfpack averaged 5 ppg less than they did in 2000. Last year the Wolfpack were 4-4 in league play, but they were outgained by an average of 38.3 ypg in those contests. This year they return 6 starters on offense and Rivers is back for his 3rd season. They still should come close to last year's averages, especially with a fairly soft non-conf schedule that includes a couple of IAA foes as well as Navy. Defensively, they also have 6 starters back from a unit that allowed just 21.4 ppg which was the best for the team since 1992. They must replace just 17 lettermen, which is the 3rd fewest in the ACC and have 17 seniors on this squad which is the 3rd most. With the tailor made non-conf schedule, the Wolfpack have a very good shot at a 5th straight non-losing season and could make some noise in ACC play.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB PHILIP RIVERS JR. 6-5 236 PS#40. 3364 yds (54%), 27-12 ratio as **true**. 12 sts last year, 2775 yds (65.2%), 17-8 ratio, 114 rush. Jay Davis (6-1 206 rFr) was PS#21.

RB Tristian "Ta" McLendon Fr. 6-2 220 PS#15. 4.35 spd, 8959 yds in HS (NC rec). 178 TD's (nat'l rec). Cotra Jackson (5-11 213 Sr) 326 rush yds, 31 rec, 3Y. Carlos Doggett (5-10 232 Sr).

WR STERLING HICKS SO. 6-2 182 **PS#28**. 13 rec (15.5) as true in 9 gms LY. Chris Murray (6-3 185 So) PS#36. Left in Oct but ret'd in spg. Andy Bertrand (6-2 191 So) PS# 290.

WR JERRICHO COTCHERY JR. 6-1 200 1 st as true, 6 rec, 11 sts last year, 42 rec (11.5). Dovonte Edwards (6-0 174 So) PS#38, 19 rec (11.1) 18.6 PR's 10 games as **true**.

WR BRYAN PETERSON SR. 5-11 190 PS#80. 4 sts, 21 rec as true. 7 sts, 32 rec, (13.1) in '00. 12 sts, 51 rec (13.4) LY, 4.43 spd. Richard Washington is PS#11. Fred Span (5-11 184 rFr) PS#153.

TE Sean Berton Sr. 6-2 255 PS#15TE. 3 rec as a rFr at W Virg. 11 sts in 2000, 15 rec (9.5). Trans. Joseph Gray (6-4 260 Sr) PS#28. 31 games, 2 sts, 4 rec (18.0) 3Y.

C Jed Paulsen So. 6-1 290 PS#83. MO hvywt wrestling champ in HS. 197 snaps as **true**, 9 gms, 9 KD's, 2 pancakes. Brandon Sanders (5-11 281 Jr) 2nd string in 2000.

RG Sean Locklear Jr. 6-4 286 2 sts as rFr at DT, 44 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. 2 sts LY, 28 tkls, 4 tfl. Moved to OG. Leroy Harris is PS#77DL. Antoine Colvin (6-2 286 rFr) PS#79.

LG Shane Riggs Sr. 6-3 290 PS#95DL. 46 plays at DL as rFr. 29 tkls, 7 tfl in 2000. 139 plays on OL, 9 KD's LY. Brandon Moore (6-3 290 rFr) PS#175. Ashley Wingate (6-2 301 Jr).

RT CHRISTOPHER COLMER JR. 6-5 305 PS#165. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts LY, 682 plays (tops on OL), 8 gms w/80% + grades, HM ACC. Brook Payne (6-4 296 So) 2nd string LY, 1L.

LT SCOTT KOOISTRA SR. 6-6 304 PS#163DL. 11 gms in 1999. 2 sts in 2000 (inj miss 8). 12 sts LY, grade 80% + in 10 games, 400 bench. John McKeon (6-4 302 rFr) PS#282.

K ADAM KIKER JR. 6-0 182 24-29 FG's in HS, long 47. Hit super 15 of 16 FG's here LY, long of 41 & 11 TB's on KO's. Austin Herbert (PS#11) punter as true, 3 FG's LY.

DEFENSE

DE Shawn Price Sr. 6-2 235 PS#12LB in 99! 16 sks & 21 tfl at JC in 2000. 9 gms here LY, 20 tkls, **6 sks**, 4 tfl, 4.5 speed & 425 bench. Drew Wimsatt N'wstrn trans, PS#87, 24 tkls LY.

DT Alan Holloway Jr. 6-2 275 PS#33JUCO, 7 sks at JUCO last year. Jerrick Hall (6-2 285 Sr) PS#258DL. 45 tkls, 3.5 tfl, 3Y. Sheldon Lewin (6-3 270 Jr) PS#150JUCO.

NT TERRANCE MARTIN SR. 6-3 290 PS#146JC in 2000 & orig at W Virg. 10 sts here LY, 32 tkls, 3 tfl. Ricky Fowler (6-2 286 Jr) PS#85. 3 sts as true, 37 tkls, 8.5 tfl in 2Y, wrestling tm.

DE TERRANCE CHAPMAN SR. 6-3 248 PS#75JC. 26 tkls, **8 sks** despite inj LY. George Anderson (6-1 240 Sr) PS#62LB. 3 sts, 4 tfl in 2000. 12 sts LY, 40 tkls, 10 tfl. Renaldo Moses PS#142.

SLB Roger Pollard Jr. 6-0 216 15 tkls in 2000. 3 sts, 410 plays, 48 tkls, 4 tfl in 2001. Avery Gibson (6-2 236 So) PS#100LB. 18 tkls, 12 gms as **true**. Patrick Lowery is PS#65.

MLB DANTONIO BURNETTE SR. 5-10 233 PS#198. 11 sts, 124 tkls, 8.5 tfl as true. 9 sts, 106 tkls, 8 tfl in 2000. 10 sts, 119 tkls, 8 tfl LY. Chip Thomas (6-3 204 Jr) PS#162. Corrie Dawson (6-3 236 So).

WLB Patrick Thomas So. 6-1 224 PS#98. 17 tkls, 2 tfl as true, 12 games. Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (6-1 224 So) PS#172RB, 10 tkls as true. Elijah Dukes is PS#38DL. Also plays baseball.

CB MARCUS HUDSON SO. 6-1 193 PS#104. Started L/5 as **true**, 509 snaps, 54 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. Lamont Reid (6-0 185 So) PS#127RB. 21 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu as true. **AJ Davis** is **PS#3!**

CB JJ Washington Jr. 5-8 180 PS#98. 4 sts until inj as rFr, 17 tkls, 3 pbu. 8 sts LY (inj) 36 tkls, 1 int. **Greg Golden** (5-10 191 So) **PS#30DB**. 8 tkls, 391 KR yards, 1 TD as a true.

SS JULIUS PATTERSON SR. 5-11 191 PS#71. 1 start in 2000, 29 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. 12 sts LY, 40" VL, 69 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Andre Maddox (6-0 191 So) PS#88. 16 tkls, 1 pbu as true.

FS TERRENCE HOLT SR. 6-2 203 PS#153. Torry's bro. 12 sts in 2000, 97 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm ACC**, 113 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu, 8 career blk'd kicks. **Troy Graham** (6-2 195 So).

P AUSTIN HERBERT JR. 6-0 204 PS#11K. 64 punts as true, 38.2 average, net of 34.8. 58 punts last year, 40.8 avg & net of 35.2 in injury plagued year, 3 of 3 on field goals.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DB	A.J. (Albert) Davis 6-0 177 PS#3
RB	Tristian McLendon 6-2 220 PS#15
WR	Richard Washington 6-1 175 PS#11
DT	Alan Holloway 6-2 275 PS#33JC
DL	Elijah Dukes 6-3 225 PS#38
LB	Pat Lowery 6-2 225 PS#65
DL	Leroy Harris 6-4 270 PS#77
DB	Garland Heath 6-2 190 PS#74
WR	Brian Clark 6-3 185 PS#108
DT	Sheldon Lewin 6-3 270 PS#150JC
DL	James Newby 6-7 260 PS#173JC
DL	Manny Lawson 6-6 235 PS#186
OL	John Deraney 6-3 180 PS#263
LB	Oliver Hoyle 6-3 235 PS#276

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Aug. 24	New Mexico *BCA Bowl*	G					
Aug. 31	E Tenn St	G					
Sep. 7	at Navy	G					
Sep. 14	Wake Forest	G					
Sep. 21	at Texas Tech	A					
Sep. 28	Massachusetts	G					
Oct. 5							
Oct. 12	at N Carolina	G					
Oct. 19	Duke	G					
Oct. 26	at Clemson	G					
Nov. 2	Georgia Tech (HC)	G					
Nov. 9	at Maryland	G					
Nov. 16	at Virginia	G					
Nov. 23	Florida St	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

The SU winner is 5-0 ATS when NC State plays a current Big 12 team.
NC State is 6-2 SU and 3-4 ATS in Thursday games.
NCS is 2-8 SU and 6-4 ATS when hosting the Tar Heels.

This will be the first time these 2 schools will meet.
NC State is 18-4 SU (only 8-7 ATS) in season openers since 1980.

The ETSU Bucs went 6-5 SU in 2001, winning 5 of their last 7.
NC St is 11-0 SU in their L/11 non-lined games, outscoring foes 421-121.

NCS is 1-6 ATS the last 7 (1-4 for Amato) as away chalk.
The Wolfpack is 5-13-1 ATS prior to playing rival Wake Forest.

Should apply: NCS is 18-28 ATS L/46 off a SU win, pending earlier results.
NC State is 9-5 ATS vs WF, but only 1-4 ATS the last 5 years.

This is only the 2nd game NC State has played on artificial turf since 1995.
Beating Syracuse 32-31 as a 25 pt AD. Also, 4-1 ATS since 1992 on art turf.

UMass went 3-8 SU last year as a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference.
This will be the first time the Minutemen will play the Wolfpack.

Bonus: Wolfpack is 2-6-1 ATS since 1997 when favored by 14 or more.
Bonus: NC St is 2-7 ATS prior to a bye, but 2-0 SU & ATS for Amato S/'96.

The Wolfpack is 8-13 SU but 5-1 ATS the week after a bye.
NCS is 2-7 ATS their last 9 vs North Carolina.

The visitor is 7-1 ATS in the last 8 series meetings.
NC St came into TY 7-1 SU and 5-3 ATS their last 8 as a home favorite.

Pending possible earlier results, NCS is 5-0 ATS as an AD for Amato.
Pending 9/7 outcome, NC St is 7-16 ATS in sandwiched away games.

Only 44 pts last year, but the avg score of the L/4 series games is 59.3 pts.
Pack are 3-8-2 ATS the last 13 vs the Ramblin Wreck.

Pending LW's outcome, NCS is 5-9 ATS in November the last 4 years.
The underdog is 13-3-1 ATS in this series.

Wolfpack are 7-13-1 ATS in their last 21 road finales.
NC State is 7-3 ATS in this series.

NCS is 24-13 ATS the last 37 as a home dog, but are 0-3 ATS L2Y.
Wolfpack is 5-2 SU and ATS in their Carter-Finley finales.

CHUCK AMATO (Career 15-9)

3rd Year at N Carolina State

Amato's records AT NC STATE

15-9	Straight Up	5-4	Home Favorite
11-11	Vs The Spread	0-3	Home Dog
4-4	Off A S/U Loss	1-4	Away Favorite
8-8	Vs Conference	5-0	Away Dog
		3-3	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (15,24,3)
Lost: 17 (12,5,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,254

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-8	6-5	7-4	6-6	7-4	7-4	39-39
ATS	4-5-1	4-7	5-5-1	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	34-40-2
Home Fav	0-2	2-0	1-2-1	0-4	1-0	3-2	2-2	9-12-1
Home Dog	2-1	1-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	8-8
Away Fav	2-0	0-0	1-1	2-2	0-2	0-2	1-2	6-9
Away Dog	0-2-1	1-5	2-1	1-0	2-3	3-0	2-0	11-11-1
Favorite	2-2	2-0	2-3-1	2-6	1-2	3-4	3-4	15-21-1
Dog	2-3-1	2-7	3-2	3-0	4-4	3-1	2-2	19-19-1
Grass	4-5-1	4-7	4-5-1	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	33-40-2
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	25-29-2
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	9-11
Off SU Win	2-1	1-2	3-2	3-4	1-4	4-2	2-4	16-19
Off SU Loss	2-4-1	3-4	1-3-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	2-2	15-18-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ray Robinson	200	873	89	784	10	3.9
Olin Hannum	46	295	31	264	1	5.7
Cotra Jackson	**28**	**145**	**8**	**137**	**0**	**4.9**
Philip Rivers	**53**	**114**	**133**	**-33**	**2**	**-0.6**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Philip Rivers	**408**	**266**	**65.2**	**2775**	**17**	**8**
Olin Hannum	14	6	42.9	102	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ray Robinson	56	408	7.3	1	47
Bryan Peterson	**51**	**682**	**13.4**	**2**	**55**
Willie Wright	48	504	10.5	5	45
Jerricho Cotchery	**42**	**482**	**11.5**	**4**	**31**
Cotra Jackson	**23**	**172**	**7.5**	**2**	**38**
Dovonte Edwards	**19**	**211**	**11.1**	**2**	**56**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Austin Herbert	**58**	**2367**	**40.8**	**–**	**35.2**	**0**	**14**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Kiker	**9-9**	**5-5**	**1-2**	**0-0**	**15-16**	**41**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Levar Fisher	148	2	2	2	0
Dantonio Burnette	**119**	**2**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Terrence Holt	**113**	**0**	**5**	**5**	**1**
Brian Jamison	83	2	2	1	0
Julius Patterson	**69**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**1**
Brian Williams	64	0	0	9	3
Marcus Hudson	**54**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**1**
Corey Smith	51	6	4	2	0
Roger Pollard	**48**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**0**
George Anderson	**40**	**4**	**6**	**0**	**0**
JJ Washington	**36**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Terrance Martin	**32**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1**
Sean Locklear	**28**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Terrance Chapman	**26**	**8**	**3**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerricho Cotchery	11	104	9.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Golden	17	391	23.0	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Hall of Fame	+14'	Michigan	7-42	L
94	Peach	+6'	Mississippi St	28-24	W
98	MicronPC	+6'	Miami (Fla)	23-46	L
00	MicronPC	+3'	Minnesota	38-30	W
01	Tangerine	E	Pittsburgh	19-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.6	20	111	3.5	242	64.5	13.3	+8	2001	6	21.4	21	142	3.4	222	58.6	17.0
4	31.6	21	104	3.3	294	53.8	12.6	+4	2000	8	28.2	22	200	4.2	186	55.2	13.7
5*	20.3	18	113	3.1	211	50.8	16.0	+2	1999	6	25.2	20	157	3.6	202	53.9	14.3
6*	30.5	22	147	4.0	300	51.7	14.7	0	1998	4	29.3	20	176	4.4	216	53.4	13.4
8*	29.6	22	179	4.4	222	56.8	13.6	-3	1997	9	24.4	19	131	3.5	249	55.3	15.6
6	24.4	19	140	3.4	213	46.4	14.5	-11	1996	5	36.5	22	227	4.9	200	55.1	11.7

	OFFENSE					2001 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS by	TURN
Indiana	19	35-118	3.4	22-34	243	1	18	34-106	3.1	19-33	170	3	+2
at SMU	17	26-73	2.8	21-31	215	2	18	44-165	3.8	13-23	151	3	+2
N Carolina	14	20-52	2.6	25-45	309	2	21	49-161	3.3	17-29	186	3	+1
at Wake Forest	22	47-141	3.0	20-32	180	3	17	50-221	4.4	6-18	95	2	+3
Clemson	21	21-21	1.0	25-48	331	3	28	52-234	4.5	23-27	333	2	+1
at Georgia Tech	15	26-41	1.6	20-32	223	4	25	43-124	2.9	24-39	256	2	-2
Virginia	22	45-196	4.4	21-30	217	1	12	30-66	2.2	15-29	149	2	-1
at Duke	14	25-193	7.7	14-23	189	2	35	44-117	2.7	31-54	400	5	+2
at Florida St	26	38-187	4.9	27-35	276	0	25	28-132	4.7	20-35	302	1	+1
Maryland	19	33-38	1.2	27-43	275	2	22	36-103	2.9	27-41	296	2	+1
Ohio U	26	39 168	4.3	26 32	254	1	11	44 133	3.0	6 14	52	6	0
†Pittsburgh	19	26 105	4.0	26 40	189	4	20	39 136	3.5	18 32	271	3	-2
TOTALS	234	381-1333	3.5	274-425	2901	25	252	493-1698	3.4	219-374	2661	34	+8
AVERAGES	19.5	32-111	3.5	23-35	242	2.1	21.0	41-142	3.4	18-31	222	2.8	0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse (OT)	+25	32-31	W
at Duke	-7'	45-14	W
Clemson	-2'	17-19	L
N Illinois	-35'	41-14	L
at Wake Forest	-7	18-19	L
at Georgia Tech	+5'	17-27	L
N Carolina	+12'	7-20	L
at Florida St	+29'	35-48	W
Maryland	-17	45-28	T
Virginia	+2'	31-24	W
E Carolina	-10	37-24	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-12	34-31	L
Florida St	+26	24-7	W
at Baylor	-3'	30-33	L
Syracuse	+12'	38-17	W
Georgia Tech	-2	24-47	L
Duke	-10'	27-24	L
at Virginia	+10'	13-23	W
at Clemson	-4	46-39	W
Wake Forest	-14	38-27	L
at Maryland	-10	35-21	W
at N Carolina (OT)	-2'	34-37	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+9'	23-20	W
S Carolina	-7'	10-0	W
William & Mary	NL	38-9	–
at Florida St	+28	11-42	L
at Wake Forest	-7	7-31	L
Clemson	+1'	35-31	W
Virginia	E/+1	26-47	L
at Duke (OT)	+2'	31-24	W
at Georgia Tech	+17	21-48	L
Maryland	+1'	30-17	W
† N Carolina	-12	6-10	L
at E Carolina	+8	6-23	L

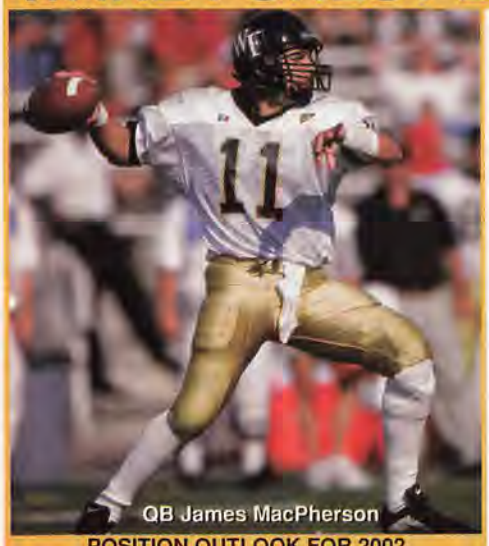
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St (2OT)	-15'	38-31	L
at Indiana	+7	41-38	W
SMU	-9	41-0	W
Georgia Tech (OT)	-3	30-23	W
at Clemson	+21'	27-34	W
at N Carolina	+1'	38-20	W
Florida St	+18	14-58	L
at Maryland (2OT)	-6	28-35	L
Duke	-18'	35-31	L
at Virginia	-1	17-24	L
Wake Forest	-15	32-14	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	-7	35-14	W
at SMU	-15'	26-17	L
N Carolina	-1'	9-17	L
at Wake Forest	-4	17-14	L
Clemson	+3	37-45	L
at Georgia Tech	+12	17-27	W
Virginia	-7	24-0	W
at Duke	-17	55-31	W
at Florida St	+18	34-28	W
Maryland	+3	19-23	L
Ohio U	-24'	27-7	L

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS


QB James MacPherson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Former HC Jim Caldwell's biggest signee ever was CJ Leak (PS#8), but unfortunately he was injured 3 games into his soph season in 2000. James MacPherson, who was in danger of missing most of the year when he tore his ACL at the end of spring, returned when Leak went down. MacPherson played in 9 games overall, starting 3. He proved to be an effective passer with a strong arm, throwing for 1,324 yards (54.6) but he had a 3-6 ratio. Anthony Young (6-3 198 Jr) started the other 5 games in Leak's absence and has excellent speed and mobility and he is more of an option-type QB that ran for 570 yards (7.2), while passing for 269 (60%) and had a 3-2 ratio. Young became the first true frosh to start here since 1978. The combination of Young and MacPherson reminded me of Navy's effective combo of McCoy (runner) and Fay (passer) who led Navy to a 9-3 record including a bowl in 1996. Last year in this magazine I said that Grobe had a history of running the option offense and expected Young to be the starter with MacPherson providing the passing support. Young did indeed start 5 of the first 6 games until he re-aggravated a foot injury that had bothered him all season and missed the final 5 games. For the year Young rushed for 239 yards while passing for 216 (42.1%) with a 2-3 ratio. MacPherson took over but sprained his left ankle against Florida St and got in just 2 series against NC State. He was healthy the rest of the year and took every snap at QB in the final 5 games. MacPherson ended up throwing for 1,555 yards (54.1%) with a 5-11 ratio while also rushing for 238. This year both are back, but Young has been moved to WR. Coaches like their own recruits and Grobe brought in a pair of frosh last year and was able to redshirt both of them despite Young's injury. Nick Smith (6-1 185 rFr) was PS#61 but was not on the roster this spring. Cory Randolph (6-1 180 rFr) was PS#116 and is effective running the option. True frosh Zac Taylor (PS#55) originally committed to Okla St. This unit is more experienced and I look for improved numbers in the second year of running Grobe's system.

RUNNING BACKS - Wake had averaged just 93, 51, 65, 106 and 65 ypg rushing from 1994-1998 in a finesse pass attack. Caldwell had some powerful backs and a veteran offensive line in 1999 and the team averaged 175 ypg rushing (3.6), showing solid improvement. In 2000, even with considerable losses among the O-line and RB's, they still averaged a respectable 150 ypg (3.6). Tarence Williams rushed for 661 yards and a nifty 5.1 that season. He returned last year with a veteran O-line and topped 1,000 yards (1,018), averaging 4.1 ypc with 10 TD's despite missing some time due to injuries, and he had 100+ yard games in the final 3. RB Fred Staton (PS#47) was the only player to report overweight to the team last fall as he came in at 230. He trimmed down to 205 by the opener. Staton began to see action vs Duke (9 yds) and Clemson where he totaled 93. Williams sprained his ankle in the Clemson game and Staton started vs Virginia he rushed for 109 in the first half vs UVA and finished with 151 yards and it would have been more except he injured his toe. Nick Burney (6-3 214 Jr, PS#95), who had just 25 yards in the first 7 games, rushed for 67 yards vs Virginia. For the season Staton rushed for 583 (4.3) and Burney 139 (4.3). FB Ovie Mughelli (6-2 248 Sr) is an outstanding blocker who was also used as a TE and is a top-notch athlete. Everyone is back this year and they get the addition of Cornelius Birgs (5-10 198, rFr) and some solid true frosh. Naturally with everyone back this unit looks stronger in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year everyone returned to this group including the under-used John Stone who was an ACC track champ and is arguably the fastest player in the ACC. He had just 22 touches in 2000 but Grobe got it in his hands 103 times (including KR's and 58 rushes) in 2001. The team did suffer a loss when leading returning receiver Ira Williams (45 rec's in 2000) broke his foot on the first day of fall camp. Williams managed just 5 rec's in 6 games. Ray Thomas, who was on the All-Canada team in HS, returned to the starting TE job. After having just 3 receptions in the first four games, he had 17 in the final 7. He's back for his senior year and is backed by PS#41TE Josh Warren. I list the receivers below and Jason Anderson (PS#160) actually led the team in receiving last year as a rFr with 28 catches (16.9). Fabian Davis was the #2 receiver with 24 (12.8). The only losses this year are Stone (11 sts, 23 rec, 12.8 ypc, 315 yards rushing) and Ira Williams. Stone's speed will be missed, especially in the running game. They do add ex-QB Anthony Young and he should be a fine WR. This year's unit is actually more experienced and could post better numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Jim Caldwell's linemen generally topped 300 lbs (the top-notch OL in WF's bowl season avg'd 6-5 310) and usually played the entire game. Grobe made two changes, having the linemen slim down and also rotating an average of 10 players during the game. They also moved tackle Michael Collins inside to provide more run blocking power up the middle. The top OL's were C Vince Azzolina and LG Collins. The O-line did a tremendous job, and in fact, Williams said that his grandmother could have run behind the holes that they provided as the team led the ACC in rush offense. Last year's line opened holes for 4.0 ypc rushing and allowed just 12 sacks (#1 in ACC). This year they suffer some losses in Azzolina (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, HM ACC), Collins (PS#64, 11 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm ACC) and backup LG Seth Houk (9 sts in 2000, backup LY). Basically 3 players return who started the final 5 games last season together. Even though this group is a little less experienced and loses its top 2 OL's, they should have yet another fine offensive front and are now in the 2nd year of the Grobe system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When Wake was a bowl team in 1999 their DL was very formidable. In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters including a 2nd round DC and 2 backups and went from allowing 3.3 ypc rushing to 4.7. Grobe came in last year and switched the team from a 4-3 to 3-4 and had to replace 1 full-time and 1 part-time starter but 3 players were back with 8 or more starts. He then brought in an excellent class of true frosh. Goryal Scales played right away at NT in the first 2 games, but then was injured and ended up redshirting. WF allowed just 3.7 ypc rushing and 24 sacks. This year they lose a top player in DE Nathan Bolling (11 sts, 73 tkls, 5 sks, 16 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC). Five of the top 6 are back including Calvin Pace (PS#179) who is on "pace" to become the team's all-time career sack leader as he already has 21 including 9 and 10 the last 2 years. The excellent crop of freshmen from last year, could make an impact in 2002, as could this year's crop of true frosh (see Top Newcomers), which includes PS#82OL Dan Orlebar, who was a two way standout in HS. Despite the loss of Bolling, this unit is almost as experienced as last year's group and could be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Wake began last year in the 3-4 defense but switched to a 3-3-5 by year's end due to injuries. They're toying with staying in a 3-3-5 defense this year and I will list the SS at OLB as he takes on that position's responsibilities and the nickleback in the 4 man secondary. The emphasis of Grobe's defense is the ILB, and last year they had 2 starters returning to the 4 man unit. This year they must replace OLB Ed Kargbo-Okorogie (11 sts, 70 tkls, 7 tfl) and Marquis Hopkins (11 sts, 125 tkls, 8 tfl) but do have 2 of the 4 starters again returning. They also get a super newcomer in Bryan Andrews who is the first Parade AA to sign here since 1984. I list the 2 deep below and while this is not an overwhelming unit, it does look a little stronger in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Prior to their bowl season the highest WF had finished in my pass D rankings was #82, but in 1999 they moved up to #47. They had to replace 3 starters including a 4th round DC in 2000 and then lost the returning starter to grades. The inexperienced unit plummeted to #97 in 2000. Basically everyone was expected to return to the unit last year but 2 players who combined for 14 starts were lost prior to the season. It was still a much more experienced unit and they finished #99, allowing 61.8% with a 21-13 ratio. This year they must replace CB Adrian Duncan (4 sts, 25 tkls, 3 pbu) and Walter Simmons (2 sts, 23 tkls, 2 sks). Both of the CB's were 5-9 last year and it wouldn't surprise me to see some taller backups contend for starting spots. Basically all 4 starters return, making this unit even more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the 7 years prior to 2001 Wake's highest special teams ranking was #43 in 1997. Last year they had all of their top returnmen back, including the blazing speed of John Stone, and also returned their strong legged kicker Tyler Ashe and punter Matt Brennie. The unit had finished #58 in the special teams rankings in 2000 and I called them a Top 25 contender last year. They just made it, finishing #24 in my rankings despite some problems in the punting game. Brennie had a sore hamstring and missed the opener and would get in just six punts overall after booting 63 (42.0) in 2000. QB James MacPherson was the most effective punter and he averaged 42.4 on his 12 punts but unfortunately he was injured vs Florida St and that cut into his punting duties. Chris Rolle took over and got in 33 punts as a frosh (37.8). Ashe had been inconsistent as a kicker, hitting just 5 of 10 FG's in 2000. In the 2001 opener he missed 2 FG's and an XP and Grobe laid down the law. He said if he was not more consistent then he would lose his job. Grobe then put him into a kicking battle with Chris Strappel, a true frosh. Ashe survived the competition and would hit 9 of 10 FG's the rest of the year. Stone averaged a super 26.7 on his KR's (2nd best in the ACC and 16th best in the country) and he clearly will be missed. Fabian Davis averaged 10.8 on his PR's and is back and also averaged 23.2 on KR's so they still should be fairly solid in that area. With the loss of Ashe and Stone, two high quality performers, this unit will likely drop some in my special teams rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called for Wake Forest to have a winning record and get to a bowl and they accomplished just that, getting their first bowl bid since 1992. They had a very inexperienced team in 2000 with just 4 starters returning and fell to 2-9, being outscored by an average of 16.4 ppg with -9 in turnovers. Last year they had the most veteran team in the ACC with 19 starters returning and just 13 lettermen lost. Despite that factor, I called for Wake to finish last in the ACC but Jim Grobe did a tremendous job, guiding the team to bowl eligibility at 6-5 even though they did not land a bowl bid. The majority of Wake's games were close as 9 of their 11 games were decided by 7 points or less. They achieved their 2nd winning season in 3 years with some big comebacks. They trailed N Carolina 24-0 at the half and emerged victorious and also trailed Virginia 23-13 in the 4Q but rallied. Of the 22 players who started in the season finale last year, 16 were underclassmen. Four of their 6 wins came on the road last year and they have won 3 straight on the ACC road. This year they have 15 seniors with 16 starters returning and must replace just 18 lettermen. Despite their winning record last year, WF was outscored by an average of 1.8 ppg but made dramatic strides on both sides of the ball. Offensively they actually led the ACC in rushing, averaging 221.6 ypg and they look strong in that area once again with RB Williams back. Defensively, they went from allowing 32.9 ppg to 28.3 and with 8 starters back on that side of the ball should show continued improvement. Grobe surprised me last year and the team does have 3 winnable non-conf games. They have a shot at flirting with their 2nd consecutive winning record but it might be tough to top last year's 6-5 mark.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB JAMES MacPHERSON SR. 6-2 197 Last 3 starts in 2000, 1324 yds (55%) 3-6 ratio. 6 sts LY, 1555 yds (54.1%), 5-11 ratio, 238 rush. **Cory Randolph** (6-1 180 rFr) is PS#116.

RB TARENCE WILLIAMS SR. 5-10 178 PS#154. 9 sts in 2000, 661 yds (5.1), 12 rec (6.0). 9 sts LY, 1018 yds (4.1), 2nd Tm ACC. Fred Staton (6-0 223 Jr) **PS#47**. 2 sts, 583 yds (4.3).

WR ANTHONY YOUNG JR. 6-3 198 PS#136QB. 5 sts, 269 yds pass, 570 rush as true. 5 sts at QB LY, 216 pass (42%), 239 rush (inj plagued). Maurice Moten (6-0 164 rFr).

WR Fabian Davis Sr. 5-11 180 PS#105. 2 sts, 7 rec (13.6) as rFr. 11 sts, 33 rec (**18.1**) in 2000, #6 in ACC in triple jump. 24 rec (12.8) LY. Derek Tharpe (6-0 180 rFr) PS#196DB.

WR JASON ANDERSON SO. 6-3 189 PS#190. 11 sts as rFr, 28 rec (16.9). Jax Landfried (5-9 175 Sr) 1 st in '00, 10 rec. 5 sts LY, 20 rec (19.8). Cassiel Smith (6-2 190 rFr) PS#170.

TE RAY THOMAS SR. 6-4 245 Canadian. 10 sts in 2000, 18 rec (10.2). 9 sts LY, 20 rec (12.1). Josh Warren (6-4 245 Jr) PS#41. RD Montgomery (6-6 231 So) **PS#82DL.**

C Blake Lingruen So. 6-4 275 PS#354OL. 2nd string C as rFr & lettered. Craig Jones (6-1 280 rFr) PS#240OL & RS LY. Kreg Rotthoff (6-3 275 rFr) PS#464, 5.1 spd.

RG BLAKE HENRY SR. 6-6 301 PS#82. 3 sts at Northwestern as **true**. Transfer. 4 sts at LT here in 2000. 7 sts at RG LY incl L/6. Brian Woychik (6-6 290 So) PS#259.

LG David Walters Sr. 6-3 290 PS#63OL & orig at Iowa. 2 sts at RT here LY. Masanori Toguchi (6-3 284 Sr) 5 gms at C in '99. 4 tkls on DL in 2000. Lettered on OL LY.

RT MARK MOROZ JR. 6-4 270 Canadian. 3 sts at TE as true. Last 5 starts at RT in 2001. **Tim Bennett** (6-4 285 Sr) **PS#60**. 3 sts in 2000, 4 sts LY, injury plagued career.

LT TYSON CLABO JR. 6-6 307 PS#204OL, 10 games as backup OT, 1 start at RG as **true**. 11 sts at LT in 2001. Ryan Tekampe (6-5 268 So) PS#361OL and zero letters.

K Chris Strappel rFr. 6-0 180 PS#52K. Walk-on. Hit 14 of 18 FG's with long of 53 in HS & 85% of KO's into the endzone. Matt Wisnosky (6-1 190 So) PS#39K in 2000.

DE CALVIN PACE SR. 6-6 260 PS#179. 10 sts in 2000, 50 tkls, **9 sks**, 3 tfl. 11 sts LY, 62 tkls, **10 sks**, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm ACC**. Jerome Nichols (6-2 260 So) PS#37TE. Chad Rebar (6-3 281 Jr).

NT MONTIQUE SHARPE SR. 6-3 287 PS#153. 8 sts, 34 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 52 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl LY. **Goryal Scales** (6-0 264 rFr) PS#92. 2 gms as true. Joe Salsich (6-4 266 So) PS#220.

DE Jason Finklea rFr. 6-5 258 **PS#114**. **Roderick Stephen** (6-4 250 Sr) PS#167, 2 sts, 47 tkls, 6 tfl, 3Y. Arthur Orlebar (6-4 245 rFr) PS#157. Cardell Richardson (6-2 259 So) PS#159LB.

OLB Mike Hamlar So. 6-2 200 PS#225RB. First 4 starts as rFr (inj'd), 21 tkls, 1 int. Jamaal Argrow (6-1 217 Jr) 17 tkls in 3Y, Med RS. Garrett Young (6-3 220 rFr) is PS#296.

ILB KELLEN BRANTLEY JR. 6-3 236 26 tkls, 11 gms as true. 11 sts LY, 95 tkls, 3 sks, 8 tfl, 3 int, 4 pbu. Dion Williams (6-1 239 Jr) 30 tkls, 2Y. Brad White (6-1 216 So) PS#115TE. **Georgia** trans.

OLB Jamie Scott Sr. 6-0 218 PS#62RB. 196 yds rush in 1999 & 2000. **Bryan Andrews** (6-6 225) is **PS#15LB**. Trevor Harris (6-2 217 So) PS#213DL, 7 tkls, 9 gms as rFr.

OLB CARON BRACY SO. 6-0 213 PS#137RB. 6 sts LY (5 at SS, 1 at OLB), 39 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Warren Braxton (6-0 204 So) PS#353RB, 6 tkls in 2000 as a true. RS in 2001.

CB MARCUS McGRUDER SO. 5-9 180 PS#235. 11 sts as rFr. 52 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu, 2 sks. Ricky Perez (6-1 173 Jr) 1 st in 2000, 13 tkls, 1 pbu. 3 tkls LY. Riley Swanson is PS#129.

CB ERIC KING SO. 5-9 183 PS#322. Last 7 sts as rFr, 55 tkls, 2 tfl, 6 pbu. **Josh Gattis** (6-2 180) is PS#70DB this year. Daryl Shaw (5-9 171 Jr) 3 tkls in 2001.

NB OBI CHUKWUMAH JR. 6-2 200 PS#144DB. 4 sts at FS in 2000, 18 tkls, 1 int. 10 sts LY (5 at FS, 5 at NB), 53 tkls, 2 pbu, 2 tfl. Dominic Anderson (6-0 190 rFr) PS#101RB.

FS QUINTIN WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 195 PS#315RB. 6 sts as true, 31 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts LY (last 7 at FS), 72 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu, 1 tfl. Drew Dayton (5-11 175 Jr) 7 tkls in 2 yrs.

P CHRIS ROLLE JR. 5-11 189 33 punts in 2001, 37.8 avg, 5 inside the 20, net of 34.8. James MacPherson had 12 punts LY, **42.4 avg** until inj. Matt Wisnosky is PS#39K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Bryan Andrews 6-6 225 PS#15	
OL	Daniel Orlebar 6-4 285 PS#82	
QB	Zac Taylor 6-3 180 PS#55	
DB	Josh Gattis 6-2 180 PS#70	
DL	Jyles Tucker 6-4 245 PS#86	
OL	Dan Callahan 6-3 275 PS#112	
DB	Napoleon Sykes 5-10 180 PS#89	
DL	Damon McWhite 6-2 230 PS#107	
RB	Chris Barclay 5-10 170 PS#123	
DB	Riley Swanson 5-10 170 PS#129	
DL	Jamil Smith 6-4 275 PS#146	
LB	Patrick Ghee 6-2 210 PS#169	
DB	James Adams 6-3 208 PS#189	
LB	Pierre Easley 6-0 230 PS#190	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WF	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Wake Forest is 3-7-1 ATS off a SU win the last 3 years. *The Tobacco Road teams are N Carolina, Duke, NC State and Wake Forest.
Aug. 29	at N Illinois (Thur)	A						Wake Forest is 4-8 ATS in their last 12 road openers. Deacons have played only 1 other lined Thurs gm S/'80, a 9 pt cover as a HF.
Sep. 7	E Carolina	G						WF has covered as a DD dog in each of the last 2 series meetings. The '97 meeting was decided by 1 pt and LY's meeting was a 2 pt affair.
Sep. 14	at NC State	G						WF is 15-8 ATS their L/23 September games and 8-4 ATS in Sept AG's. Demon Deacons are 5-9 ATS last 14 but 4-1 ATS last 5 years in this series.
Sep. 21	at Purdue	G						Could apply: WF is 7-1 ATS as a double digit non-conference dog. This is Wake's 1st meeting with a Big 10 team other than Northwestern S/'88.
Sep. 28	Virginia	G						LY's Deacons win broke a streak of 17 consecutive SU losses in this series. Wake Forest is 6-12 ATS in the last 18 series meetings.
Oct. 5	at Georgia Tech	G						WF is 7-2 ATS in their last 9 sandwiched road games. The home team is 7-0 ATS in the series.
Oct. 12	Duke (HC)	G						Coming into 2002 the visitor was 24-14-1 ATS when WF played a Tobacco Road team.* Pending earlier results, WF is 9-6-1 ATS in their last 16 sandwiched HG's.
Oct. 19	at Clemson	G						The Tigers have won 7 of the last 9 meetings SU, but... ...Wake Forest is 8-3-1 ATS the last 12 vs the Tigers (0-2-1 the L3Y).
Oct. 26	N Carolina	G						The favorite is 5-2-1 ATS in the series. (NC fav 7 times, WF 1) The home team is 0-11-1 ATS in this instate rivalry.
Nov. 2	Florida St	G						FSU has outscored WF 459-95 the last 10 years with an average margin of victory of 36.4 ppg but WF is 4-0 ATS the last 4 years.
Nov. 9								Bonus Angle: WF is 1-5 ATS the week prior to a bye.
Nov. 16								
Nov. 23	Navy	G						Demon Deacons are 2-5-1 ATS their last 8 games after a bye. The home team is only 2-5 ATS when WF plays a service academy.
Nov. 30	at Maryland	G						The favorite is 5-1 ATS in the L/6 series meetings (MD fav 5 times, WF 1). Wake Forest won LY under Grobe, but is 1-6 ATS in road finales the L7Y.

JIM GROBE (Career 39-38-1)
2nd Year at Wake Forest

Grobe's records AT WAKE FOREST

6-5 Straight Up	0-1 Home Favorite
6-3-1 Vs The Spread	2-1-1 Home Dog
3-2 Off A S/U Loss	0-1 Away Favorite
5-2-1 Vs Conference	4-0 Away Dog
1-1 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,19,1)
Lost: 18 (8,7,3)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,092

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	5-6	3-8	6-5	2-9	6-5	26-51
ATS	5-4-1	4-6	8-3	5-5	6-5	3-7	6-3-1	37-33-2
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-4
Home Dog	3-1	2-3	3-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-1-1	15-12-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-1	3-4
Away Dog	2-3-1	2-3	3-1	3-1	1-1	1-4	4-0	16-13-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-1	0-2	6-8
Dog	5-4-1	4-6	6-2	4-3	3-3	3-6	6-1-1	31-25-2
Grass	5-3-1	4-6	8-3	5-5	5-5	3-7	6-3-1	36-32-2
Artificial	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-5	6-2	4-4	4-4	1-7	5-2-1	27-27-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	10-6
Off SU Win	1-0	1-2	3-2	1-1	0-5	1-1	2-1-1	9-12-1
Off SU Loss	4-4-1	3-4	4-1	4-3	5-0	2-6	3-2	25-20-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tarence Williams	249	1062	44	1018	10	4.1
Fred Staton	137	607	24	583	7	4.3
John Stone	58	336	21	315	4	5.4
Anthony Young	39	239	48	191	1	4.9
Nick Burney	32	146	7	139	2	4.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
James MacPherson	209	113	54.1	1555	5	11
Anthony Young	38	16	42.1	216	2	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Anderson	28	472	16.9	2	64
Fabian Davis	24	306	12.8	2	47
John Stone	23	294	12.8	1	45
Jax Landfried	20	396	19.8	1	44
Ray Thomas	20	241	12.1	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Rolle	33	1246	37.8	–	34.8	0	5

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tyler Ashe	4-4	5-7	2-3	0-0	11-14	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marquis Hopkins	125	2	6	4	0
Kellen Brantley	95	3	8	4	3
Nate Bolling	73	5	16	1	0
Quintin Williams	72	0	1	11	2
Ed Kargbo-Okorogie	70	2	5	3	2
Calvin Pace	62	10	8	1	0
Eric King	55	0	2	6	0
Obi Chukwumah	53	0	2	2	0
Montique Sharpe	52	5	2	2	0
Marcus McGruder	52	2	1	9	3
Caron Bracy	39	0	2	2	1
Jamie Scott	31	0	1	1	0
Adrian Duncan	25	1	2	3	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fabian Davis	30	323	10.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Stone	22	588	26.7	1
Fabian Davis	10	232	23.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
45	Gator	NL	S Carolina	26-14	–
48	Dixie	NL	Baylor	7-20	–
79	Tangerine	+7	LSU	10-34	L
92	Independence	+3'	Oregon	39-35	W
99	Aloha	+3	Arizona St	23-3	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WAKE FOREST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	26.5	22	222	4.0	169	52.0	14.7	-3	2001	8	28.3	20	140	3.7	245	61.8	13.6
3	16.5	18	150	3.6	176	52.5	19.8	-9	2000	1	32.9	21	206	4.7	227	58.0	13.2
6	22.2	17	175	3.6	145	57.6	14.4	+7	1999	7	17.4	17	119	3.3	188	53.7	17.6
8*	21.4	19	65	2.2	287	56.0	16.5	-4	1998	7	30.5	19	187	4.2	214	59.5	13.2
9*	22.3	20	106	2.9	253	60.2	16.1	-15	1997	8	26.2	18	96	2.9	264	60.3	13.8
7	13.1	17	65	2.1	254	50.6	24.4	-4	1996	7	34.0	23	255	5.2	221	57.6	14.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at E Carolina	24	69-290	4.2	9-16	161	2	17	25-63	2.5	18-34	231	4	+2
Appalachian St	22	55-209	3.8	12-19	174	0	16	33-157	4.8	15-25	125	1	0
Maryland	18	46-163	3.5	17-32	216	1	24	51-297	5.8	16-23	222	3	0
at Florida St	26	57-265	4.6	10-25	171	1	27	43-154	3.6	17-28	358	3	-2
NC State	17	50-221	4.4	6-18	95	2	22	47-141	3.0	20-32	180	3	-3
at Duke	20	62-265	4.3	12-20	144	2	19	33-81	2.5	21-36	251	6	+2
Clemson	24	60-193	3.2	8-16	151	1	19	41-177	4.3	16-27	211	1	-2
at Virginia	22	51-248	4.9	12-19	233	0	22	33-152	4.6	28-46	287	2	-2
at N Carolina	24	58-212	3.7	14-24	142	0	21	34-54	1.6	24-32	361	4	+3
Georgia Tech	23	43-140	3.3	18-39	210	2	20	47-146	3.1	20-27	267	5	-1
N Illinois	27	58-232	4.0	13-24	157	1	17	36-122	3.4	14-28	201	1	0
TOTALS	247	609-2438	4.0	131-252	1854	12	224	423-1544	3.7	209-338	2694	33	-3
AVERAGES	22.5	55-222	4.0	12-23	169	1.1	20.4	38-140	3.7	19-31	245	3.0	-0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern	+13'	27-20	W
at E Carolina	+12	24-25	W
Georgia Tech	+7'	26-28	W
NC State	+7	19-18	W
at Virginia	+10	13-21	W
at N Carolina	+24	12-30	W
Maryland	-7'	35-17	W
at Duke	-3'	38-24	W
Clemson	+3	16-33	L
at Rutgers	-19	28-14	L
at Florida St	+34	7-58	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Air Force	-.5	0-42	L
Navy	-9	26-14	W
at Clemson	+6	29-19	W
Appalachian St (OT)	NL	27-30	–
Duke	-5	16-19	L
at Maryland	+1	20-10	W
N Carolina	+4	31-38	L
Virginia	+12'	17-38	L
at NC State	+14	27-38	W
Florida St	+28	7-24	W
at Georgia Tech	+17	35-63	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Army	-2'	34-15	W
at Virginia	+10'	7-35	L
NC State	+7	31-7	W
Rutgers	-17	17-10	L
Maryland	+1	14-17	L
at Florida St	+31	10-33	W
UAB	-6'	47-3	W
Clemson	+4'	3-12	L
at N Carolina	-8	19-3	W
at Duke	-4	35-48	L
Georgia Tech	+9	26-23	W

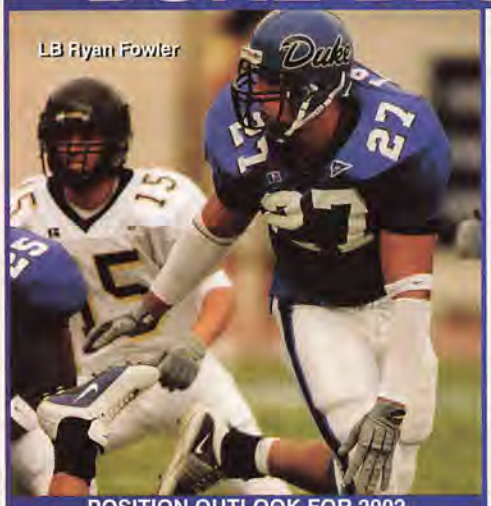
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	16-20	–
N Carolina	+11'	14-35	L
at Clemson	+33	7-55	L
Virginia	+16'	10-27	L
Vanderbilt	+10'	10-17	W
at Georgia Tech	+24'	20-52	L
at Maryland	+12'	7-37	L
Duke	-4'	28-26	L
Florida St	+48	6-35	W
at Navy	+2'	49-26	W
at NC State	+15	14-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	+16	21-19	W
Appalachian St	NL	20-10	–
Maryland	+6	20-27	L
at Florida St	+26'	24-48	W
NC State	+4	14-17	W
at Duke	-8'	42-35	L
Clemson	+7	14-21	T
at Virginia	+3	34-30	W
at N Carolina	+13'	32-31	W
Georgia Tech	+8	33-38	W
N Illinois	-10'	38-35	L

DUKE BLUE DEVILS



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Carl Franks brought his Airborne Offense here in 1999 but the QB position had been in a state of flux for the last 5 years. In his second year he turned the offense over to soph D Bryant who started 7 games and threw for 1,448 yards with a 5-10 ratio while rushing for 201. Bryant has a very strong arm and is also athletic. Bryant won the award as the most improved offensive player in the spring last year and started all 11 games, throwing for 2,454 yards. He only had an 11-17 ratio however, and completed 48.7% while rushing for just 215 yards. He was PS#32 and should have his best season as a senior. Adam Smith (6-5 205 So) was PS#90 and got in 13 passes for 30 yards last year. Chris Wispelway (6-5 220 So, PS#71) had 4 passes and 55 yards in limited action. This year they add transfer Chris Dapolito (6-3 215 So), who was PS#48 and opted to leave Rutgers over the 2001 summer. This is a fairly deep group and should show marked improvement in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1998 Duke rushed for 147 ypg thanks to true frosh BJ Hill. Despite having almost everyone back the next two years, they averaged just 73.7 ypg in 1999 (lowest in the ACC) and 82.4 with a 2.4 ypc in 2000. Hill suffered some injuries and eventually moved to DB. Their leading rusher in 2000 was Chris Douglas (4.3 speed) who had 503 yards (4.6), and led all frosh in the country in all-purpose yards. Last year he set a Duke record for all-purpose yards to rank 7th nationally and finished with 841 yards (3.9) rushing. The team's average did go up to 113 ypg in 2001 but with only a 3.0 ypc. FB Alex Wade was PS#87 and is perhaps the strongest player on the team with a 390 bench. In the spring the two deep shows a FB as a starting position (they have run 3 wides in the past under Franks) and I list that position below. This may be a way to get both Wade and Douglas on the field at the same time but it would not surprise me to predominately see the 3 WR set once again. They do bring in a pair of true frosh that I list below including Malcolm Ruff (PS#37). Douglas should finally top 1,000 yards this season and with everyone back I look for solid improvement.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Duke's receiving corps was extremely young and dropped passes were the norm. TE Mike Hart emerged and led all ACC TE's in receptions with 31 (17.4 ypc) and was voted Team MVP. Almost everyone returned last year but they did lose Jeremy Battier (PS#36) to concussion problems after he had started 3 games as a true frosh with 12 rec's. Reggie Love (PS#40) suffered a hamstring injury and got in just 6 starts. TE Mike Hart was injured and missed the final 2 starts but was still the #2 receiver with 30 (15.9) and once again was the Team MVP. This year they must replace Hart and Battier as well as WR Ben Erdeljac (10 sts, #1 rec, 42, 16.3) and WR Kyle Moore (7 sts, 10, 11.9). Love could be a big time threat this year if he stays healthy (keep in mind he spends the winter playing on the basketball team, so he is definitely a great athlete). TE Nick Brzezinski did get in 4 starts and had 13 rec's, and should be an able replacement for Hart. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Since Franks says he wants to add speed, it would not surprise me to see some of this year's top frosh earn jobs. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Darryl Scott (6-3 210 So, PS#225) and true frosh Ronnie Elliott (5-9 170 PS#120), Eric Lyon (6-2 190 PS#134) and Kendral Felder (6-3 170 PS#152). This group is less experienced than it was last year and while it has the potential to be better, I will simply call it on par with last year's crew.

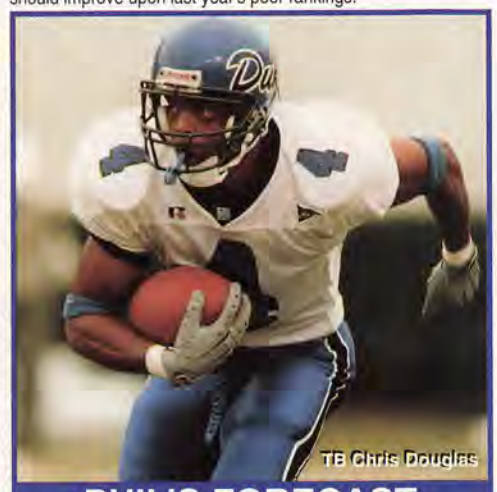
OFFENSIVE LINE - Franks has had an experienced O-line in each of his 3 years here. In his first year he had 4 starters returning and they averaged just 2.2 ypc rushing but did only allow 19 sacks. Seven players returned with starting experience in 2000, including 4 full-time starters, and while the unit improved its rushing ypc to 2.4, they allowed 55 sacks, which sounds like an O-line for an 0-11 team. Last year 3 full-time starters were back but they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups. Clemson DT Bush made a surprising statement saying "Duke's OL is the best we face each year." Last year's group improved the ypc rushing to 3.0 while they trimmed their sack total to 34. This year they must replace C Shawn Lynch (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, Top OL Award) and RG John Miller (10 sts, 3 yr st'r, top OL in 2000). Basically everyone else returns and 8 of the 10 players that I list below in the 2 deep are HT's, so this group does have solid talent and good size with 4 projected starters all at 300 lbs or more and all 5 have started at least 5 games. Despite the loss of 2 quality OL's, I think this unit will be stronger in 2002 and will continue to make strides.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 it was a very inexperienced group that allowed 4.6 ypc and the team recorded just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup but did have 4 players returning with starting experience. The team had run a 3-4 in the first 3 years of Franks' tenure but under new DC Ted Roof have gone to a 4-3 and I list the 2 deep below. Last year's OLB Nate Krill was 260 lbs and more like a DE so I will list him as a loss under the DL. He had 11 starts, 45 tackles, 7 tfl and won the Co-Outstanding DL Award. Also departing are DE Charles Porter (11 sts, 47 tkls, 6 tfl) and DE Tyran Grissom (6 sts, 7 tkls). Although Shawn Johnson had just 5 starts and Grissom 6, I will list Johnson as a returning starter as he was far more productive (31 tkls, 5 tfl) so they have 2 starters returning and 5 of the top 8 are back. There are 8 HT's listed. The Blue Devils allowed a horrible 5.5 ypc rushing last year and the defense recorded just 15 sacks. The 3 players lost were a VHT and 2 HT's, but despite their losses this unit can only improve upon last year's poor showing.

LINEBACKERS - Since I mentioned previously that I was counting Nate Krill as a DL, this unit had to replace just one starter and a pair of backups last year. They got an outstanding addition last year in "true" frosh Jim Scharrer, who was PS#94 in 1995 and played baseball for the Atlanta and Anaheim organizations for 5 years. He had 9 starts missing 2 with injury, and was the #3 tackler. Ryan Fowler, who was the first frosh to lead Duke in tackles since 1988, has been very productive in his 2 seasons. Not listed below is Kurt Miller (6-0 225 Jr) who is PS#129 and had 7 tackles in 2000 but was injured last year, and Akil Ross (6-1 221 Sr) who was PS#40 and had 13 tackles last year but was not on the roster this spring. Overall this year the top 6 LB's return and this is the ACC's most experienced LB corps as the 3 returning starters combined for 279 tackles with the next closest trio being Clemson with 272 so naturally this unit looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 Duke finished #39 in my pass D rankings and despite having all of their starters back in 1999 they dropped to #80. In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation, another to injury and the depleted unit finished #108. Last year they had to replace just one starter but again finished #108, allowing 246.4 (61.1%) and a 25-7 ratio. This year they must replace CB Ronnie Hamilton (11 sts, 47 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu, HM ACC), FS Josh Kreider (11 sts, 54 tkls, 3 pbu), CB Jeff Phillips (4 tkls), SS BJ Hill (46 tkls, 1 pbu, 3 tfl) and CB Derrick Lee (12 tkls). One full-time starter returns as well as 2 players who combined for 6 starts, and I list the 2 deep below. There are not a lot of HT's in this group and I do expect some of this year's true frosh to play immediately. While this is a less experienced secondary than the 2001 version, it can't drop much lower in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Although Duke has not won a lot of games since their 1994 appearance in the Hall of Fame Bowl, they did have outstanding special teams rankings from 1998-2000. They finished #43 in my rankings in 1998. In Franks' first season they moved up to #35 and then in 2000 all the way up to #15 which is a very surprising rating for an 0-11 team. A large part of their high ranking was P Brian Morton who was simply #2 in the NCAA in punting average in 2000 with an average of 45.2 and a net of 39.6. Brent Garber hit 7 of 12 FG's with a long of 47 in 2000 but got just 9 chances last year, hitting 6 with a long of 48. The new punter, Trey McDonald averaged 38.4 but the team had a net of only 30.5. Matt Brooks got in 8 punts (39.0). PR Ronnie Hamilton averaged 8.4 in 2000, including an 84 yd TD against Florida St. He once again got a TD vs FSU last year (68 yarder), and averaged 15.6 (#4 in the NCAA) but now departs. Chris Douglas averaged 20.9 on KR's last year (21.9 in 2000). Douglas is back but another PR must be found. Overall the unit dropped to #105 in my rankings as they allowed 3 blocked punts and 2 defensive TD's while blocking 2 punts and getting a TD. The team did allow 25.4 per KR after allowing just 20.9 in Garber's 1st year and should improve in that area. This unit, even with Hamilton's loss, should be in much better shape at punter and should improve upon last year's poor rankings.



PHIL'S FORECAST

Duke actually led Florida St 6-0 last year in the opener but the season went down hill after that. In the past 35 years Duke has had just 3 seasons of winning more than 6 games. Those came in 1988 and 1989 with Steve Spurrier at the helm and in 1994 in Fred Goldsmith's first season here. Since their Hall of Fame Bowl game in 1994 the team is just 12-65 SU, including 6-50 SU in ACC play and have had 3 winless seasons in the last 6 years. Last year they became the first team in ACC history to have back-to-back 0-11 seasons and they now have a 23 game losing streak. Last year Duke had to replace 21 lettermen and their 34 lettermen returning were the fewest in the ACC which was very surprising because they've been a very young team under Carl Franks. You would think this team would be very experienced as Franks has played a lot of youngsters but they only have 13 returning starters and amazingly have just 2 seniors on the roster, which is by far the lowest amount in the ACC. After being outscored overall by an average of 25 ppg in 2000, Duke was outscored by 25.3 ppg (outgained by 172.3) last year, so they still have a lot of ground to make up. Offensively Duke made some strides last year, increasing their ppg from 14.1 to 19.3 and with 6 starters back including QB D Bryant, they should be more potent once again. Defensively they return 7 starters and can only improve upon last year's paltry numbers. Duke has been -13 and -14 in turnovers in each of the last 2 years and may be more fortunate this year but they have a tough non-conf schedule. My combined power ratings project another winless season, but I think Duke is capable of pulling out at least one win to break their streak.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB D BRYANT SR. 6-3 215 *PS#32. L/7 sts in 2000, 1448 yds (50%), 5-10 ratio. 11 sts LY, 2454 yds (48.7%) 11-17 ratio, 215 rush. Chris Wispelwey. Chris Dapolito (Rut trans).*

TB CHRIS DOUGLAS JR. 5-11 190 *PS#110. 503 yds as rFr (4.6), 22 rec (7.6), 766 KR yds. #7 in NCAA all-purpose yds LY, 841 rush (3.9), 26 rec (9.0).* ***Malcolm Ruff*** *is* ***PS#37.***

FB Alex Wade Jr. 6-1 250 *PS#87RB. 66 yds (3.3), 8 rec (9.8) as rFr. 2 sts LY, 249 yds (3.9), 16 rec (9.9), 390 bench, 595 squat. Zach Novak (6-2 235 So) PS#450RB.*

WR Reggie Love Jr. 6-4 225 *PS#40. 4 sts, 8 rec (12.6) as true. 6 sts LY (hamstring) 18 rec (14.8). Mark Wigal (5-10 185 rFr) PS#81, 10.8 100m. Ben Kittleson (6-0 185 rFr).*

WR KHARY SHARPE SO. 5-11 170 *PS#290. 4.39 spd. 2 rec 1st 4 gms LY, 21 rec in L/7. Senterrio Landrum (5-9 185 So) PS#137, 4.4 spd. 5 rec (8.8) LY. Lance Johnson (6-1 190 So).*

TE Nick Brzezinski Jr. 6-5 245 *PS#21. 4 sts as rFr, 12 rec (14.8). 4 sts LY, 13 rec (10.2). Calen Powell (6-5 235 So) PS#109, 3 rec as rFr. Andy Roland (6-4 225 rFr) PS#53.*

C LUKE BAYER JR. 6-5 285 *PS#281OL. 355 bench, 505 squat, 5.0 spd. 6 sts LY, 531 snaps, discus on track team. Dan Mooney (6-5 295 So) PS#72OL, zero letters.*

RG RUSTY WILSON JR. 6-3 320 *PS#158OL. 7 games as rFr & lettered. 8 starts in 2001 (inj) 606 snaps, 355 bench. Chris Best (6-5 270 rFr) PS#100TE, from Canada.*

LG Daryl Lewis Jr. 6-3 330 *PS#198. 9 sts, 520 snaps as rFr. Missed spg LY w/inj. 5 sts, 358 snaps LY. Joe Boniewicz (6-4 290 So) PS#214DL, 380 bench, 4.7 spd.*

RT Christian Mitchell So. 6-7 325 ***PS#74OL****. 3 games as true until inj. 5 sts in 2001, 381 snaps, 11 games after missing spring w/inj. Jim Moravchik (6-6 305 rFr) PS#94.*

LT DREW STROJNY JR. 6-8 300 ***PS#69****. Started L/8 as rFr, 609 snaps. 11 sts in 2001, 713 snaps. No spring this year, shoulder surgery. Kurt Falke (6-6 300 rFr) PS#253.*

K BRENT GARBER JR. 6-1 195 *PS#53. Hit 7 of 12 FG's as a rFr, long of* ***47****. 6 of 9 FG's in 2001, long of* ***48****, 1 miss from 50+. Matt Brooks (6-1 185 So) is a walk-on.*

DEFENSE

DE SHAWN JOHNSON JR. 6-5 265 *PS#125DL. 6 sts as rFr, 23 tkls, 4 tfl. 5 sts last year, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. David Martin (6-4 240 rFr) PS#217OL. Justin Kitchen is PS#237LB.*

DT MATT ZIELINSKI JR. 6-2 290 *PS#106RB. 1 st as true, 19 tkls (miss 6/inj). Co-Top DL LY, 9 sts, 46 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Cory Broadnax (6-4 260 So) PS#141. Paul Pugsley (6-3 240 So) PS#89TE.*

DT Orrin Thompson So. 6-7 270 *11 gms as* ***true*** *LY, 19 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Demetrius Warrick (6-7 275 rFr) PS#138. Drew Ciepcielinski (6-5 255 So) PS#129TE, 4 tkls, 1 tfl LY.*

DE Micah Harris So. 6-4 235 *PS#152. 1 st at OLB as* ***true****, 31 tkls, 1 int, 2 tfl. Chad Rice (6-3 235 So) PS#211LB, 7 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr, 4 games until inj. Eli Nichols is PS#159DL.*

OLB RYAN FOWLER JR. 6-4 235 *PS#370. L/7 sts as true, #1 w/87 tkls, 8 tfl. 10 sts LY, #1 w/127 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. JT Cape (6-4 235 So) PS#66TE. 1 st as true, 21 tkls, 2 sks. Inj LY & RS.*

ILB JIM SCHARRER SO. 6-4 240 *PS#94. MLB '95-2000. 9 sts LY as "****true****", 69 tkls, 7 tfl. Phillip Alexander (6-4 235 So) 1 st, 25 tkls as* ***true****. Brendan Dewan (6-2 210 rFr) PS#351RB.*

ILB JAMYON SMALL SR. 6-1 225 *PS#80. 5 tkls as rFr. 9 sts, 50 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 83 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 4 tfl. Giuseppe Aguanno (6-1 235 So) PS#133, 26 tkls, 4 tfl as true.*

CB John-Paul Kimbrough rFr. 5-11 195 *PS#236DB. 15 int's in HS. Temo George (5-9 176 So) Inj as rFr. Zero tkls LY. Jamin Pastore (5-9 195 rFr) PS#197QB, 19 yds off as a true.*

CB KENNETH STANFORD SO. 5-9 180 *PS#380LB, 4.4 spd. 5 sts as rFr, 48 tkls, 5 tfl. 1 int, 7 pbu, 207 return yards. Brian Greene (6-1 185 rFr) PS#168QB. Deonto McCormick (5-10 180 Fr).*

SS TERRELL SMITH JR. 5-11 175 *PS#380LB. 22 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu as* ***true****. 11 sts LY (5 at CB), 53 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. Mark Thompson (6-3 200 rFr). DeAndre White is PS#245.*

FS Alex Green So. 6-2 195 ***PS#67DB****. 1 st as true, 36 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 1 tfl.*

Anthony Roberts *(6-3 200 Jr) 1 st, 16 tkls, 1 sk in 2000. 5 sts, 32 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 3 tfl LY.*

P TREY McDONALD SO. 6-2 220 *PS#78. 41.0 avg as senior in HS. 60 punts here as rFr, 38.4 avg but net of only 30.5. Matt Brooks (6-1 185 So) 8 punts, 39.0 avg, L/49 in 2001.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Malcolm Ruff 6-1 220 PS#37	
TE	Paul Campitelli 6-4 235 PS#45	
WR	Ronnie Elliott 5-9 170 PS#120	
OL	Tyler Krieg 6-5 255 PS#169	
QB	Mike Schneider 6-3 215 PS#105	
DL	Ben Patrick 6-4 250 PS#143	
WR	Eric Lyon 6-2 190 PS#134	
DL	Eli Nichols 6-5 225 PS#159	
RB	Michael Dowling 6-2 240 PS#164	
DB	CJ Woodard 6-0 170 PS#172	
LB	Codey Lowe 6-2 215 PS#155	
WR	Kendral Felder 6-3 170 PS#152	
RB	Von Bryant 6-0 190 PS#198	
DB	DeAndre White 6-0 200 PS#245	

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DUKE BLUE DEVILS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score DUKE	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	E Carolina	G						Duke is 1-4 ATS the last 5 trips when visiting Maryland. Blue Devils have had a negative turnover ratio for 6 straight seasons. Duke is 4-8 ATS in their final road game.
Sep. 7	Louisville	G						Blue Devils are 2-5 ATS their last 7 vs current CUSA teams. Duke has opened with a SU win only twice in the last 13 years.
Sep. 14	at Northwestern	G						Although they went 1-5 ATS LY, Devils are 19-14 ATS L/33 as a HD. Duke is 1-8 ATS in non-ACC games under Franks.
Sep. 21	at Florida St	G						Despite going 0-3 SU & ATS the last 3 years, Duke is 7-5 SU in this series. Blue Devils are 8-3 ATS in their last 11 road openers.
Sep. 28	at Navy	G						Duke is 3-8 ATS the last 11 in the 2nd of back to back road games. The Seminoles avg margin of victory the last 10 years is 37.7 ppg.
Oct. 5	Virginia (HC)	G						Duke is 7-3 ATS after getting drilled by Florida St. Amazingly, could apply here: Duke is 0-4 ATS since 1995 as away chalk.
Oct. 12	at Wake Forest	G						Blue Devils are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 meetings vs the Cavaliers. Duke is 11-5 ATS in sandwiched home games.
Oct. 19	at NC State	G						Pending 9-14 results, Duke is 4-7 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more road games S/'95. Duke is 7-2 ATS the last 9 meetings vs Wake Forest.
Oct. 26	Maryland	G						Blue Devils are 0-8 SU vs the Wolfpack the last 8 and 2-5 ATS the L7Y. Pending L2W, Duke is 30-20 ATS in October, but were 1-3 ATS last year.
Nov. 2	Clemson	G						I had a 4★ winner on Maryland in Power Plays last season in this matchup. Duke is 4-24 SU vs the Terps, home team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 meetings.
Nov. 9								Blue Devils are 3-9 ATS last 4 years in their final 3 games of the season. Duke is 1-4 (0-2 LY) ATS prior to a bye since 1997. Bonus: Devils are 3-5 ATS on artificial turf the last 9 years.
Nov. 16	at Georgia Tech	G						Last year's Tech win and cover at Duke was the 1st visiting cover in 6 gms. Duke is 4-8 ATS in their road finale.
Nov. 23	N Carolina	G						The underdog is 14-6 ATS (1-4 ATS L/5) in this ACC clash. Duke was 7-0 ATS in home finales from 1991-'97, but is 1-3 ATS the L4Y.

CARL FRANKS (Career 3-30)

4th Year at Duke

Franks' records AT DUKE

3-30	Straight Up	0-3	Home Favorite
12-21	Vs The Spread	7-7	Home Dog
11-16	Off A S/U Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
11-13	Vs Conference	5-10	Away Dog
		1-8	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (0-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (19,16,4)
Lost: 18 (5,12,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,422

ACC

STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	0-11	2-9	4-7	3-8	0-11	0-11	12-65
ATS	4-7	5-6	7-4	4-6	5-6	5-6	2-9	32-44
Home Fav	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	0-0	0-0	3-5
Home Dog	0-2	4-1	4-2	0-2	3-0	3-2	1-5	15-14
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-4
Away Dog	2-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-4	1-4	14-21
Favorite	2-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-4	0-0	0-0	3-9
Dog	2-5	5-5	7-4	3-4	5-2	5-6	2-9	29-35
Grass	4-6	5-5	7-4	4-5	5-6	5-6	1-9	31-41
Artificial	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-3
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	5-3	1-7	26-30
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	3-0	1-1	0-3	0-3	1-2	6-14
Off SU Win	0-3	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	4-8
Off SU Loss	4-3	4-6	6-2	2-4	4-3	5-5	2-8	27-31

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Douglas	218	901	60	841	7	3.9
Alex Wade	64	249	0	249	4	3.9
Cedric Dargan	22	96	4	92	0	4.2
D Bryant	83	215	200	15	3	0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
D Bryant	384	187	48.7	2454	11	17
Adam Smith	13	5	38.5	30	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ben Erdeljac	42	684	16.3	1	70
Mike Hart	30	476	15.9	4	46
Chris Douglas	26	233	9.0	1	78
Khary Sharpe	23	274	11.9	2	35
Reggie Love	18	266	14.8	0	38
Alex Wade	16	158	9.9	0	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Trey McDonald	60	2304	38.4	–	30.5	2	10

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brent Garber	2-2	2-4	2-2	0-1	6-9	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Fowler	127	3	4	1	1
Jamyon Small	83	0	4	3	1
Jim Scharrer	69	1	6	1	0
Josh Kreider	54	0	2	3	0
Terrell Smith	53	0	1	2	0
Kenneth Stanford	48	0	5	7	1
Charles Porter	47	2	4	1	0
Ronnie Hamilton	47	0	2	9	1
Matt Zielinski	46	2	3	2	0
BJ Hill	46	0	3	1	0
Nate Krill	45	2	5	1	0
Alex Green	36	0	1	3	1
Anthony Roberts	32	1	2	3	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronnie Hamilton	20	311	15.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Douglas	37	775	20.9	0
Kenneth Stanford	9	195	21.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
54	Orange	NL	Nebraska	34-7	–
57	Orange	NL	Oklahoma	21-48	–
60	Cotton	NL	Arkansas	7-6	–
89	All American	-3	Texas Tech	21-49	L
94	Hall of Fame	+8	Wisconsin	20-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

DUKE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	19.3	19	113	3.0	231	48.0	17.9	-14	2001	7	44.6	23	246	5.5	246	61.1	11.0
7*	14.1	17	82	2.4	198	48.6	19.9	-13	2000	3	39.1	22	185	4.6	272	63.7	11.7
9*	19.7	17	74	2.2	235	46.6	15.6	-6	1999	10	33.0	21	181	4.3	241	56.7	12.8
6*	20.8	18	147	3.4	193	48.5	16.3	-10	1998	9	29.0	17	156	4.2	192	49.5	12.0
9*	20.3	16	126	3.4	181	49.4	15.2	-7	1997	8	31.0	19	190	4.2	219	59.6	13.2
8	14.7	18	104	2.9	187	53.3	19.8	-17	1996	3	36.9	19	207	4.5	199	56.5	11.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Florida St	9	36-32	0.9	13-30	194	2	19	38-200	5.3	16-30	189	0	-1
at Rice	18	42-139	3.3	15-26	189	1	18	57-154	2.7	11-18	116	2	-2
Northwestern	16	32-137	4.3	17-36	171	4	28	49-303	6.2	23-37	335	1	-3
at Virginia	23	37-123	3.3	17-36	191	3	23	37-157	4.2	24-36	284	2	0
Georgia Tech	11	37-102	2.8	11-29	201	4	27	48-210	4.4	24-40	295	1	+1
Wake Forest	19	33-81	2.5	21-36	251	4	20	62-265	4.3	12-20	144	2	-2
at Maryland	18	35-133	3.8	13-32	163	2	34	54-362	6.7	28-36	335	1	-1
Vanderbilt	28	57-238	4.2	20-37	299	2	16	40-338	8.5	9-19	175	1	-3
NC State	35	44-117	2.7	31-54	400	5	14	25-193	7.7	14-23	189	1	-2
at N Carolina	11	36-59	1.6	13-33	172	3	25	39-192	4.9	22-39	368	2	0
at Clemson	19	29-82	2.8	24-57	312	4	25	45-328	7.3	18-31	280	2	-1
TOTALS	207	418-1243	3.0	195-406	2543	34	249	494-2702	5.5	201-329	2710	15	-14
AVERAGES	18.8	38-113	3.0	18-37	231	3.1	22.6	45-246	5.5	18-30	246	1.4	-1.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NC State	+7'	14-45	L
at Northwestern	+17	20-24	W
Army	+6	20-17	W
Navy	+11	26-17	W
at Maryland	+3'	10-16	L
Florida St	+35'	27-51	W
at Virginia	+16	10-13	W
Wake Forest	+3'	24-38	L
at Clemson (OT)	+14'	20-29	W
Georgia Tech	+7'	38-41	W
at N Carolina	+22	14-50	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Carolina	NL	24-10	–
at Northwestern	+12'	44-10	W
at Florida St	+27'	13-62	L
Virginia	+10	0-24	L
at Georgia Tech	+10'	13-41	L
at Wake Forest	+5	19-16	W
at NC State	+10'	24-27	W
Clemson	-2'	28-23	W
at Vanderbilt (OT)	-4	33-36	L
Maryland	-9	25-42	L
N Carolina	+6'	6-28	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	+4	9-27	L
Northwestern (OT)	-8	12-15	L
Vanderbilt	-3'	14-31	L
Florida St	+40	23-51	W
at Virginia (2OT)	+17	24-17	W
Georgia Tech	+16'	31-38	W
NC State (OT)	-2'	24-31	L
at Maryland	+9'	25-22	W
at Clemson	+12'	7-58	L
Wake Forest	+4	48-35	W
at N Carolina	-3	0-38	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Carolina	+11	0-38	L
at Northwestern	+13'	5-38	L
Virginia	+20	10-26	W
at Vanderbilt	+17	7-26	L
Clemson	+37	22-52	W
at Florida St	+48	14-63	L
at Georgia Tech	+29	10-45	L
Maryland	+11'	9-20	W
at Wake Forest	+4'	26-28	W
at NC State	+18'	31-35	W
N Carolina	+11	21-59	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida St	+30	13-55	L
at Rice	+9	13-15	W
Northwestern	+16	7-44	L
at Virginia	+17	10-31	L
Georgia Tech	+24'	10-37	L
Wake Forest	+8'	35-42	W
at Maryland	+25	17-59	L
Vanderbilt	+7'	28-42	L
NC State	+17	31-55	L
at N Carolina	+27'	17-52	L
at Clemson	+27	31-59	L

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 BIG EAST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Ken Dorsey, Miami	Brian St Pierre, BC	R.J. Anderson, Syracuse
RB	Lee Suggs, VTech	Kevin Jones, VTech	Walter Reyes, Syracuse
RB	Brandon Miree, Pitt	Avon Cobourne, W Virg	Willis McGahee, Miami
WR	Andre Johnson, Miami	Larry Fitzgerald, Pitt	Kevin Beard, Miami
WR	Johnnie Morant, Syracuse	Jamal Burke, BC	Sean Dillard, Temple
TE	L.J. Smith, Rutgers	Keith Willis, VTech	Joe Donnelly, Syracuse
C	Brett Romberg, Miami	Nick Romeo, Syracuse	Dan Koppen, BC
G	Bryan Anderson, Pitt	Augie Hoffmann, BC	Luke Owens, VTech
G	Sherko Haji-Rasouli, Miami	Chris Snee, BC	Joe Laudano, Temple
T	Vernon Carey, Miami	Jon Dunn, VTech	Brian Duffy, Rutgers
T	Rob Petitti, Pitt	Marc Parenteau, BC	Carlos Joseph, Miami
DL	Jerome McDougle, Miami	Antonio Garay, BC	Josh Thomas, Syracuse
DL	William Joseph, Miami	David Upchurch, W Virg	Davon Clark, Rutgers
DL	Dan Klecko, Temple	Doug Goodwin, BC	Christian Ferrara, Syracuse
DL	Vince Wilfork, Miami	Nathaniel Adibi, VTech	Raheem Orr, Rutgers
LB	D.J. Williams, Miami	Grant Wiley, WV	Josh Ott, BC
LB	Clifton Smith, Syracuse	Jonathan Vilma, Miami	Gary Brackett, Rutgers
LB	Gerald Hayes, Pitt	Mike Daniels, VTech	Troy Bennett, Temple
CB	DeAngelo Hall, VTech	Ronyell Whitaker, VTech	Lewis Daniels, W Virg
CB	Antrel Rolle, Miami	Shawntae Spencer, Pitt	Latroy Oliver, Syracuse
SS	Keeon Walker, Syracuse	Doug Bessette, BC	Nate Colon, Rutgers
FS	Shawn Seabrooks, Rutgers	Willie Pile,VTech	Sean Taylor, Miami
K	Todd Sievers, Miami	Carter Warley, VTech	David Abdul, Pitt
P	Freddie Capshaw, Miami	Kevin McMyler, BC	Michael Barr, Rutgers
KR	Makonnen Fenton, Temple	Torrie Cox, Pitt	Jamal Burke, BC
PR	Ronyell Whitaker, VT	Jamel Riddle, Syracuse	Sean Dillard, Temple

Boston College QB Brian St. Pierre

Syracuse LB Clifton Smith

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 BIG EAST FORECAST

1. MIAMI, FLA - It was a tremendous season for UM last year as they absolutely dominated opponents winning by an average of 43.2 to 9.4 and blew out Nebraska in the National Title game, 37-14. UM has to replace 11 NFL DC's, the most ever in a 7 round draft as well as 5 first round DC's for the first time since 1968. This still is a very talented team and QB Dorsey, a Heisman frontrunner, is back. I rate them as having the top offense and top defense in the league. If you check out my All Conference Team above, you will see the Hurricanes have 12 First Teamers (almost 1/2 of the 1st team). The only tough road game in conference play is at Syracuse so it should be another 7-0 season in Big East play for them and a 3rd consecutive Big East Title. I look for them to extend their Big East win streak to 24.

2. BOSTON COLLEGE - BC has been a fortunate team in recent years. In 2000 they were outgained during their winning season and generally failed to beat any quality opponents. They topped their first top 25 opponent since 1995 in their bowl win last year vs Georgia. Each year Tom O'Brien's group gets stronger and this year they have 16 starters back, which is the 2nd most in the conference. They have 4 road games in league play and are capable of winning 3 of those and get to host both Virg Tech and Syracuse. I look for BC to have their highest finish ever in the Big East.

3. VIRGINIA TECH - I thought the Hokies had a shot at the National Title last year due to the returning talent and their schedule. Unfortunately they suffered a few upsets along the way and didn't get the benefit of cold weather in Blacksburg vs Miami in December. They also lost the bowl game to a very underrated Florida St team. This year the schedule is much tougher as they have road games vs Texas A&M, Boston College, Syracuse and Miami, Fla. Another big question mark cropped up in the spring when QB Grant Noel tore his ACL and he is now questionable for the season. VT has just 11 starters back which is 2nd fewest in the conference and must replace 25 lettermen. They also have to replace 8 NFL DC's which is the highest ever for the school (previous high was 5 in 2000 and 1992). I love the job Frank Beamer is doing at VT but the schedule will make it difficult for VT to grab the crown.

4. PITTSBURGH - Pitt had a tremendous 2H of the season but unfortunately opened up last year 1-5. They won their last 6 games of the year, finally living up to their talent level and hopefully Harris will get them off to a stronger start this season. Pitt has 14 starters returning and was -5 in turnovers last year. They also have 4 Big East home games this season. This is a team that gets stronger each season as they had just 67 scholarship players in 1999 and should be at the full allotment this year. Last year's team recorded its first bowl win since 1989 and they should improve upon their 7-5 record overall this year.

5. SYRACUSE - What a great season it was for Syracuse last year. After starting out 0-2 and having a lot of pressure on Coach Pasqualoni, they simply went 10-1 down the stretch! I would have chosen SU higher but there are numerous factors having me calling for this 5th place finish. First of all, they benefitted from +18 turnovers last year and also had the outstanding fortune of having zero starters miss a game with injury (very rare). They also have just 9 starters back which is the fewest in the conference and lose the highest percentage of lettermen (24 of 52 depart). Also, last year SU was an amazing 6-1 in conference play but believe it or not, they were actually outgained in league games by an average of 350.6 to 348.7! It sounds like Syracuse caught a lot of breaks to finish 6-1. The schedule is very kind to them this season, as they have just 3 road trips and 2 of them winnable in league play. I don't think they will be as fortunate, injury or turnover wise, especially with an inexperienced squad.

6. W VIRGINIA - While Syracuse was fortunate last year, WV was not. They led Notre Dame 24-17 in the 4Q, had a 187-154 yard edge vs Miami at the half and had a 328-212 yard edge vs Syracuse but came up short in all 3 games. Despite their 3-8 overall record last year WV was only outgained by 4.2 ypg! This is the 2nd year of Rodriguez's offense and they have 13 starters back plus last year they were -8 in the turnover category so they should be in better shape. They take on the league's weakest 2 teams on the road, meaning if they can win there, as well as take care of their home games, they have a great shot at moving up in the conference standings.

7. RUTGERS - Rutgers was actually outscored in league play by an average of 46.4 to 5.1 and outgained in league play by an average of 486.6 to 188.7! Yes, they have a lot of ground to make up. I actually call for them to escape the basement this year for a couple of reasons. First of all, I like the job that Schiano is doing, bringing new enthusiasm to this New Jersey college. They have 17 starters back which is the most in the conference (along with Temple). Last year the Knights were actually -22 in the turnover category, meaning they should catch some better breaks this season. They get to host Temple and W Virginia and should build on the confidence of a great early season start where they open with Villanova, Buffalo and Army all at home. This is the 2nd year of Schiano's tenure and I expect them to be far more competitive in league play and escape the basement.

8. TEMPLE - I picture Temple putting an emphasis on Big East games due to the fact they have been kicked out of the conference after the year 2004. They will want to show the conference they are making a mistake. Still, if they were to make a move in conference play it should have been last year. They had the most experienced team in the country with 61 of 65 lettermen returning and 20 starters back. Things did not go as expected for Temple and they simply matched 2000's 4-7 record. It's tough to call for them to finish in the basement as 5 of the last 6 years they have NOT finished last and in fact have averaged two league wins per year over the last 5 years. Also, the last 3 years they have beaten Rutgers by a combined score of 134-47. Temple does have 17 starters returning this year but must replace 21 lettermen. I do not see enthusiasm in this program as questions remain regarding the future of this program, which is soon to be booted out of the Big East. Those questions may effect the season and with a less experienced team than they had last year, I will peg them for the basement.

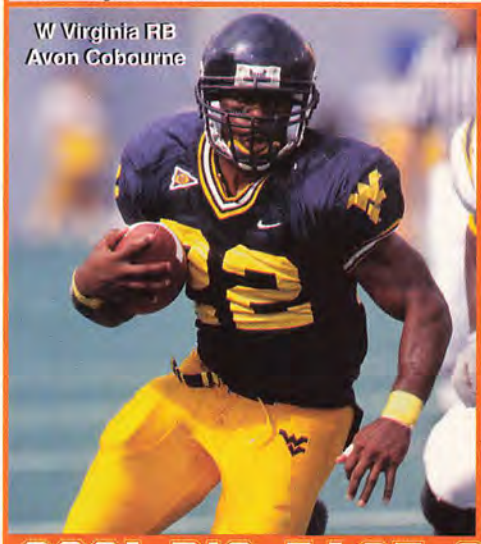
Big East Notes: In 1997 the Big East went 0-4 in bowl games and was considered a weak conference. With the reemergence of Miami, things have changed. In 2000 the Big East went 4-0 in bowl games with all 4 wins by double digits. Last year they went 4-1 and Miami simply won the National Title!! The Big East had 27 players selected in this year's draft, the fourth highest among the conferences and should have plenty more picked next year. Temple is on the way out, and their final season will be 2004 but Connecticut will replace them in the league. Even the bottom teams of the league (Rutgers and Temple) are getting stronger. An interesting note is that after Big East teams went 4-0 vs the SEC in the Music City Bowl, the Big 10 now replaces the Big East in that bowl.

2001 TEAM OFFENSIVE BIG EAST VS BIG EAST STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
2	Miami (Fla)	41.4	1	452.7	1	219.9	1	5.6	1	232.9	55.1	1	10.9	13	3
30	Boston College	29.3	2	400.0	2	219.6	2	5.2	2	180.4	51.4	5	13.7	15	11
37	Virginia Tech	28.4	3	316.6	6	159.3	5	3.8	5	157.3	52.7	3	11.1	17	18
46	Syracuse	28.0	4	348.7	3	203.3	3	4.0	4	145.4	53.7	2	12.5	7	13
54	Pittsburgh	24.9	5	348.3	4	130.6	6	3.5	6	217.7	51.8	4	14.0	16	12
59	W Virginia	19.6	6	321.4	5	176.3	4	4.2	3	145.1	50.0	6	16.4	23	25
102	Temple	9.6	7	234.1	7	95.9	7	2.5	7	138.3	44.0	8	24.5	20	27
112	Rutgers	5.1	8	188.7	8	81.6	8	2.0	8	107.1	44.0	7	36.7	32	38

2001 TEAM DEFENSIVE BIG EAST VS BIG EAST STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
1	Miami (Fla)	7.9	1	225.3	1	130.1	3	3.1	3	95.1	42.7	1	28.7	28	25
7	Virginia Tech	15.1	2	249.6	2	92.6	1	2.4	1	157.0	43.7	2	16.5	22	19
27	Syracuse	20.6	4	350.6	6	166.1	6	4.6	7	184.4	51.9	5	17.0	15	25
30	Pittsburgh	23.0	5	273.6	3	114.7	2	2.9	2	158.9	52.4	6	11.9	13	23
31	Boston College	17.9	3	327.9	4	137.7	4	3.2	4	190.1	50.5	3	18.4	18	21
54	Temple	29.0	7	344.1	5	160.4	5	4.1	5	183.7	53.6	7	11.9	22	14
57	W Virginia	26.4	6	351.1	7	202.9	7	4.1	6	148.3	51.2	4	13.3	17	15
103	Rutgers	46.4	8	486.6	8	279.9	8	6.1	8	206.7	56.6	8	10.5	11	11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Avon Cobourne

2001 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami (Fla)	7	0	290	55	11	0	475	103
Syracuse	6	1	196	144	9	3	308	244
Virginia Tech	4	3	199	106	8	3	359	147
Boston College	4	3	205	125	7	4	317	211
Pittsburgh	4	3	174	161	6	5	262	226
Temple	2	5	67	203	4	7	198	311
W Virginia	1	6	137	185	3	8	235	268
Rutgers	0	7	36	325	2	9	119	397

2000 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami (Fla)	7	0	310	67	10	1	469	170
Virginia Tech	6	1	260	156	10	1	443	249
Pittsburgh	4	3	174	167	7	4	267	210
Syracuse	4	3	162	145	6	5	294	212
Boston College	3	4	173	205	6	5	347	260
West Virginia	3	4	179	226	6	5	307	325
Temple	1	6	117	192	4	7	224	269
Rutgers	0	7	95	312	3	8	233	399

1999 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Virg Tech	7	0	315	88	11	0	455	116
Miami (Fla)	6	1	257	107	8	4	404	207
Boston Coll	4	3	161	156	8	3	269	246
Syracuse	3	4	138	189	6	5	280	243
W Virginia	3	4	198	168	4	7	292	289
Temple	2	5	138	261	2	9	153	366
Pittsburgh	2	5	167	198	5	6	281	278
Rutgers	1	6	110	317	1	10	155	427

Virginia Tech RB
Lee Suggs

2001 BIG EAST CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Ken Dorsey, Miami	318	184	57.9	9	2652	8.3	23	146.1
David Priestley, Pitt	280	165	58.9	8	2128	7.6	18	138.3
Brian St Pierre, BC	279	149	53.4	10	2016	7.2	25	136.5
Grant Noel, VT	254	146	57.5	11	1826	7.2	16	130.0
RJ Anderson, Syracuse	144	72	50.0	2	1123	7.8	5	124.2
Mac DeVito, Temple	105	50	47.6	3	615	5.9	7	113.1
Brad Lewis, WV	237	135	57.0	9	1339	5.6	7	106.6
Ryan Cubit, Rutgers	268	120	44.8	19	1433	5.3	9	86.6

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
RJ English, Pitt	11	41	760	6	69.1	3.7	18.5
Sean Dillard, Temple	11	51	747	3	67.9	4.6	14.6
Antonio Bryant, Pitt	10	42	659	9	65.9	4.2	15.7
André Johnson, Miami	11	37	682	10	62.0	3.4	18.4
Andre Davis, VT	11	39	623	7	56.6	3.5	16.0
Dedrick Dewalt, BC	11	37	539	5	49.0	3.4	14.6
Aaron Martin, Rutgers	11	25	523	3	47.5	2.3	20.9
Jeremy Shockey, Miami	11	40	519	7	47.2	3.6	13.0
Johnnie Morant, Syracuse	11	18	409	2	37.2	1.6	22.7
Kevin Beard, Miami	11	25	409	2	37.2	2.3	16.4

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
William Green, BC	10	265	1559	5.9	15	155.9
Avon Cobourne, WV	11	267	1298	4.9	9	118.0
Clinton Portis, Miami	11	220	1200	5.5	10	109.1
James Mungro, Syracuse	12	248	1170	4.7	14	97.5
Kevin Jones, VT	11	175	957	5.5	5	87.0
Tanardo Sharps, Temple	10	150	771	5.1	1	77.1
Keith Burnell, VT	11	149	707	4.7	9	64.3
Raymond Kirkley, Pitt	11	155	645	4.2	3	58.6
Frank Gore, Miami	11	62	562	9.1	5	51.1
Dennis Thomas, Rutgers	9	97	372	3.8	1	41.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Ken Dorsey, Miami	11	12	3	318	2652	2655	241.4
Brian St Pierre, BC	11	67	217	279	2016	2233	203.0
David Priestley, Pitt	11	56	53	280	2128	2181	198.3
Grant Noel, VT	11	61	-14	254	1826	1812	164.7
William Green, BC	10	265	1559	0	0	1559	155.9
Brad Lewis, WV	11	54	41	237	1339	1380	125.5
Ryan Cubit, Rutgers	11	86	-99	268	1433	1334	121.3
Avon Cobourne, WV	11	267	1298	1	0	1298	118.0
RJ Anderson, Syracuse	12	111	245	144	1123	1368	114.0
Clinton Portis, Miami	11	220	1200	0	0	1200	109.1

#95 Miami DL Jerome McDougle
#17 Miami LB DJ Williams

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kevin McMyler, BC	11	59	2547	43.2
Mike Shafer, Syracuse	12	77	3282	42.6
Mike Barr, Rutgers	11	84	3526	42.0
Freddie Capshaw, Miami	11	36	1503	41.8
Andy Lee, Pitt	11	64	2630	41.1
Todd James, WV	11	32	1303	40.7
Jace Amore, Temple	11	73	2776	38.0
Vinnie Burns, VT	11	59	2233	37.8

PUNT RETURNS

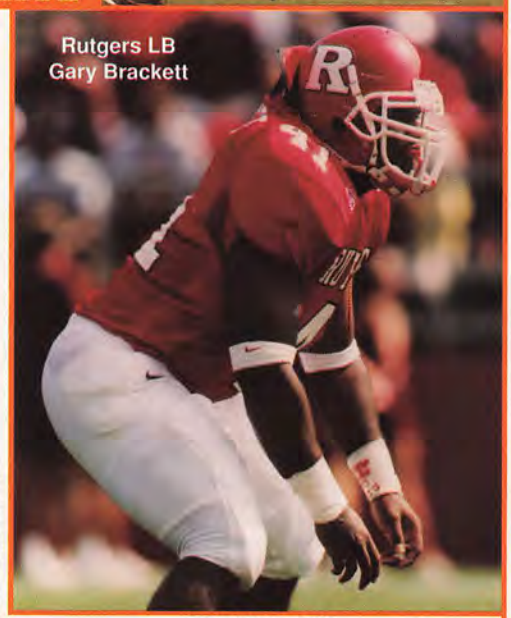
	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Phillip Buchanon, Miami	31	464	2	15.0
Jamel Riddle, Syracuse	22	288	1	13.1
André Davis, VT	35	437	1	12.5
Sean Dillard, Temple	26	234	0	9.0
Lance Frazier, WV	20	151	0	7.6
Antonio Bryant, Pitt	28	207	0	7.4
Dedrick Dewalt, BC	18	95	0	5.3

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Ryan Sands, Rutgers	10	6	6	100.0	44
Brenden Rauh, WV	9	13	15	86.7	41
Todd Sievers, Miami	11	21	26	80.8	48
Kevin McMyler, BC	11	7	10	70.0	45
Nick Lotz, Pitt	11	11	17	64.7	37
Cap Poklemba, Temple	11	9	16	56.2	42
Carter Warley, VT	11	11	21	52.4	39

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Makonnen Fenton, Temple	20	522	1	26.1
Shawn Terry, WV	28	726	1	25.9
Torrie Cox, Pitt	24	576	0	24.0
Jamal Burke, BC	24	504	0	21.0
Maurice Jackson, Syracuse	16	300	0	18.8
Nathan Jones, Rutgers	37	677	0	18.3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TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Rick Sherrod, WV	10	102	54	156	15.6
Kyle Kayden, WV	11	88	71	159	14.5
Shawn Hackett, WV	10	59	54	113	11.3
Ben Taylor, VT	11	67	54	121	11.0
Ramon Walker, Pitt	11	74	46	120	10.9
Grant Wiley, WV	9	51	47	98	10.9
Quentin Harris, Syracuse	12	59	67	126	10.5
Gerald Hayes, Pitt	11	62	42	104	9.5
Shawn Seabrooks, Rutgers	11	52	47	99	9.0
Willie Pile, VT	11	53	41	94	8.5

TFL

	NO	YDS
Dwight Freeney, Syracuse	25.5	141
Dan Klecko, Temple	19.5	68
Ben Taylor, VT	18.0	56
Kyle Kayden, WV	17.0	42
Bryan Knight, Pitt	16.5	72
William Joseph, Miami	16.0	84
James Davis, WV	14.0	69
David Pugh, VT	14.0	51
Gerald Hayes, Pitt	14.0	50
David Upchurch, WV	14.0	35

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Dwight Freeney, Syracuse	17.5	121
William Joseph, Miami	8.5	68
Bryan Knight, Pitt	8.5	63
Sean Guthrie, BC	8.5	49
James Davis, WV	8.0	55
Jerome McDougle, Miami	7.0	38
Gerald Hayes, Pitt	7.0	36
Jamaal Green, Miami	6.5	46
Dan Klecko, Temple	6.5	42
Ben Taylor, VT	4.5	34
Christian Ferrara, Syracuse	4.5	28
Jim Davis, VT	4.5	27
Lewis Moore, Pitt	4.5	24

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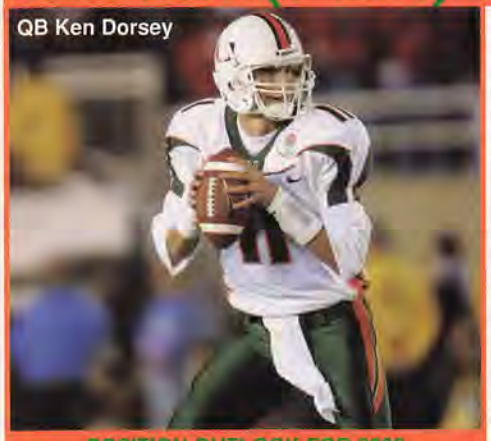
QB Ken Dorsey

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Ken Dorsey nearly won the Heisman last year, finishing #3, and is now 26-1 as a starter. He did win the Maxwell Award which is the Football Writers Association of America's equivalent of the Heisman. Dorsey is already the career TD passing leader here, which says a lot considering the Miami QB legacy. Dorsey was PS#18 and had 3 starts as a true frosh but did take on 3 weak opponents, throwing for 888 yards (60%) with an 11-2 ratio. In 2000 he suffered his only loss as a starter, and it was on the road against Washington where he hit just 15 of 34 but he has not lost since. He finished the 2000 season with 3,007 yards passing (58%) and a super 28-7 ratio. Last year Dorsey, with a tremendous supporting cast, threw for 3,014 yards (58.4%) with a 26-10 ratio but rushed for just 40 yards. The backup last year was Derrick Crudup (6-1 202 So) who was PS#22 and hit 10 of 22 for 100 yards while rushing for 46. His dad, Derrick, played for the LA Raiders. Buck Ortega (6-5 213 rFr) was PS#67 and runs a 4.5 40. Brock Berlin (PS#1) has transferred from Florida but must sit out the season and true frosh Marc Gullion (PS#24) will likely redshirt. With everyone back, the depth is improved and Dorsey is a Heisman frontrunner.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami has had some great teams in their history but surprisingly has had just six 1,000 yard rushers. Last year they had to replace one of those in James Jackson. Clinton Portis was the team's leading rusher in 1999, setting a frosh record with 955 yards (despite being a backup) and averaging 6.2 ypc. He missed 3 games in 2000 due to injury and only had 582 yards (6.1). Last year he returned as did all of the FB's. Portis had the #2 all-time season for a Miami RB with 1,304 yards rushing (5.4). Willis McGahee (PS#6) rushed for 321 yards (4.7). He did miss a couple of games with a midseason knee injury and that allowed true frosh Frank Gore (PS#10) to show off his ample talents. Gore had just 6 rush attempts against W Virginia for 124 yards and that amounts to an amazing 20.7 ypc in that game. For the season he rushed for 565 yards with a super 8.8 ypc. Gore was a lock to win the starting TB job this year until he tore his ACL in spring. Doctors are hopeful that he will be able to return for fall, but realistically the rehab is usually longer. Portis departs (#2DC of DEN), and they also lose FB Najeh Davenport (#4DC of GB, 11 sts, 244 total yds, 4.35 spd) and I list the contenders at FB below. Jarrett Payton (6-2 210 Jr) was at FB last year and moved to TB in the spring. He was PS#35 and had 262 yds in 1999 and is Walter's son. McGahee made progress in the spring, but it will be tough to replace Portis and possibly Gore.

RECEIVERS - The big question mark surrounding Miami prior to last season was the inexperienced receiving corps, which had to replace their top 2 WR's and the leading returning WR had just 14 rec's. The 2 WR's lost last year happened to be the 2 career receiving leaders in Reggie Wayne (all-time rec leader), and Santana Moss (all-time rec ydg leader). Andre Johnson (PS#2) tore his right quad in the Big East track meet in February but was fully recovered by the fall and, with his blazing speed and nice size (6-4 220), led the team in ypc with 20.0 on 44 recs, including a huge game against Nebraska in the bowl where he had 7 catches for 199 yards and was co-MVP. TE Jeremy Shockey led the team in recs (12 sts, 45,13.4) and was 2nd Team AA but left early for the NFL (#1DC of NYG). Kellen Winslow (PS#31) is certainly talented and has an excellent pedigree. Also gone are WR Daryl Jones (#7DC of NYG, 7 sts, 20, 12.4), and TE Robert Williams (3 rec). Johnson's status is up in the air as of this writing due to plagiarism charges and he is currently suspended, but was allowed to practice in the spring. If he returns this unit actually has more experience than last year, but if he does not return, it looks weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year in my magazine I said Miami had the top OL in the country heading into the season and they proved to be just that, as well as possibly being one of the best OL's in the history of the game. The unit had 4 starters returning from a group that gave up 9 sacks and set the table for 4.9 ypc rushing in 2000. They did even better in 2001, setting an NCAA record by allowing just 4 sacks during the regular season while paving the way for 5.3 ypc and Bobby Bowden said that they were the best OL his FSU team had ever played against. The unit was led by LT Bryant McKinnie who did not allow a sack in his career. He was the Outland Trophy winner and #1DC of MINN. Also gone from last year's talented group is RT Joaquin Gonzalez (#7DC of CLE, 12 sts, 1st Tm AA, 4 yr st'r), and RG Martin Bibla (#4DC of ATL, 12 sts, 3rd Tm AA, 4 yr st'r). Those are big losses. The team suffered a loss at midseason when Sherko Haji-Rasouli went down with a torn ACL in practice and Ed Wilkins replaced him over the last 5. Those 2 both return as does C Brett Romberg, who was one of 5 finalists for the Rimington Trophy (top C in the country). The other 2 projected starters were both simply rated PS#1OL in Vernon Carey and Carlos Joseph. I list the 2 deep below and it is very talented. This will remain one of the top OL's in the NCAA but is clearly weaker than last year's tremendous group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Miami's DL surprisingly allowed 3.4 ypc rushing and the team had just 25 sacks in 2000. Last year they had to replace a 1st round DC as well as 4 backups but returned 3 starters to the front wall. They also added 2 JUCO's to the lineup. The front wall showed solid improvement as the defense allowed 3.2 ypc rushing while more than doubling the sack total with 52. The big news this year is that DT William Joseph turned down a chance to turn pro so the top 8 all return and they also get back DE Cornelius Green who had 7 starts in 2000 but missed 10 games last year. Jerome McDougle also returns after racking up an amazing 48 QBH last year and earning 3rd Team AA honors. They add JUCO Alton Wright who was PS#45 DL in 2000 and 2 VHT rFr in Orien Harris (6-4 280 rFr, PS#6) and Thomas Carroll (PS#19). This clearly looks like one of the best DL's in the country this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Hurricanes had 5 of their top 6 LB's returning last year but did have to replace Butkus Award winner Dan Morgan who was a 1st round draft pick. PS#1 DJ Williams, who has good size (6-2 240) and 4.49 speed, won a starting job in 2001. The unit was very productive, in fact Jonathan Vilma was 1st Team Big East and the team's top tackler with 87. This year 5 of the top 6 return again with the only loss being SLB Chris Campbell (10 sts, 68 tkls, 7 tfl) who would have been drafted by the NFL but was tragically killed in a car accident in February. I list the 2 deep below and SLB Howard Clark was a full-time starter in 2000, but lost his starting job to Williams so all 3 of the projected starters have been full-time starters in the past and there are 2 VHT rFr coming in. This unit has just as much experience and with the additional talent could be even stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 Miami finished #5 in my pass D rankings, allowing 50.1% with 26 int's and only 12 TD's allowed. Last year they had to replace 1.5 starters and 2 backups with the part-time starter being drafted by the NFL. Miami had a tremendous secondary last year, finishing #2 in my pass D rankings while allowing just 43.9% with only 5 TD's allowed and an amazing 28 int's. Unfortunately, this year the top 5 DB's all depart. Gone are CB Phillip Buchanon (**#1DC of OAK,** 12 sts, 27 tkls, 2nd Tm AA, 5 int, 7 pbu), CB Mike Rumph (**#1DC of SF,** 12 sts, 33 tkls, 8 pbu, 2nd Tm BE), FS Edward Reed (**#1DC of BAL,** 12 sts, 53 tkls, **9 int**, 10 pbu, 1st Tm AA, BE Co-Def POY), SS James Lewis (#6DC of IND, 12 sts, 64 tkls, 4 int, 4 pbu) and CB Markese Fitzgerald (2 sts, 39 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu). This is one area where I expect some true frosh to play immediately. They also add rFr Marcus Maxey (PS#44) and "true" frosh JR Mounts who played pro baseball the last 5 years and runs a 4.3 forty. While there is plenty of talent in this group and they clearly will have a decent secondary, this unit is far less experienced and I don't need to tell you that it should be much weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Santana Moss was an unbelievable returnman and helped Miami finish #7 in my special teams rankings in 1999 and improve to #1 in 2000, as he had 4 TD's on returns and a super average of 17.8 on his PR's. Last year he was the only loss but they did return their solid kicking combo of P Capshaw and K Sievers. They managed another strong finish despite suffering 2 blocked punts. Early in the year they had very poor KR coverage. In fact Sievers had 5 tackles after 7 games, most of them of the TD saving variety. They tightened up the KR coverage and allowed 21.3 for the year. PR Phillip Buchanon was one of 3 finalists for the Mosi Tatupu Award. He averaged an amazing 14.3 on 35 PR's (2 TD's). Sievers hit 14 of 21 FG's with a long of 44 in 2000. That year he lost 25 lbs before being diagnosed with diabetes. With the diabetes under control he regained his weight and hit 22 of 28 FG's last year with a long of 48 while also handling the KO's. Capshaw was one of 3 finalists for the Ray Guy Award with a 41.2 average and a super net of 35.3 which was actually down from his super 39.2 net in 2000. The team also lost LS Chris Harvey to an injury vs Florida St and he missed the rest of the year. Whether or not KR Andre Johnson returns, the team should improve on his average (18.7), but it will be tough to match Moss' and Buchanon's PR averages of the last few years. However, with both kickers back, this is clearly still one of the best special teams units in the country.

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NORTHCOAST SPORTSLINE PLAYS OF THE WEEK
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PHIL'S FORECAST

Miami was arguably the best team in the country in 2000 but didn't get a chance to play in the National Title game. They have recovered nicely since their probation cost them 31 scholarships over 4 years in the mid 1990's and the last 2 years they have an overall record of 23-1. Last season they lost their head coach, Butch Davis, and also lost 7 players to the NFL. Still, Miami returned 14 starters and Larry Coker became the first rookie head coach (he was only an asst. prior) to win the National Title since Bennie Oosterbaan led Michigan to the National Title in 1948. Coker was awarded with a 3 year contract extension. Last year they ended Florida St's 54 game home unbeaten streak and won their 5th National Title. Not only did they win last year, they were absolutely dominant, as they outscored their opposition by an average of 41.4 to 7.9 and in Big East play had nearly double the yards of their opponents (452.7 to 225.3). They demolished Nebraska 37-14 in the Rose Bowl. This year the losses are heavy. While just 16 lettermen depart, they set an NFL record by having 11 players drafted in the 7 round draft with an amazing five 1st round picks, and they were the first team to do that since USC in 1968. They caught a huge break with 60˚ weather in Blacksburg as well as that crucial dropped 2 pt conv for VT. Miami has just 10 starters back overall which is the second fewest in the Big East and last year they benefitted from an amazing +27 in turnovers (see page 295). Offensively they are led by Heisman candidate Ken Dorsey and while the O-line must be rebuilt, it is loaded with talent and they still rate as having the top offense in the Big East but will probably be less potent than last year's 42.7 ppg. Defensively they have the top defensive front 7 in the country and the only question is their rebuilt secondary (three 1st round DC's). They still have the best defense in the Big East but will allow more than the 9.8 ppg they yielded last season. I look for UM to win the Big East once again and while repeating as National Champion is very tough, this is a talented group that is capable of it. However, with road trips to both Florida and Tenn, I think they may come up short on defending their crown.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB KEN DORSEY SR. 6-5 205 Maxwell Awd LY. 3 sts as true, 888 yds (60%), 11-2 ratio. 12 sts in 2000, 3007 yds (58%) 28-7. 12 sts LY, 3014 yds (58.4%) 26-10 ratio. 26-1 as st'r.

TB Willis McGahee So. 6-1 220 **PS#6**. 321 yds (4.7) LY. **Frank Gore** (5-10 190 So) PS#10. 565 yds (**8.8**) as true. Tore ACL in spg. Jarrett Payton (6-2 210 Jr) PS#35. 310 tot yds in '99.

FB Kyle Cobia So. 6-2 220 PS#173. Prototypical FB. 8 gms, 31 yds LY, solid blk'r. Talib Humphrey (6-2 231 Jr) PS#145JC. Quadtrine Hill (6-2 210 rFr) PS#89RB.

WR ANDRE JOHNSON JR. 6-4 220 Co-Off MVP of Rose Bowl LY, 12 sts, 44 rec (20.0!), 12 TD's, **2nd Tm BE**. (?) TY. **Jason Geathers** (6-3 215 Jr) **PS#3**, 9 rec (12.4). Ryan Moore PS#2.

WR Kevin Beard Jr. 6-2 175 PS#18. 5 starts, 29 rec (15.5) in 2001. Ethenic Sands (6-0 185 Sr) PS#196DB, 26 rec (14.8). Devin Hester is PS#13. Akieem Jolla is PS#5.

TE Kellen Winslow So. 6-5 235 PS#31WR, 4.6 spd. 2 rec as true. Brandon Sebald (6-6 240 rFr) PS#14. David Williams (6-3 220 So) PS#79, 8 gms LY. Eric Winston PS#2.

C BRETT ROMBERG SR. 6-6 301 OL of Yr in Canada in HS. 7 gms as true. RS in '99. 12 sts in 2000. 12 sts LY, **1 of 5 finalists for Rimington**. Joel Rodriguez (6-3 275 So) PS#134.

RG Ed Wilkins Sr. 6-4 310 PS#46OL. 9 games in '99. 2 sts in 2000 at LG (inj). Started L/5 in 2001 at LG, missed spg. Chris Myers (6-5 270 So) PS#52, 7 games LY.

LG SHERKO HAJI-RASOULI SR. 6-6 310 #3 HS player in Canada in '97. 9 games as rFr. 6 gms in 2000. 7 starts LY until inj & still **2nd Tm BE**. Robert Bergman (6-5 275 rFr) PS#30.

RT Vernon Carey Jr. 6-5 330 **PS#1**. 8 gms as rFr. 12 gms in 2001 at G & T. Now in excellent playing shape. Joe Fantigrassi (6-4 285 Sr) PS#173. Lettered in 2000 & LY.

LT Carlos Joseph So. 6-6 305 **PS#1OL**. Backup as rFr & lettered. Most athletic OL. Rashad Butler (6-5 290 rFr) PS#43OL. James Sikora (6-5 260 Jr) PS#172OL.

K TODD SIEVERS SR. 6-3 214 PS#3. KO's as true. RS in '99. 14 of 21 FG's in 2000 w/long of 44. Hit 22 of 28 LY, long of 48, 7 of 9 from 40-49 & **2nd Tm AA**, **1st Tm BE**.

DEFENSE

DE JEROME McDOUGLE SR. 6-4 250 JC in '99. RS in 2000. 12 sts LY, 61 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl, **3rd Tm AA, 48 QBH**. John Square (6-5 220 So) PS#100, 29 tkls, 5 sks. Cornelius Green 7 sts in 2000.

DT WILLIAM JOSEPH SR. 6-5 290 13 sts, 52 tkls in '99. 12 sts, 41 tkls, 10 tfl in 2000. 12 sts, **3rd Tm AA** LY, 67 tkls, **10 sks**, 12 tfl. Santonio Thomas (6-4 282 Jr) PS#40, 26 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

DT VINCE WILFORK SO. 6-1 330 PS#8, 41 tkls, 11 tfl. **Matt Walters** (6-5 260 Sr) PS#279. 29 tkls, 5 tfl in '99. 3 sts, 32 tkls, 8 tfl in 2000. 12 sts, 67 tkls, 9 tfl LY. Orien Harris PS#6.

DE JAMAAL GREEN SR. 6-3 250 PS#184. 22 tkls, 4 sks in '99. 10 sts, 36 tkls, 4 sks in 2000. 5 sts, 50 tkls, 6 sks, 1 tfl LY. **Andrew Williams** (6-4 240 Sr) PS#28JC, 7 sts, 35 tkls, 4 sks, 1 tfl LY.

WLB DJ WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 240 PS#1LB. 4 sts, 225 yds at FB as true. 10 sts, 47 tkls, 5 tfl at LB LY. Leon Williams (6-4 220 rFr) **PS#3LB**. Darrell McClover (6-2 220 Jr) PS#111.

MLB JONATHAN VILMA JR. 6-2 215 PS#165. 40 tkls, 5 tfl as true. 11 sts, 87 tkls, 8 tfl, **1st Tm BE** LY. Roger McIntosh (6-3 220 rFr) **PS#13**. Jarrell Weaver (6-3 210 Jr) 39 tkls, 2Y, PS#97.

SLB Howard Clark Sr. 6-1 225 PS#10. 20 tkls, 2 sks in '99. **10 sts** in 2000, 65 tkls, 5 tfl. 1 st LY (bowl), 33 tkls, 1 sk. Carl Walker (6-3 194 Jr) PS#11DB, 8 tkls in '99 & 2000 @ DB.

CB Alfonso Marshall So. 6-1 180 PS#179. 9 tkls, 2 pbu in 2000. 2 sts, 27 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 tfl LY. Greg Threat is PS#14. Travarous Bain PS#9. Kelly Jennings (6-0 170 rFr) PS#84WR.

CB Antrel Rolle So. 6-1 203 PS#3DB. 9 games as true, 9 tackles, 1 interception, 1 pbu. Marcus Maxey (6-3 190 rFr) PS#44DB. Glenn Sharpe is PS#21DB this year.

SS Maurice Sikes Jr. 5-11 180 PS#34. 8 tkls as rFr, 9 games. 9 games last year, 15 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl. Jermell Weaver (6-2 205 Jr) 1 st, 4 tkls in 2000. 4 games, 6 tkls in 2001.

FS Sean Taylor So. 6-3 220 PS#80RB. 26 tkls as true, 10 games. JR Mounts (6-0 195 Fr) 23 years old, 4.3 speed, 3rd round DC of White Sox & 5 years of pro baseball.

P FREDDIE CAPSHAW SR. 5-11 186 52 punts as rFr, 40.0 average, 36.9 net. 51 punts in 2000, 43.3 avg, **39.2 net!** 40 punts LY, 41.2 avg, 35.3 net, 1 of 3 Ray Guy finalists.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR Ryan Moore 6-3 185 PS#2
TE Eric Winston 6-5 260 PS#2
WR Akieem Jolla 6-4 190 PS#5
WR Devin Hester 5-11 168 PS#13
DB Travarous Bain 6-0 170 PS#9
TE Curtis Justus 6-6 200 PS#5
LB Nate Harris 6-2 205 PS#22
OL Alex Pou 6-4 276 PS#22
DB Greg Threat 6-2 185 PS#14
OL Anthony Wollschlager 6-6 300 PS#27
WR Darnell Jenkins 5-11 190 PS#35
DB Glenn Sharpe 5-11 175 PS#21
QB Marc Guillon 6-4 190 PS#24
LB Antonio Reynolds 6-4 225 PS#38

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MIAMI (FLA) HURRICANES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	Florida A&M	G					
Sep. 7	at Florida	G					
Sep. 14	at Temple	A					
Sep. 21	Boston College	G					
Sep. 28							
Oct. 5	Connecticut	G					
Oct. 12	Florida St (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	at W Virginia	A					
Nov. 2	at Rutgers	G					
Nov. 9	at Tennessee	G					
Nov. 16							
Nov. 21	Pittsburgh (Thur)	G					
Nov. 30	at Syracuse	A					
Dec. 7	Virginia Tech	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Hurricanes are 18-12 (60%) ATS their last 30 as away chalk.
Miami is 8-10 ATS the last 18, but 6-2 ATS the last 8 after a SU loss.
Six 2001 bowl tms are on TY's UM docket and 5 of those 6 won their bowl gm.

Florida A&M Rattlers went 7-4 last year as a member of Div IAA MEAC.
Miami's average margin of victory in non-lined games since 1994 is 49 pts.

May apply: UM came into 2002 with a 6-9 ATS mark as a single digit fav, but 4-1 the L/5.
Hurricanes are 9-2 ATS in their last 11 road openers.

Miami is 11-6 ATS on artificial turf the last 6 years.
Hurricanes are 10-0 SU and 5-1 ATS vs the Owls.

Miami is 11-2 ATS in their last 13 Big East home games.
Canes have won 12 in a row SU in this series but are 5-7 ATS in that span, 2-4 L6Y.

Bonus: Home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 games in this series.
Extra Info: UM also has a bye between the FSU and WV games.

Canes are 6-2 SU and ATS in games after a bye since 1998.
This will be Miami's first meeting with this future Big East member.

Hurricanes are 13-0 SU, 9-4 ATS in the state of Florida the last 2 years.
Miami is 2-5 SU and 3-4 ATS in this rivalry, but 2-1 SU and 3-0 ATS L3Y.

UM is 4-0 SU & ATS the L/4 trips to Mountaineer Field, outscoring WV 129-54.
The road team has covered 9 of the last 11 meetings.

Hurricanes are 11-4 ATS the last 4 years in November.
Miami is 7-1 ATS L/8 vs RU & the avg margin of victory has been 40.9 ppg.

Pending 9/7, UM is (including bowl gms) 10-1 SU & 7-4 ATS vs current SEC tms S/'86.
Pending BC/Fla St gms: Miami is 17-8 ATS prior to a bye since 1990.

Bonus: UM & UT have only 1 previous meeting, the '86 Sugar Bowl (UT 35, UM 7).
Miami is 4-1 SU and 2-3 ATS since 1997 in weekday games.

Home team is 8-2 ATS the last 10 in this series.
Hurricanes are 7-2 SU and ATS their last 9 games vs the Orangemen.

In the L/3 gms vs SU, UM is 3-0 SU & ATS outscoring them 130-13, w/B2B shutouts.
Miami is 2-5 SU and ATS the last 7 years vs the Hokies.

Hurricanes are 8-2 ATS in their Orange Bowl finales.

LARRY COKER (Career 12-0)

2nd Year at Miami (Fla)

Coker's records AT MIAMI (FLA)

12-0	Straight Up	4-2	Home Favorite
6-5	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	2-3	Away Favorite
3-4	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
		3-1	Vs Non-Conf

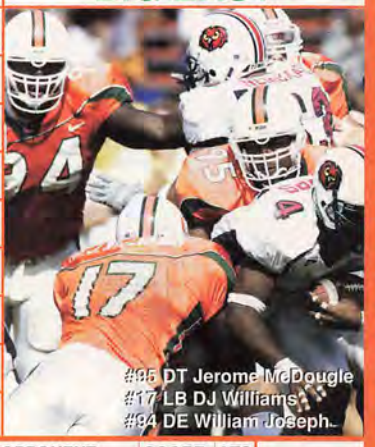
2001 RECORD: (12-0)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (22,23,4)
Lost: 16 (9,7,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,162

BIG EAST



#95 DT Jerome McDougle
#17 LB DJ Williams
#94 DE William Joseph

STADIUM: ORANGE BOWL (72,319)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	8-3	5-6	8-3	8-4	10-1	11-0	58-20
ATS	3-7	6-4	3-8	7-3	7-5	8-3	6-5	40-35
Home Fav	3-2	1-3	1-4	2-1	4-1	3-2	4-2	18-15
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-4
Away Fav	0-4	3-0	1-2	3-0	1-1	4-1	2-3	14-11
Away Dog	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	6-5
Favorite	3-6	4-3	2-6	5-1	5-2	7-3	6-5	32-26
Dog	0-1	2-1	1-2	2-2	2-3	1-0	0-0	8-9
Grass	3-5	3-4	2-6	4-2	6-4	5-2	6-4	29-27
Artificial	0-2	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	11-8
vs Conf	2-5	5-3	2-5	5-2	4-3	7-0	3-4	28-22
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1	3-2	1-3	3-1	12-13
Off SU Win	2-5	5-2	2-3	4-3	4-3	7-2	5-5	29-23
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-2	0-5	3-0	2-2	1-0	0-0	8-10

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Clinton Portis	240	1366	62	1304	11	5.4
Frank Gore	**64**	**579**	**14**	**565**	**5**	**8.8**
Willis McGahee	**69**	**334**	**13**	**321**	**3**	**4.7**
Najeh Davenport	23	54	0	54	3	2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ken Dorsey	**353**	**206**	**58.4**	**3014**	**26**	**10**
Derrick Crudup	**22**	**10**	**45.5**	**100**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeremy Shockey	45	604	13.4	8	56
Andre Johnson	**44**	**881**	**20.0**	**12**	**64**
Kevin Beard	**29**	**450**	**15.5**	**2**	**47**
Ethenic Sands	**26**	**385**	**14.8**	**1**	**37**
Daryl Jones	20	247	12.4	0	34
Najeh Davenport	14	190	13.6	2	32

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Freddie Capshaw	**40**	**1646**	**41.2**	**10**	**35.3**	**2**	**16**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Todd Sievers	**5-6**	**10-12**	**7-9**	**0-1**	**22-28**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jonathan Vilma	**87**	**1**	**7**	**3**	**1**
Chris Campbell	68	2	3	1	1
William Joseph	**67**	**10**	**12**	**2**	**1**
Matt Walters	**67**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**1**
James Lewis	64	0	1	4	4
Jerome McDougle	**61**	**7**	**9**	**3**	**1**
Edward Reed	53	0	1	10	9
Jamaal Green	**50**	**6**	**1**	**2**	**0**
D.J. Williams	**47**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Vince Wilfork	**41**	**1**	**10**	**0**	**0**
Markese Fitzgerald	39	2	2	8	2
Andrew Williams	**35**	**4**	**1**	**4**	**0**
Mike Rumph	33	0	3	8	0
Howard Clark	**33**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Phillip Buchanon	35	501	14.3	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre Johnson	**15**	**281**	**18.7**	**0**

MIAMI

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Carquest	-3'	Virginia	31-21	W
98	MicronPC	-6'	NC State	46-23	W
99	Gator	-4'	Georgia Tech	28-13	W
00	Sugar	-6'	Florida	37-20	W
01	Rose	-8'	Nebraska	37-14	W

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	42.7	22	197	5.3	260	57.6	10.7	+27	2001	8	9.8	17	138	3.2	132	43.9	27.7
6	42.2	22	194	4.9	266	57.9	10.9	+13	2000	8	15.8	19	115	3.4	228	50.1	21.7
7	33.2	20	177	4.5	229	56.5	12.2	+5	1999	9	16.9	18	114	3.1	196	53.6	18.4
6	37.3	23	208	5.1	255	58.8	12.4	+6	1998	6	24.8	21	149	3.6	235	55.5	15.5
7*	28.6	21	170	4.6	222	56.0	13.7	0	1997	3	25.9	22	220	4.9	177	58.2	15.3
8*	30.6	21	147	4.0	265	59.7	13.4	-4	1996	10	17.5	16	134	3.4	147	46.8	16.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Penn St	23	44-258	5.9	20-27	344	0	16	33-82	2.5	13-31	241	6	+1
Rutgers	20	42-227	5.4	14-26	315	0	11	40-64	1.6	9-22	62	1	+4
at Pittsburgh	25	45-243	5.4	20-34	224	0	19	32-133	4.2	17-35	175	1	+2
Troy St	23	28-101	3.6	21-37	327	0	24	45-155	3.4	15-29	157	6	+1
at Florida St	18	36-142	3.9	14-27	249	0	30	48-214	4.5	17-37	262	7	+3
W Virginia	19	35-212	6.1	19-32	224	0	16	55-193	3.5	9-21	72	7	+4
Temple	22	38-212	5.6	16-26	175	1	11	45-118	2.6	6-14	34	3	+2
at Boston College	23	40-165	4.1	20-41	222	0	16	40-131	3.3	12-29	162	1	-2
Syracuse	25	36-331	9.2	14-22	235	1	12	46-105	2.3	10-20	80	7	+2
Washington	21	37-211	5.7	15-24	202	1	22	45-98	2.2	17-36	194	5	+6
at Virginia Tech	23	41-149	3.6	21-44	235	1	11	39-167	4.3	4-16	81	5	+3
†Nebraska	18	26-110	4.2	22-35	362	0	16	49-197	4.0	5-15	62	3	+1
TOTALS	260	448-2361	5.3	216-375	3114	4	204	517-1657	3.2	134-305	1582	52	+27
AVERAGES	21.7	37-197	5.3	18-31	260	0.3	17.0	43-138	3.2	11-25	132	4.3	2.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Baylor	-15'	45-14	W
Arizona St	-9'	12-23	L
at Pittsburgh	-15'	17-21	L
W Virginia	-8'	17-28	L
at Florida St	+22	0-47	L
at Boston College (OT)	-6	45-44	L
Temple	-20	47-15	W
Arkansas St	-41	42-10	L
at Virginia Tech	+6'	25-27	W
Rutgers	-34	51-23	L
Syracuse	+6	13-33	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	66-17	–
at Cincinnati	-13'	38-12	W
Virginia Tech (OT)	-4	20-27	L
at Rutgers	-28	53-17	W
Florida St	+9'	14-26	L
at W Virginia	+4	34-31	W
Boston College	-15	35-17	W
at Temple	-23'	42-7	W
Pittsburgh	-23'	38-10	W
at Syracuse	+3'	13-66	L
UCLA	+9'	49-45	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Ohio St	+5'	23-12	W
Florida A&M	-40	57-3	W
Penn St	+2	23-27	L
at E Carolina	-11	23-27	L
at Florida St	+14	21-31	W
at Boston College	-18	31-28	L
W Virginia	-17'	28-20	L
at Pittsburgh	-8	33-3	W
at Virginia Tech	+8'	10-43	L
Rutgers	-33	55-0	W
Syracuse	-10'	45-13	W
Temple	-31	55-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
McNeese St	-55	61-14	L
at Washington	-3	29-34	L
at W Virginia	-7'	47-10	W
at Rutgers	-30	64-6	W
Florida St	+6'	27-24	W
at Temple	-22	45-17	W
Louisiana Tech	-40'	42-31	L
Virginia Tech	-9'	41-21	W
Pittsburgh	-20'	35-7	W
at Syracuse	-12'	26-0	W
Boston College	-27	52-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	-13'	33-7	W
Rutgers	-44	61-0	W
at Pittsburgh	-27	43-21	L
Troy St	-50	38-7	L
at Florida St	-7'	49-27	W
W Virginia	-35	45-3	W
Temple	-42	38-0	L
at Boston College	-20	18-7	L
Syracuse	-20'	59-0	W
Washington	-25'	65-7	W
at Virginia Tech	-14	26-24	L

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

QB Brian St Pierre

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year BC had to replace a two year starter in Tim Hasselbeck, who completed 53% with an 18-10 ratio and finished 20th in the NCAA in pass efficiency but hit just 47% with an 8-9 ratio vs bowl teams. Brian St. Pierre saw action in all 12 games in 2000 and did get in one start, throwing for 543 yards (60%) with a 4-3 ratio. St. Pierre, who was an option QB in HS, bulked up to 217 lbs by lifting weights in the offseason and increased his bench to 340 lbs prior to the start of 2001 fall drills. He was injured in August and not 100% when the season started, but regained health quickly. He finished the year completing 52% for 2,125 yards with 26 TD's (2nd highest in school history) and 10 int's. St. Pierre played well vs bowl teams, as despite only completing 47.9% he had a solid 12-3 ratio and 183 ypg. He was PS#12 and has outstanding size. Eric Boatwright (6-3 226 So) was PS#49 and was scheduled to be the backup but true frosh Quinton Porter (6-4 210 So) who was PS#30 beat him out for the backup spot and played in 7 games, throwing for 55 yards and hitting 8 of 13 passes. With both reserves back, the Eagles are very deep at this position. Both Kevin Kiley (6-3 225 Jr, PS#59) and Ray Henderson (PS#41) moved to LB this spring. I look for solid improvement from St. Pierre in his second full season as the starter and he should be one of the Big East's best QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - BC has had a 1,000 yard rusher now for 4 straight seasons. Cedric Washington rushed for 1,152 in 1999 and 785 in 2000 and departed last year. William Green emerged in 2000 with 1,164 yards rushing (6.2). Green (PS#8) only logged 44.6% of the RB attempts in 2000 but with Washington's departure became a much bigger part of the offense last year. He worked hard in the offseason to improve his VL to 43" and improved his speed. Despite missing the Miami, Fla game due to suspension, Green had 72.6% of the carries by the RB's and finished with 1,708 yards (5.7) falling just short of BC's single season rushing record of 1,776 set by Mike Cloud in 1994. The top backup, Derrick Knight, rushed 79 times for 339 yards (4.3) and they played Brandon Brokaw (6-2 241 So) as a true frosh (90 yds). Green opted to leave early for the NFL (#1DC of CLE), but I like Penn St transfer Horace Dodd (PS#19) and I think he will become the feature back. The returning starter at FB Ryan Utzler lost his job to JP Comella and Greg Toal and had just 2 rec's. Both Comella and Toal return for 2002. Not listed in the 2 deep below are FB Haven Perkins (5-11 219 So) and TB Kevin Dykes (5-10 184 Sr). This has the makings of a decent RB corps but it will be very tough to replace Green's outstanding production and 1st round NFL talent.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Eagles had to replace their top 2 TE's but did return their top 2 receivers including Dedrick Dewalt who averaged a super 19.1 on 40 rec's. Dewalt did not have as much success in 2001 as his ypc dropped to 15.0 on 40 rec's. He departs this year along with backup Ryan Reed (20, 16.0). Everyone else returns. I list the 2 deep below. Jamal Burke is a VHT who will have to fill the feature role after being the #2 man the last two seasons. Last year the top 2 TE's were converted DL's playing TE for the first time and they combined for 22 rec's and are much more experienced. Not listed in the two deep below are David Kashetta (6-3 248 So, PS#22TE), Chris Miller (6-5 246 rFr, PS#42TE), Francois Brochu (6-5 237 So) and 4 HT true frosh. I like the talent available at this position and even with the loss of their top guy, they should come close to matching last year's production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Eagles allowed 46 sacks the year before Tom O'Brien arrived but in his first four years here they have allowed just 20, 17, 22 and 7. The 2000 version also opened holes for 4.8 ypc, the best in his tenure. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including an NFL DC. They also went through some shuffling during the season as Chris Snee (2), RG Augie Hoffmann (4), and RT Leo Bell (2) missed games due to injury and LT Marc Colombo missed the final 3 games of regular season. This year they must replace 4 of their top 10 players. Gone are Colombo (#1DC of CHI, 9 sts, 2nd Tm BE), G John Richardson (4 sts) and backups T Dan Murphy and C Todd McKniff. Six of the top 10 are back and all 6 drew starts last year and 2 returnees earned 2nd Team Big East honors. Last year BC averaged 5.0 ypc while allowing 16 sacks. This year's unit is even more experienced and should be yet another fine O'Brien offensive line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Three years ago BC allowed just 3.9 ypc rushing while recording 41 sacks with a veteran group. Only 2 lettermen returned in 2000 and BC's young DL allowed 4.7 ypc rushing while the D recorded just 26 sacks. Last year only 2 players departed including 1 starter and they also welcomed back Antonio Garay who finished #4 in the NCAA as a heavyweight wrestler, but missed the 2000 football season due to injury. Last year he started 8 games before a neck injury sidelined him. They did have 2 frosh in the 2 deep and remained a relatively young group with just one senior. DT Doug Goodwin had 8 tackles and 3 tfl vs Temple and was Co-Big East Def Player of the Week, and the VT OC said that Goodwin was a heck of an athlete, a lot like former BC player Chris Hovan (#1DC of MIN in 2000). This year only 1 player departs in DE Sean Guthrie (11 sts, 54 tkls, 9 sks, 2nd Tm BE). O'Brien has done a great job recruiting in this area and of the 10 players listed in the projected starting lineup, SIX of them are VHT's. The only one not listed is Anthony Crosson (6-3 272 So, PS#48). Overall last year BC improved by allowing just 3.4 ypc rushing, the best in O'Brien's tenure, while the defense recorded 31 sacks. This year's group has just 2 seniors and provided Garay is able to return from his injury, they should be solidly improved once again.

LINEBACKERS - O'Brien's LB corps have been plagued by inexperience and injuries. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 11 starts but did have 3 players returning with starting experience. One returning starter, Curtis Bolden, started just 1 game (18 tkls, 3 tfl) before losing his job. Another projected starter, Josh Ott, was injured in August and did not join the team until late September. He ended up starting the last 6 games and had 7 tackles and an int in the bowl game. This year they must replace Scott Bradley (12 sts, 2nd Tm BE, 89 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl, 3 int, 7 pbu), Marco Williams (5 sts, 34 tkls), Andy Romanowsky (37 tkls, 4 tfl), and Bolden. Only 3 of the top 7 return and they also add 2 QB's who moved to LB in the spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Sydney Baskins (5-11 230 So, PS#160DL). They have a couple of VHT's and have 2 players who started the final 6 together, so this unit looks to be just as experienced as last year and could even be a little stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - O'Brien's first 3 years saw BC finish just #102, #94 and #100 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace 2 starters in 2000 but made dramatic strides, moving up to #30 although part of the reason for the high ranking was that opponents were able to run at will on them (207 ypg, 4.7) and did not have to pass. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 18 starts, then lost one of their top cover CB's in William Poole prior to the year due to suspension. The Eagles dropped a little to #33 but allowed just 50.0% with a 12-20 ratio. The reason they were lower in my rankings was that they faced very few potent pass attacks, although they did hold Ken Dorsey of Miami, Fla to 20 of 41 for 222 yards with 4 int's. This year the only loss from the 2 deep is CB Lenny Walls (10 sts, 48 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu) and 4 players return with starting experience. I list the 2 deep below and there is a chance that Poole could return from his suspension and he would be a big time addition at the CB spot. Another top-notch addition this year is true frosh Will Blackmon (PS#7RB) who could play right away. This is probably O'Brien's best secondary yet and could move into the top 20 in 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This has been a weak spot for the Eagles. In 1998 they finished just #101 in my special teams rankings and were #69 in 1999 and #87 in 2000. Last year they had everyone back except for their FG kicker who hit 13 of 15 and was 1st Team Big East. Normally when a punter or kicker takes on extra duties his average suffers, but P Kevin McMyler, who averaged 37.6 and 40.1 in his first two years, took on the FG kicking duties as well last year and still increased his punting average to a super 42.6 with a net of 38.0. He was the key reason that BC jumped up to #60 in my special teams rankings. McMyler also proved to be proficient on FG's hitting 7 of 10 with a long of 45, although he only attempted one kick from 40+. Sandro Sciortino was injured early last year but still attempted two FG's, hitting one from 39 yards (the other was blocked) during the regular season and hit 2 FG's in the bowl. They both return. BC has not had a game-breaking returnman recently and Dewalt's 5.3 PR average and Burke's 21.0 KR average kept that trend going. They did allow 8.1 per PR but only 19.7 per KR (Sciortino handled most of the KO's). The only loss from this unit is Dewalt and I expect the PR numbers to get stronger, even with his departure. As long as McMyler continues his steady improvement in the punting numbers, this group could actually move into the top 50 this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The last 3 years BC has been to a bowl each season and each team has gotten stronger. However, they still have been a team that has beat up on the weaklings and have come up short versus the ranked foes. In fact, last year when they beat Georgia in the bowl game, it was the first time they defeated a Top 25 opponent since 1995. In 1999 BC was 8-4 but were actually outscored by their opponents 25.7-24.8. In 2000 they benefitted from a +14 turnover margin. Last year they finally were as strong as their 8-4 record indicated as they outgained Big East foes by 72.1 ypg and outscored them by an average of 29.3-17.9. This is Tom O'Brien's 6th season and his best edition yet as last year's squad had just 7 seniors in the 2 deep. BC has 16 starters back which is the 2nd most in the conference. They do have 4 Big East road games but 3 of them fall into the winnable category, and they host both Virginia Tech and Syracuse. BC has my #3 rated offense in the league this year led by QB Brian St Pierre and a top-notch offensive line. The defense has allowed fewer points in each of the last 5 seasons and with 8 starters back on that side of the ball should continue that trend as they have my #2 rated overall defense in the league. The team gained great confidence with their win over Georgia and that plus the wealth of talent returning could have them topping last year's 8-4 record and getting their highest finish ever in the Big East standings.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB BRIAN ST. PIERRE SR. 6-4 217 PS#12. 2 sts, 838 yds (59%), 5-6 ratio in '99 and 2000. 12 sts LY, 2125 yds (52%), 26-10 ratio, 380 rush. **2nd Tm BE**. Quinton Porter PS#30.

RB Horace Dodd Jr. 6-1 207 PS#19. 18 tkls at OLB at **Penn St** in 2000, 226 plays. Derrick Knight (5-9 205 Jr) PS#144. 1 st, 576 yds (4.2), 2Y. Brandon Brokaw (6-2 241 So).

FB J.P. COMELLA JR. 6-0 240 PS#78. Brother of NFL's Greg. 4 rec (24.0) as rFr. 8 sts LY, 9 rec (6.4). Greg Toal (5-11 214 Jr) PS#63. 6 rec as rFr. 2 sts LY, 31 rush yds (5.2), 2 rec (7.0).

WR Keith Hemmings Sr. 6-2 209 **PS#38**. 8 rec in 2000 (14.5), 8 rec (21.0) LY. Grant Adams (6-0 189 So) PS#45, 2 rec (14.5). Chris Barnes (6-0 201 Jr) PS#53, torn ACL in '99.

WR JAMAL BURKE SR. 6-1 207 **PS#23**. 12 rec (21.0) as rFr. 12 sts, 27 rec (14.5) in 2000. 12 sts , 27 rec (12.4), 24 KR (21.0) LY. **Joel Hazard** (5-9 184 So) PS#39, **4.35** spd.

TE SEAN RYAN JR. 6-5 259 7 sts at DE, 30 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 12 sts at TE LY, 18 rec (13.5). Frank Misurelli (6-4 264 Sr) PS#33, 2 sts at DE, 9 tkls in 2000. 1 st, 4 rec LY.

C DAN KOPPEN SR. 6-3 293 PS#137. 9 games as rFr. 12 sts in 2000. 12 sts LY. **2nd Tm BE in 2000 & LY**. Jim Connor (6-5 285 Jr) PS#56. Pat Ross (6-4 265 rFr) PS#78.

RG Augie Hoffmann Jr. 6-2 305 **PS#15**. 1 st, 7 games as rFr (injury). 6 starts in 2001 (inj'd), 2 letters. Chris Hathy (6-4 290 rFr) PS#76. James Marten is PS#52.

LG CHRIS SNEE SO. 6-3 310 PS#111. 4.8 spd, 34"VL. Off Scout MVP in 2000. 7 sts in 2001 (miss 2 inj) 10 games. Robert Bennett (6-4 268 So) PS#67DL. 1 tkl in 2000.

RT LEO BELL JR. 6-8 306 PS#142. 7 games as rFr. 8 sts at RT in 2001, added 16 lbs. **Frank Wilpert** (6-5 308 Jr) **PS#27**, 3 games as rFr, 2 starts in 2001.

LT MARK PARENTEAU SR. 6-5 308 PS#119. 2nd string in 5 gms as **true**. 4 gms in 2000. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm BE**. Rudy DiPietro (6-4 315 Jr) PS#231. Jeremy Simpson (6-7 275 Fr) PS#120.

K SANDRO SCIORTINO JR. 5-10 201 Canadian. KO's in 2000. 3 of 4 FG's LY (inj) long 39, KO's in 8 games. Kevin McMyler 7 of 10 FG's, long of 45. Ken Dudnick (6-4 203 Jr) PS#31.

DEFENSE

DE ANTONIO GARAY SR. 6-4 290 **PS#59**. 4 sts, 64 tkls, 8 tfl in '99. 8 sts, **2nd Tm BE** LY. 9 tfl, 57 tkls, Hvywt wrestler. Mathias Kiwanuka (6-6 227 rFr) PS#45TE. Jim Unis is **PS#10**.

DT TOM MARTIN JR. 6-4 270 **PS#26**. 5 sts, 37 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl as rFr. 12 sts, 58 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Tim Bulman (6-3 258 So) PS#81. 20 tkls as **true**, 2 tfl. **Justin Hinds** (6-3 284 Jr) **PS#11**.

DT DOUG GOODWIN JR. 6-1 285 PS#77. 7 sts as **true**, 30 tkls, 7 tfl. 12 sts LY, 52 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl. **Keith Leavitt** (6-6 337 Jr) **PS#10**. 11 sts, 50 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr. 13 sks, 2 tfl LY.

DE Derric Rossy Sr. 6-3 253 **PS#39LB**. 16 tkls, 1 sk in '99. 3 sts, 38 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl in 2000. 4 sts LY, 51 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. Phil Mettling (6-2 257 So) PS#172, 1 st, 11 tkls as rFr.

LB JOSH OTT JR. 6-2 225 PS#115. 60 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Inj early LY. **L/6 sts**, 82 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 int. Jerome Ledbetter (6-0 222 Sr) PS#91, 9 tkls. Kevin Kiley PS#59QB in '99.

LB VINNY CIURCIU SR. 5-11 240 PS#125RB. 131 yds, 2Y at RB at **Clemson**. 12 sts at LB here. #1 w/93 tkls, 5 tfl. **JD Schmidt** (6-3 240 Jr) **PS#19**. Jon Misiewicz (6-2 210 rFr) PS#175.

LB Patrick McShane rFr. 6-0 192 **PS#28LB**. TJ Stancil (6-1 202 So) PS#67DB. 17 tkls as rFr. Ray Henderson (6-3 200 rFr) PS#41QB. Jeff Parros (6-5 221 rFr) PS#69QB.

CB Peter Shean So. 5-9 177 PS#88. 2 sts, 42 tkls, 2 int LY. Jazzmen Williams (5-8 183 rFr) PS#61. **William Poole** (6-0 182 Jr) PS#64. **10 sts, 83 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu** in 2000, susp LY.

CB TREVOR WHITE SR. 5-8 184 PS#83RB. 22 tkls in 1st 2Y. 12 sts LY, 54 tkls, 1 int. Larry Lester (5-7 169 rFr) PS#57. Nathanael Hasselbeck (5-11 179 rFr) PS#74. Ryan Mattison (5-8 173 Jr).

SS DOUG BESSETTE SR. 5-11 203 PS#101. 40 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 12 sts LY, 90 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Paul Cook (5-11 201 Jr) PS#114. 46 tkls, 2Y. **Will Blackmon** is **PS#7RB**.

FS RALPH PARENT SR. 6-2 206 PS#75WR. 12 sts in 2000, 58 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. 12 sts LY, 86 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Brian Flores (5-11 206 Jr) PS#39. 24 tkls, 1 int last year.

P KEVIN McMYLER SR. 6-1 194 65 punts as true, 37.6 avg, 31.4 net. 69 punts in 2000. 40.1 avg and 34.7 net. 65 punts LY. 42.6 avg w/super net **38.0**, **2nd Team Big East**.

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WR	Jeff Burns 6-3 210 PS#78
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BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BC	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								BC is 11-1 SU and 8-4 ATS vs Army since 1987. The favorite is 6-3 ATS in the last 9 Army/BC meetings. BC has been favored in 20 of the last 21 meetings vs Rutgers.
Aug. 31	Connecticut	A						BC is 5-12 ATS in season openers since 1985. Eagles are 9-1 ATS as a home favorite the L2Y, 12-3 ATS since 1998.
Sep. 7	Stanford	A						Pending LW BC is 10-19 ATS the last 7 years vs non-Big East teams. BC came into 2002 with a 16-6 ATS mark in their L/22 artificial turf games.
Sep. 14								⇧ Bonus: If Boston College is a dog here note that they are 4-0 ATS the last 3 years as a home dog.
Sep. 21	at Miami (Fla)	G						BC is 0-10 SU vs Miami since the Big East was formed in 1991 and just 3-19 SU in the series with their last win in 1984 in the Hail Mary game.
Sep. 28	C Michigan	A						This is the 1st time BC has played a current MAC school in over 20 years. BC is 4-10 ATS vs non-conference foes at home.
Oct. 5								
Oct. 10	Virginia Tech (Thur)	A						BC is 10-2 ATS the last 3 years in October. The home team is 1-6-1 ATS in the last 8 meetings.
Oct. 19	Navy	A						BC is 7-4 SU but just 3-8 ATS vs the Middies. Boston College is 14-2 ATS the last 3 years on the hill
Oct. 26	at Pittsburgh	G						The SU winner is 14-1 ATS the last 15 in this matchup. BC is 12-5 ATS in the last 17 series meetings.
Nov. 2	at Notre Dame	G						BC came into 2002 with a 1-6 ATS mark the last 2 years as an away dog. Pending earlier results, BC is 6-9-1 ATS (40%) in their last 16 grass games.
Nov. 9	at W Virginia	A						The home team is 4-0 ATS in the last 4 meetings, all as a home favorite. BC came into 2002 with a 15-5-1 ATS in Big East play the last 3 years.
Nov. 16	Syracuse	A						BC is 8-14 ATS their last 22 games with Syracuse. Boston College is 4-0 ATS at home in November the last 4 years.
Nov. 23	at Temple	A						Eagles are 5-11 ATS as a favorite away from Chestnut Hill. The SU winner is 5-0 ATS in the last 5 meetings with Temple pulling 2 upsets.
Nov. 30	Rutgers	A						Boston College is 6-2 ATS their last 8 home finales. The Eagles are 8-2 ATS the last 10 vs the Scarlet Knights.

TOM O'BRIEN (Career 31-27)
6th Year at Boston College

O'Brien's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE

31-27 Straight Up	12-5 Home Favorite
29-24-1 Vs The Spread	7-4 Home Dog
12-10 Off A S/U Loss	4-6 Away Favorite
22-12-1 Vs Conference	6-9-1 Away Dog
7-12 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (21,16,3)
Lost: 17 (9,8,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,481

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-8	5-7	4-7	4-7	8-3	6-5	7-4	38-41
ATS	5-7	4-8	4-7	5-6	6-3-1	7-4	7-4	38-39-1
Home Fav	1-2	1-2	0-2	2-1	1-1	5-0	4-1	14-9
Home Dog	1-1	0-3	2-2	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-0	8-8
Away Fav	1-2	0-2	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	5-10
Away Dog	2-2	3-1	2-1	1-2	2-0-1	0-4	1-2	11-12-1
Favorite	2-4	1-4	0-4	3-2	2-3	6-0	5-2	19-19
Dog	3-3	3-4	4-3	2-4	4-0-1	1-4	2-2	19-20-1
Grass	3-0	2-0	1-2	1-2	2-1-1	0-2	2-2	11-9-1
Artificial	2-7	2-8	3-5	4-4	4-2	7-2	5-2	27-30
vs Conf	4-3	2-5	4-3	3-4	5-1-1	4-3	6-1	28-20-1
vs Non-Conf	1-4	2-3	0-4	2-2	1-2	3-1	1-3	10-19
Off SU Win	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-2	4-2-1	4-2	4-3	18-16-1
Off SU Loss	4-4	2-4	3-4	2-4	2-0	3-1	2-1	18-18

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
William Green	300	1791	83	1708	16	5.7
Derrick Knight	**79**	**348**	**9**	**339**	**1**	**4.3**
Brian St. Pierre	**75**	**380**	**119**	**261**	**0**	**3.5**
Brandon Brokaw	**24**	**100**	**10**	**90**	**0**	**3.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian St. Pierre	**304**	**158**	**52.0**	**2125**	**26**	**10**
Quinton Porter	**13**	**8**	**61.5**	**55**	**0**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dedrick Dewalt	40	601	15.0	6	68
Jamal Burke	**27**	**334**	**12.4**	**8**	**31**
William Green	25	265	10.6	2	70
Ryan Read	20	319	16.0	4	35
Sean Ryan	**18**	**243**	**13.5**	**3**	**26**
Keith Hemmings	**8**	**168**	**21.0**	**2**	**58**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Kevin McMyler	**65**	**2772**	**42.6**	**–**	**38.0**	**2**	**22**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin McMyler	**2-4**	**4-5**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**7-10**	**45**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Vinny Ciurciu	**93**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**2**
Doug Bessette	**90**	**1**	**7**	**4**	**2**
Scott Bradley	89	4	3	7	3
Ralph Parent	**86**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Josh Ott	**82**	**1**	**4**	**3**	**3**
Tom Martin	**58**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**0**
Antonio Garay	**57**	**5**	**4**	**1**	**1**
Sean Guthrie	54	9	3	0	0
Trevor White	**54**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Douglas Goodwin	**52**	**5**	**8**	**4**	**0**
Derric Rossy	**51**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Lenny Walls	48	0	2	5	3
Peter Shean	**42**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Andy Romanowsky	37	0	4	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dedrick DeWalt	18	95	5.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamal Burke	**24**	**504**	**21.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Carquest	-6'	Virginia	31-13	W
94	Aloha	+1'	Kansas St	12-7	W
99	Insight.com	+7'	Colorado	28-62	L
00	Aloha	+3'	Arizona St	31-17	W
01	Music City	+4	Georgia	20-16	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BOSTON COLLEGE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	28.1	19	207	5.0	182	52.4	13.8	+6	2001	8	18.9	19	151	3.4	183	50.0	17.7
7*	31.5	20	199	4.8	214	54.7	13.1	+14	2000	5	23.1	20	207	4.7	173	48.0	16.4
3	24.8	20	171	4.1	200	54.6	15.0	-1	1999	8	25.7	21	162	3.9	235	61.0	15.5
4	24.8	22	196	4.6	216	60.5	16.6	-2	1998	7	28.3	20	164	3.8	234	57.7	14.1
8*	21.6	20	178	4.6	222	61.8	18.6	-1	1997	5	28.6	20	199	4.3	196	58.3	13.8
8	22.0	23	142	3.6	210	50.0	16.1	+1	1996	7	30.3	20	190	4.2	214	56.0	13.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
W Virginia	20	50-325	6.5	11-26	146	1	21	40-76	1.9	22-40	240	5	+3
at Stanford	19	36-130	3.6	17-41	202	2	21	43-160	3.7	15-30	232	1	-1
at Navy	24	44-232	5.3	19-26	247	3	15	51-177	3.5	4-9	124	2	+3
Army	21	43-192	4.5	21-28	204	0	13	36-154	4.3	11-29	108	0	0
Temple	16	42-188	4.5	12-22	141	2	17	36-57	1.6	15-32	151	5	-1
at Virginia Tech	12	28-58	2.1	13-26	180	2	23	49-171	3.5	16-29	225	2	-1
Pittsburgh	25	54-257	4.8	14-21	241	1	11	32-122	3.8	14-35	108	1	+1
Notre Dame	14	31-199	6.4	7-16	155	0	23	59-233	3.9	12-23	116	3	-1
Miami (Fla)	16	40-131	3.3	12-29	162	1	23	40-165	4.1	20-41	222	0	+2
at Rutgers	24	56-362	6.5	14-29	176	3	9	38-51	1.3	9-24	132	8	0
at Syracuse	16	27-216	8.0	17-28	217	1	30	66-322	4.9	16-21	253	0	-1
†Georgia	16	47-197	4.2	9-25	109	4	23	39-122	3.1	22-39	288	0	+2
TOTALS	223	498-2487	5.0	166-317	2180	16	229	529-1810	3.4	176-352	2199	31	+6
AVERAGES	18.6	42-207	5.0	14-26	182	1.7	19.1	44-151	3.4	15-29	183	2.6	0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	-12	21-28	L
W Virginia	+7	31-24	W
at Rutgers	-14'	35-21	L
Cincinnati	+2	6-24	L
Georgia Tech	+6'	14-42	L
at Virginia Tech	+18'	7-17	W
Miami,Fla (OT)	+6	44-45	W
at Notre Dame	+15	20-52	L
Pittsburgh	-4'	22-21	L
at Syracuse	+27	13-20	W
Army	-13'	24-20	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia Tech	+13	41-31	W
Rutgers	-22'	41-14	W
Temple	-18	31-7	W
at Louisville	-6'	28-52	L
Virginia Tech	+6'	0-17	L
Syracuse	+13'	25-42	L
Navy	-14	31-32	L
at Miami (Fla)	+15	17-35	L
Notre Dame	+11	26-31	W
at Pittsburgh	-1'	23-15	W
at W Virginia	+13'	10-35	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor (OT)	-4	30-29	L
at Navy	-7	14-10	L
at Rutgers	-7	27-7	W
Northeastern	NL	33-22	–
at Temple	-14	14-24	L
Pittsburgh	+3'	20-16	W
Miami (Fla)	+18	28-31	W
at Syracuse	+19	24-23	W
West Virginia	-3'	34-17	W
at Notre Dame	+8'	31-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+24	14-38	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia	+2'	14-34	L
at Army	-6'	55-17	W
Navy	-19	48-7	W
Virginia Tech	+14'	34-48	W
Connecticut	-29	55-3	W
Syracuse	-1	20-13	W
at Pittsburgh	+3'	26-42	L
Rutgers	-22	42-13	W
Temple	-9'	31-3	W
at Notre Dame	+8'	16-28	L
at Miami (Fla)	+27	6-52	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Virginia	-4	34-10	W
at Stanford	+5'	22-38	L
at Navy	-20	38-21	L
Army	-23'	31-10	L
Temple	-13	33-10	W
at Virginia Tech	+20	20-34	W
Pittsburgh	-11	45-7	W
Notre Dame	-3'	21-17	W
Miami (Fla)	+20	7-18	W
at Rutgers	-30	38-7	W
at Syracuse	+3'	28-39	L

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Tech had to replace Michael Vick but I called for an improvement on his 1,439 yards passing and 9 TD's. Grant Noel (PS#43) won the starting QB job. Noel began the year with 108 pass attempts without an interception and vs the soft early schedule threw for 186 ypg in the first four, completing 66% with an 8-0 ratio. For the season he completed 57.3% while throwing for 2,095 yards and almost doubled Vick's TD passing total with 17 but also had 11 interceptions while rushing for 166 gross yards. He became the first QB to start all 11 regular season games here since 1996. He suffered through a nightmare of a game vs Miami, Fla where he hit just 4 of 16 with 4 interceptions and took 5 sacks, but he came back to throw for a career high 269 yards (15 of 27) in the bowl game. Noel tore his ACL at the end of spring this year, but insists that he will be back in August and will wear a brace that will enable him to compete. The doctors also feel he will be able to return since he is more of a drop back passer, not a running QB. Bryan Randall (6-0 213 So) was PS#4 and got in 9 games as a true frosh as the #2 QB. He hit 12 of 35 (34.3%) for 114 yards while rushing for 136. While he has 4.5 speed, the knock on him is that he lacks arm strength. Will Hunt (6-0 212 rFr) was PS#58 and is a smart player that makes good throws. Chris Clifton (6-4 201 rFr) is PS#81 and was moved to WR in spring after spending time as a scout team WR last year. Strength coach Gentry says that Clifton's work ethic will make him a surprise, and he could be forced back to QB if Noel is unable to compete. They also signed Marcus Vick (PS#8), who is Michael's brother and will be given a shot at winning the top job. This unit is a much more experienced group than last year if Noel is able to play. If he does return he will have a battle on his hands to maintain the starting job.

RUNNING BACKS - This is clearly one of the deepest RB positions in the NCAA. In 2000, Lee Suggs, in his first full year as a starter, added 100 lbs to his bench press while bulking up and maintaining his 4.27 speed and simply led Div IA in scoring with an amazing 30 rush TD's and led the Big East in rushing. He was a Heisman Trophy frontrunner coming into last season but was injured in the opener and lost for the year. VT doctors said that he has had a phenomenal recovery and Suggs vowed to come back bigger and even stronger. Keith Burnell (PS#26) started the next 7 games rushing for 708 yards (4.7). He decided to transfer to a IAA school for his senior year in order to play TB because VT coaches tried to move him to other positions in spring. One of VT's highest rated recruits is Kevin Jones (PS#6) who wears Michael Vick's number (7). Jones started the last 4 games as a true frosh and has 4.38 speed with a 350 lb bench. He led the team with 1,012 yards rushing (5.1) and in his 3 starts during the regular season he rushed for 155, 181 and 160 yards, the last vs Miami (most by any RB vs Miami). Jones probably would have had an even bigger impact but he sprained his ankle in the HS all-star game and was not 100% for the first three games last year. They must replace FOUR year starting FB Jarrett Ferguson (#7DC of BUF, 12 sts, 169 yds, 30 rec), an annual Super Iron Hokie. I list the 2 deep below. Cedrick Humes (PS#51) and Justin Hamilton (PS#63) both were very impressive on the scout team last year, drawing praise from the defensive coordinator weekly, but Hamilton moved to WR in spring. They also add in Virginia's HS offensive player of the year in Mike Imoh (PS#78). It's too bad this team only has one football.

RB Lee Suggs

RECEIVERS - Last year everyone returned to this unit but this year they do suffer some big losses. Andre Davis set VT's indoor track record with a 21.43 in the 200m in 1997. He averaged an amazing 25.5 ypc in 1999. Last year his routes changed due to the new QB as he went from mostly fly patterns and go routes to more underneath patterns where he had to break tackles for big gains. Davis was averaging just 13.8 ypc after Temple but vs Virginia and Florida St had 8 rec's for an amazing 35.5 ypc bringing his ypc for the year up to 17.8 and he leaves (#2DC of CLE) as VT's #3 all-time leading receiver. TE Bob Slowikowski (#6DC of DAL, 12 sts, 6 rec) also departs along with WR Emmett Johnson (5 sts, 13 rec, 9.7) and TE Browning Wynn (8 rec, 18.4). WR coach Ball says "Andre and Emmett were good athletes with tremendous speed. We don't have that right now at the position so we can't replace them. We're different at the position". I list the 2 deep below. They have 3 HT's at the TE position and Richard Johnson could make a big impact at WR as he has 4.37 speed and was a QB in HS. Starting TE Keith Willis also has amazing speed for a TE (4.38) and would have contributed more last year if not for the 2 seniors ahead of him. WR Ernest Wilford (PS#173) battled a knee injury and was not 100% healthy until BC and WR Shawn Witten broke a leg after 7 starts last year. Strength Coach Gentry says Ronald Moody (6-1 194 Jr) and Chris Shreve (6-0 184 Jr) are a pair of walk-ons that could surprise as they are hard workers. Fred Lee (PS#9, DNQ LY) has re-signed & could be the big playmaker VT is looking for. This has the makings of a decent group but with the loss of a talent like Davis, it's clearly weaker in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000, with a senior dominated line, VT averaged a super 5.2 ypc while allowing just 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 starters and 2 solid backups. The starters lost included a 2nd Team AA and a 1st Team Big East player. The rushing average dropped to 4.0 and the team allowed 25 sacks last season. This year they are in much better shape with 3 full-time starters returning and 4 players having starting experience overall. Seven of the 10 from the 2 deep return. The only losses are C Steve Demasi (12 sts, 692 snaps, 2 yr st'r), RT Matt Wincek (12 sts, 674 snaps) and backup OT Tim Selmon (87 plays). I list the 2 deep below and naturally with VT's outstanding strength and conditioning program these players are all strong and agile, and the group has a good amount of HT's. Not listed below is Danny McGrath (6-2 293 Fr) who was PS#113 and originally signed in 2001 and Jimmy Martin (6-5 270 Fr, PS#238) who attended Fork Union. It is a much more experienced unit than 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Hokies played in the National Title game and had a veteran defensive front that allowed just 2.1 ypc rushing. In 2000 only one player returned with starting experience and they had to replace AA DE Corey Moore and 5 other top players. The unit slipped to allowing 2.9 ypc rushing while the defense recorded 34 sacks. Last year the top 8 DL's all returned and they ended up playing 11 DL's on a regular basis. This year they are in fine shape at DE as the top 4 are back and they also have VHT Jason Lallis (6-0 250 So, PS#12TE), who had 45 snaps in the last 3 games (15 tkls) behind them. The tough part on the defensive front comes at tackle where 4 DT's depart. Gone are NT Chad Beasley (#7DC of MIN, 12 sts, 2nd Tm BE, 60 tkls, 4 tfl), DT David Pugh (#6DC of IND, 11 sts, 50 tkls, 13.5 tfl, 1st Tm BE), Channing Reed (16 tkls) and Dan Wilkinson (1 st, 43 tkls, 2 tfl), along with DE Derrius Monroe (#7DC of NO, 44 tkls, 3 tfl). They bring in a top-notch JUCO and a VHT true frosh as well as 4 HT rFr, all of whom I list in the 2 deep below. This looks like a formidable defensive front but is less experienced than last year's version which allowed just 2.2 ypc while recording 34 sacks.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the group had to replace 4 LB's who combined for 12 starts and 144 tackles but they did have 2 returning starters. One of those returning starters was Jake Houseright, who suffered through an injury plagued season with tonsillitis, ankle and knee injuries and got in just 7 starts (60 tkls, 4 tfl). His replacement, Brian Welch, had 5 starts, 72 tackles and 4.5 tfl. Those two both depart along with the team's leading tackler in each of the last 2 seasons, Ben Taylor (#4DC of CLE, 12 sts, 1st Tm BE, 126 tkls, 17.5 tfl) and WHIP TJ Jackson (4 sts, 38 tkls) who opted to transfer. Deon Provitt started the year at WLB but was lost for the season after 4 games and Jackson took over. FS Mike Daniels moved to OLB at midseason and ended up taking over the starting job for the final 4 games. Provitt and Daniels both return and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. There are 2 VHT's and a couple of near VHT's in the mix. This unit is less experienced and while talented, clearly looks weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999, despite having just 1 starter back in the secondary, VT finished #25 and in 2000, having to replace 3 starters again including 2nd and 5th round DC's, they still finished at #20 in my pass D rankings despite the fact that one of their starting CB's went down to injury after 3 starts. Last year they had to replace 1 starter who was a 3rd round DC but did have 5 players back with starting experience and moved all the way to #5, allowing 45.6% with a 10-20 ratio. This year they must replace ROV Kevin McCadam (#5DC of ATL, 12 sts, 86 tkls, 9 tfl, 3 int, 6 pbu) and CB Larry Austin (10 sts, 24 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu), but have 6 players returning with starting experience and 4 VHT's are listed in the 2 deep below. I think DeAngelo Hall is an upgrade at the CB position and he was very productive as a true frosh. Their CB combo of Whitaker and Hall could be among the nation's best. Despite the losses, I really like the talent level and expect emergence from the VHT's, and this year's unit looks just as strong as the 2001 version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Frank Beamer coaches this unit himself and in the last 7 years they've ranked as high as #2 twice and blocked more kicks in the 1990's than any other NCAA team. Eric Green has 3 punt blocks in his first 2 years and may challenge the school record of 6 before he leaves. KR Richard Johnson missed 2 games last year but still averaged a nifty 22.6 and set a VT bowl record with 118 KR yds vs FSU. Strong legged Carter Warley was bothered by back problems last season. I look for him to return to his 2000 form when he hit 7 of 10 with a long of 47 and was named 2nd Team Big East. Due to the back injury, Warley did not handle KO's and Jonathan Mollerup did. Twenty-nine of his 68 KO's in the regular season were touchbacks. Also in the mix at K this year is true frosh Nic Schmitt (PS#9). Punter Vinnie Burns is back and should improve in his second season. Both long snappers are back. The only loss from this unit is super PR Andre Davis who averaged 20.7 and 12.5 on punt returns the last 2 years. A quick check of VT's overall PR average shows that their lowest average in the last 5 years as a TEAM is 11.6. Therefore, I expect Beamer to find a capable replacement and Ronyell Whitaker was #16 in the NCAA in PR's in 2000 (13.2) when Davis was injured. This unit clearly will contend for Top 10 honors once again after a #26 finish last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Frank Beamer has done an incredible job, making this program into a perennial National Title contender. They are now 66-18 their last 84 games under Beamer, played for the National Title in 1999, and have played in 7 New Year's Day bowls in the last 9 years! All this from a school that was not ranked from 1956 through 1992. They have an amazing weight training program that I rank 2nd in the country only to Nebraska. Last year was a bit of a disappointing year for VT as they were 8-4 and had the talent and the schedule to contend for the National Title. They had 22 seniors on last year's squad and lose 8 NFL DC's this year with their previous high being 5 which they had in 2000 and in 1992. This year they must replace 24 lettermen, which is the most in the Big East, and last year VT did benefit from +10 in turnovers. They also have just 11 starters back. Despite their 4-3 league record last year, VT outscored their Big East opponents by an average of 13.3 ppg. At the time of this writing there is a big question mark on the offense as QB Grant Noel tore his ACL in the spring. Noel thinks he can be ready for the season without surgery, but that is up in the air. They still have one of the best backfields in the country with two 1st round NFL caliber players in RB's Kevin Jones and Lee Suggs. After scoring 40.3 ppg in both 1999 and 2000 I look for VT to top last year's 31.3 ppg if Noel returns healthy. Defensively they have just 5 starters back and may allow a little more than last year's 14.8 ppg. They have to face Boston College, Syracuse and Miami, Fla all on the road in Big East play and have non-conf games hosting LSU and travelling to Texas A&M, so the schedule is not as tailor-made for success as last year's was. They do have 8 home games this year and it should be yet another successful season for VT and I definitely see them topping last year's 8 win total.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB GRANT NOEL SR. 6-2 221 PS#43. 12 sts LY, 2095 yds (57%) 17-11 ratio, 166 rush. **Bryan Randall** (6-0 213 So) **PS#4**. 250 total yds as **true**. **Marcus Vick** is PS#8.

RB LEE SUGGS JR. 6-0 201 **3rd Tm AA** in 2000, 1280 yds (5.3), **30 TD's**, inj'd in 2001. **Kevin Jones** (6-0 211 So) PS#6. 4.38 spd. Last 4 sts as **true**, 1012 yds (5.1).

FB Cedric Humes rFr. 6-1 218 4.43. Doug Easlick (5-11 230 Jr) PS#209. 6 gms in 2000, 32 yds. 11 gms LY, 59 yds, 4.59. Josh Spence (6-0 233 So) PS#110LB, 15 yds LY.

WR Richard Johnson So. 5-10 191 **PS#17DB**. 4.37. 4 rec (8.5), 17 KR (22.6). Ernest Wilford (6-4 216 Jr). 4 sts, 13 rec in 2000. 8 rec LY (inj). Terrell Parham (6-0 187 Sr) 15 rec (10.8).

WR SHAWN WITTEN SR. 6-0 197 PS#160DB. 9 rec (9.8), 7 tkls in 2000. 7 sts until inj LY, 16 rec. **Fred Lee** (5-10 180 Fr) **PS#9**. Justin Hamilton (6-3 217 rFr) PS#63, 4.5.

TE Keith Willis Jr. 6-5 241 PS#7TE. **4.38 speed!** 3 rec (19.7) 2Y. Jared Mazzetta (6-4 254 So) PS#19. 191 plays LY (147 sp tms). Jeff King (6-5 258 rFr) PS#21TE.

C JAKE GROVE JR. 6-3 286 PS#182. 25 plays per gm as rFr at C. 11 sts at RG LY. 565 plays, 48 KD's (#1), 440 bench. Robert Ramsey (6-2 306 Sr) PS#112, 86 snaps as rFr.

RG LUKE OWENS SR. 6-3 312 PS#86. 11 gms in 2000. 9 sts LY, 511 off snaps, 68 sp tms. **Curtis Bradley** (6-2 299 rFr) **PS#70**. Will Montgomery (6-3 286 rFr) PS#315, hard worker.

LG James Miller So. 6-6 310 PS#123 in 2000. Enrolled last year, 160 snaps as "true". Anthony Nelson (6-4 334 Jr) PS#108. 440 bench. 11 gms, 117 snaps, in the L/2Y.

RT Jon Dunn So. 6-7 324 **PS#23OL**. 231 plays as rFr, 10 gms & lettered. Jacob Gibson (6-4 288 Jr) PS#132DL. 6 gms as rFr. 4 sts LY at LG, 286 plays until inj.

LT ANTHONY DAVIS SR. 6-4 320 PS#198. 10 gms in '99, 12 in 2000. 12 sts at LT LY, 708 plays (52 on def), 29 KD's, 575 squat. Reggie Butler (6-5 324 Fr) PS#237 LY, in for spg.

K CARTER WARLEY JR. 6-0 190 **2nd Tm BE** in 2000, 7 of 10 FG's, long of 47. 12 of 22 LY, bothered by back inj. 46 of 46 xp's. Nic Schmitt is PS#9, 23-31 FG's L2Y of HS.

DE JIM DAVIS JR. 6-3 251 PS#248, 32 tkls, 5.5 sks as true. 3 sts LY, 40 tkls, 4.5 sks, 4 tfl. **Lamar Cobb** (6-1 223 Sr) 12 sts, 51 tkls, 6 tfl in 2000. 8 sts, 46 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Jason Lallis.

DT Kevin Lewis So. 6-1 281 PS#87LB. 16 tkls, 3 tfl as true. RS LY. Jason Murphy (6-2 285 rFr) PS#54. Jonathan Lewis is **PS#15**. Chris Pannell (6-3 256 rFr) PS#100.

DT Jimmy Williams Jr. 6-4 305 **PS#64JC**. Kevin Hilton (6-1 272 rFr) PS#76. Mark Costen (6-3 275 Jr) 11 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 6 games LY. Tim Sandidge (6-1 272 rFr) PS#126.

DE NATHANIEL ADIBI JR. 6-3 254 **PS#23**. 12 sts, 48 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl as rFr. 9 sts, 46 tkls, 4 tfl, 15 QBH LY. **Cols Colas** (6-0 239 Jr) **4.41 spd**. Last 4 sts LY, 37 tkls, 3.5 sks, 6 tfl.

OLB MIKE DANIELS SO. 6-0 197 PS#32DB. Moved from FS midyear as rFr. Last 4 sts at OLB, 35 tkls, 2 sks. **Deon Provitt** (6-1 201 Jr) PS#68QB. 4 sts LY, 22 tkls until injury.

MLB Mikal Baaqee So. 5-10 223 PS#41LB. 500 lb squat. 7 tkls as rFr. Chris Buie (6-0 225 Jr) PS#176LB, 9 tkls, 2Y. Alex Markogiannakis (5-9 209 Sr) PS#234, 16 tkls, 3Y.

ILB Vegas Robinson Jr. 6-0 239 PS#82, 4.46. 18 tkls, 17 games, 2Y, 585 squat. **Chad Cooper** (6-2 214 So) **PS#15DB**. 9 tkls as rFr. Blake Warren (6-3 221 rFr) is PS#43LB.

CB DeAngelo Hall So. 5-11 200 **PS#15, 4.31** spd, 1 st as **true**. 46 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu. Garnell Wilds (5-11 194 Jr) PS#72, 28 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Eric Green (6-0 186 Jr) PS#82WR.

CB RONYELL WHITAKER SR. 5-9 197 PS#38. 12 sts in 2000. 6 int, 10 pbu, 64 tkls. **3rd Tm AA** LY, 57 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu. Iron Hokie, 1st Tm Big East. DJ Walton (5-9 197 rFr) PS#23.

ROV Billy Hardee Sr. 5-11 191 3 starts, 34 tackles in 2000. 9 tkls, 1 int (injured last year). Michael Crawford (5-11 210 Jr) 15 tackles, 2 tfl in only 40 defensive plays last year.

FS WILLIE PILE SR. 6-3 205 PS#268. 12 sts, 61 tkls, **7 int, 10 pbu** in 2000. 12 sts LY, 100 tkls, **4 int**, 6 pbu. Vincent Fuller (6-1 184 So) PS#76, **4.33**, 12 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr.

P VINNIE BURNS SO. 5-11 190 PS#52. **4.34 spd**. 65 punts as rFr, 37.6 average, net of 33.4, **23 inside the 20**. Robert Peaslee (6-1 199 Jr) 46 punts in 2000, 35.2 avg, 32.5 net.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Marcus Vick 6-1 190 PS#8
DL	Jonathan Lewis 6-2 290 PS#15
OL	Brandon Gore 6-5 300 PS#57
DB	Jimmy F. Williams 6-3 195 PS#38
DL	Jimmy Williams 6-4 305 PS#64JC
DB	Aaron Rouse 6-4 200 PS#49
RB	Mike Imoh 5-8 180 PS#78
DB	Brian McPherson 5-11 200 PS#59
DL	Chris Burnett 6-2 250 PS#82
LB	Darryl Tapp 6-2 225 PS#71
WR	Brenden Hill 6-3 190 PS#87
PK	Nic Schmitt 6-1 230 PS#9
DL	Lamar Veney 6-4 270 PS#118
TE	Noland Burchette 6-3 225 PS#49

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VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 25	Arkansas St (Sun)	G						VA Tech is 41-24-2 ATS the last 8 years off a SU win. Virginia Tech has been to 9 straight bowl games. The Hokies are 12-1-1 ATS off back to back SU losses since 1988.
Sep. 1	LSU (Sun)	G						This is the Hispanic College Fund Classic. VT leads the series 2-0 SU. Could apply: VT is 1-3 ATS the L/4 times they have been favored by 30 or more.
Sep. 7								Tech is 18-9-1 ATS at home vs non-conference foes, pending last week. Virginia Tech is 16-9-1 ATS their last 26 prior to a bye.
Sep. 12	Marshall (Thur)	G						VT is 8-1 SU but 4-5 ATS vs the MAC dating back to 1989. Tech is 7-1 SU, 6-1-1 ATS since '94 playing on a Thursday or Friday.
Sep. 21	at Texas A&M	G						Virginia Tech is 9-0 SU and 8-1 ATS in their last 9 road openers. This is the first meeting since 1977 & the Aggies lead the series 2-0 SU.
Sep. 28	at W Michigan	G						Could apply: UT is 6-2 ATS as away chalk of 20 or more. Virginia Tech is 9-2 ATS in their 2nd of 2 or more straight away games.
Oct. 10	at Boston Coll (Thur)	A						VT does have a bye before this gm & came into TY 6-3 ATS the L/9 after a bye. Hokies are 7-2 SU vs BC but 3-5-1 ATS in their last 9 meetings.
Oct. 19	Rutgers (HC)	G						Visiting team is 8-2 ATS in the last 10 series meetings. Virginia Tech & Rutgers have avg'd 68 ppg in the last 10 series meetings.
Oct. 26	Temple	G						The Hokies have outscored Temple 351-97 in the last 9 meetings. Virginia Tech is 7-1 SU, but only 3-4-1 ATS vs the Owls since 1994.
Nov. 2	Pittsburgh	G						Tech is 7-2 SU but 4-5 ATS vs the Panthers since 1993, 1-5 ATS the L/6. Hokies are 15-8-2 ATS in November since 1995.
Nov. 9	at Syracuse	A						Tech is 1-5 SU and ATS their last 6 trips to the Carrier Dome. The high scoring Hokies have only scored an avg of 16.3 ppg here in the L/6 trips.
Nov. 20	W Virginia (Wed)	G						VT is 11-3-1 ATS their last 14 games vs the Mountaineers. The Hokies are both 5-1 SU & ATS their last 6 series games in Blacksburg.
Nov. 30	Virginia	G						VT has covered 11 of 17 in this rivalry. The Hokies are 10-4 ATS vs the ACC since 1992.
Dec. 7	at Miami (Fla)	G						Hokies are 14-5 ATS last 19 in their road finale. Virginia Tech is 5-2 SU and ATS vs Miami the last 7 years.

FRANK BEAMER (Career 149-88-4)
16th Year at Virginia Tech

Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH

107-65-2	Straight Up	35-28-2	Home Favorite
89-66-6	Vs The Spread	11-6-1	Home Dog
32-18-2	Off A S/U Loss	21-14-2	Away Favorite
53-45-5	Vs Conference	22-18-1	Away Dog
		36-21-1	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,19,6)
Lost: 25 (10,14,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,662

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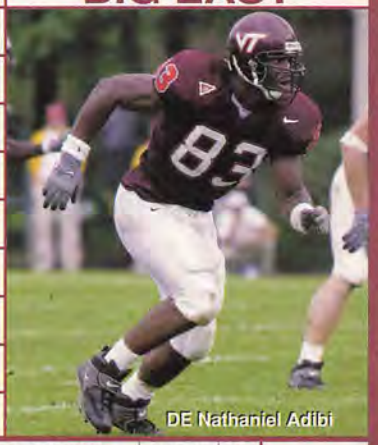
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STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (65,115)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	10-1	7-4	8-3	11-0	10-1	8-3	63-14
ATS	8-2-1	7-4	4-7	9-2	7-3-1	5-6	6-5	46-29-2
Home Fav	2-2	5-2	3-3	4-2	4-1-1	3-3	2-3	23-16-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
Away Fav	4-0-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	3-2	2-2	3-2	16-9-1
Away Dog	1-0	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	5-4
Favorite	6-2-1	6-3	4-5	6-2	7-3-1	5-5	5-5	39-25-2
Dog	2-0	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	7-4
Grass	6-2-1	6-2	4-4	7-2	6-1-1	5-4	4-5	38-20-2
Artificial	2-0	1-2	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	8-9
vs Conf	5-1-1	4-3	2-5	6-1	4-2-1	2-5	4-3	27-20-2
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	2-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	2-2	19-9
Off SU Win	7-0-1	6-3	2-5	6-2	6-3-1	4-5	5-3	36-21-2
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	7-4

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin Jones	**198**	**1075**	**63**	**1012**	**6**	**5.1**
Keith Burnell	151	729	21	708	9	4.7
Jarrett Ferguson	38	172	3	169	5	4.4
Wayne Ward	23	119	7	112	0	4.9
Bryan Randall	**20**	**136**	**32**	**104**	**0**	**5.2**
Grant Noel	**73**	**166**	**206**	**-40**	**2**	**-0.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Grant Noel	**281**	**161**	**57.3**	**2095**	**17**	**11**
Bryan Randall	**35**	**12**	**34.3**	**114**	**0**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
André Davis	44	781	17.8	8	58
Jarrett Ferguson	30	288	9.6	3	42
Shawn Witten	**16**	**161**	**10.1**	**1**	**29**
Terrell Parham	**15**	**177**	**11.8**	**1**	**24**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Vinnie Burns	**65**	**2442**	**37.6**	**–**	**33.4**	**1**	**23**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Carter Warley	**6-7**	**6-11**	**0-4**	**0-0**	**12-22**	**39**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ben Taylor	126	4.5	13	2	1
Willie Pile	**100**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**4**
Kevin McCadam	86	2	7	6	3
Brian Welch	72	1.5	3	2	1
Chad Beasley	60	2	2	2	0
Jake Houseright	60	1	3	1	1
Ronyell Whitaker	**57**	**0**	**2**	**10**	**1**
David Pugh	50	3.5	10	1	0
Nathaniel Adibi	**46**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Lamar Cobb	**46**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**0**
DeAngelo Hall	**46**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**3**
Derrius Monroe	44	1	2	0	0
Dan Wilkinson	43	1	1	0	0
Jim Davis	**40**	**4.5**	**4**	**1**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
André Davis	36	451	12.5	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Richard Johnson	**17**	**385**	**22.6**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Gator	+11'	N Carolina	3-42	L
98	Music City	-5	Alabama	38-7	W
99	Sugar	+5'	Florida St	29-46	L
00	Gator	-6	Clemson	41-20	W
01	Gator	-2	Florida St	17-30	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

VIRGINIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	31.3	19	182	4.0	187	54.4	11.8	+10	2001	9	14.8	15	74	2.2	180	45.6	17.2
8*	40.3	22	266	5.2	160	51.6	10.5	+5	2000	3	22.4	17	98	2.9	226	48.2	14.5
5	40.3	21	256	5.0	200	68.2	11.3	+1	1999	7	13.5	14	72	2.1	185	54.9	19.0
4*	31.8	17	181	3.9	133	50.4	9.9	+11	1998	8	15.0	15	98	2.6	186	47.1	18.9
4	27.0	19	205	4.2	142	56.1	12.9	+1	1997	5	18.9	16	118	3.2	202	53.0	16.9
6*	30.8	21	225	4.9	191	55.2	13.5	-2	1996	6	17.4	18	126	3.5	198	47.9	18.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Connecticut	29	46-283	6.2	21-30	323	1	10	27-74	2.7	10-29	110	0	+1
W Michigan	27	58-271	4.7	14-26	156	1	7	23-34	1.5	15-31	132	2	-1
at Rutgers	23	46-223	4.8	19-27	175	0	11	38-32	0.8	12-24	70	4	+5
UCF	22	50-232	4.6	16-29	203	0	16	26-24	0.9	18-36	227	3	+2
at W Virginia	20	56-224	4.0	14-24	188	1	11	36-33	0.9	15-38	140	5	+2
Boston College	23	49-171	3.5	16-29	225	2	12	28-58	2.1	13-26	180	2	+1
Syracuse	18	34-90	2.6	15-32	162	5	14	53-168	3.2	6-17	52	1	-2
at Pittsburgh	8	25-15	0.6	17-36	136	2	24	44-148	3.4	16-28	245	3	-3
at Temple	13	44-225	5.1	11-18	134	3	13	27-60	2.2	14-45	177	3	+5
at Virginia	20	55-241	4.4	12-24	190	0	15	28-8	0.3	21-36	261	6	+3
Miami (Fla)	11	39-167	4.3	4-16	81	5	23	41-149	3.6	21-44	235	1	-3
†Florida St	16	40-43	1.1	15-29	269	5	19	39-104	2.7	12-25	326	4	0
TOTALS	230	542-2185	4.0	174-320	2242	25	175	410-892	2.2	173-379	2155	34	+10
AVERAGES	19.2	45-182	4.0	15-27	187	2.1	14.6	34-74	2.2	14-32	180	2.8	0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rutgers	-20'	59-19	W
Syracuse	-3	31-3	W
at Temple	-23'	23-13	L
Arkansas St	-40	50-0	W
Miami (Oh)	-19'	17-24	L
Boston College	-18'	17-7	L
at West Virginia	+1	17-30	L
UAB	-24	37-0	W
Miami (Fla)	-6'	27-25	L
at Pittsburgh	-11'	23-30	L
at Virginia	+4'	20-34	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Carolina	-10	38-3	W
at Clemson	+3	37-0	W
at Miami, Fla (OT)	+4	27-20	W
Pittsburgh	-14	27-7	W
at Boston College	-6'	17-0	W
Temple	-35'	24-28	L
at UAB	-21	41-0	W
W Virginia	-4	27-13	W
at Syracuse	+4	26-28	W
Rutgers	-28'	47-7	W
Virginia	-2'	32-36	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
James Madison	-38	47-0	W
UAB	-24	31-10	L
Clemson	-12	31-11	W
at Virginia	-5'	31-7	W
at Rutgers	-31	58-20	W
Syracuse	-12'	62-0	W
at Pittsburgh	-22'	30-17	L
at W Virginia	-19	22-20	L
Miami (Fla)	-8'	43-10	W
at Temple	-29	62-7	W
Boston College	-24	38-14	T

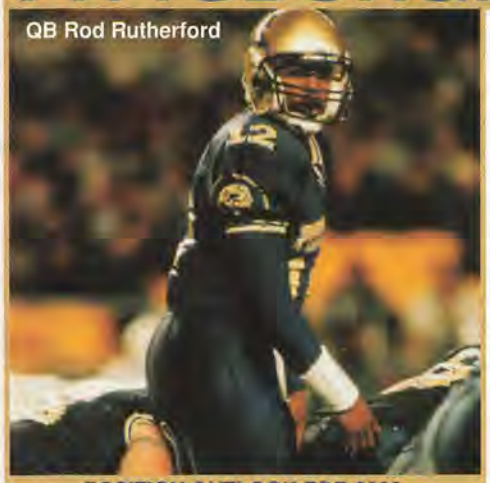
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-32	52-23	L
at E Carolina	-5'	45-28	W
Rutgers	-32'	49-0	W
at Boston College	-14'	48-34	L
Temple	-30	35-13	L
W Virginia	-22	48-20	W
at Syracuse	-13	22-14	L
Pittsburgh	-16	37-34	L
at Miami (Fla)	+9'	21-41	L
at UCF	-12	44-21	W
Virginia	-20	42-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-49	52-10	L
W Michigan	-15	31-0	W
at Rutgers	-28	50-0	W
UCF	-24'	46-14	W
at W Virginia	-15'	35-0	W
Boston College	-20	34-20	L
Syracuse	-17'	14-22	L
at Pittsburgh	-19	7-38	L
at Temple	-24	35-0	W
at Virginia	-15	31-17	L
Miami (Fla)	+14	24-26	W

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS


QB Rod Rutherford

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Early on last season David Priestley struggled in the spread no-huddle offense that Walt Harris installed at the beginning of the season. In the first six games he only completed 82-143 (57.3%) for 931 yds with a 5-7 ratio and was benched at times for backup Rod Rutherford (PS#9). When Harris scrapped the no-huddle spread and reverted to 2000's pro-style offense, Priestley thrived and in his final six games, he hit 59.8% with a super 13-1 ratio. He finished the year with 2,399 yards and a 20-8 ratio and also rushed for 253 yards. Priestley, who always played well against the tough Virg Tech defense, departs and there are several contenders for the job. Rutherford got in 47 snaps in 2000 as the #3 QB with just 3 pass attempts and 21 rushes. He attempted more passes last year with 59 attempts but completed only 19 (32.%) and a 1-4 ratio. He remained a dangerous runner and was the #3 rusher on the team with 315 gross yards in 84 attempts. Pat Hoderny (6-6 230 So) was PS#42 and has size and is a prototypical pocket passer. He saw action in 3 games last year (3 of 8 for 31 yds). True frosh Tyler Palko (PS#10) and Luke Getsy (PS#58) were both able to observe spring practices and sit in on some meetings because they are local boys. Harris does a great job at developing QB's and in his first year here transformed a nondescript 5th year senior in Pete Gonzalez into a top QB and he does have very talented QB's to work with. This unit is a little less experienced than it was last year and while it will be improved over 2001's first half numbers, it's doubtful that any of these QB's will match Priestley's ratio down the stretch.

RUNNING BACKS - This group was extremely young last year with all underclassmen as the main players and only FB Lousaka Polite having any career attempts coming into the season. Polite played through injuries most of the year and had just 31 carries. RB Raymond Kirkley (PS#160) was just the 3rd Pitt true frosh TB to start an opener and he led the team with 672 yards (4.0). Marcus Furman (PS#55WR) moved to RB in the preseason and had 276 yards and the best ypc of the backs with 5.6, but he has moved back to WR for 2002. They hope to get back FB Dustin Picciotti (PS#8) who has had concussion problems and sat out last year. He appeared to be 100% in the spring. Abdur Abdullah (6-0 215 rFr) was PS#139 and Tim Murphy was the MIP RB in spring. The only loss from this group is backup FB Joe Vaglia, a walk-on who had 19 yards. The big news this year is the addition of Brandon Miree, who transfers in from Alabama. Miree was PS#24 and was the Tide's second leading rusher as a rFr with 426 yards (4.5). Seattle Seahawks RB Shaun Alexander said that Brandon is a "bigger, stronger, faster version" of himself. Miree's unhappiness at Alabama brings good fortune to Pitt. With added talent and much more experience than last year, this should be one of the most improved RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Panthers had the Big East's most productive WR combo with Antonio Bryant and RJ English combining for 95 receptions and 1,596 yards. English, who was injured in his junior year and had just 15 rec's, recovered nicely from injury and led the team in ypc with a super 18.2. English, a former walk-on, also continued Pitt's streak of producing 5 straight Big East leading receivers with 69.1 ypg. Bryant, who had off-field problems as well as injuries, had just 15 catches in the first six games but had 34 in the final 6 and was the bowl MVP. He was the Biletnikoff Award Winner in 2000 and leaves (#2DC of DAL) as Pitt's career leader in receiving yards. Those two will clearly be missed. TE Kris Wilson is back and was #5 receiver last year with 19 catches (14.3) while playing at 240 lbs. He enters his third year as a starter and Harris will have him bulk up more as a junior. Lamar Slade began last year as a starter and finished #3 with 29 rec's (8.7). Walk-on Yogi Roth (5-9 170 So) had 10 rec's in the first two games but surprisingly only one after that. Donny Patrick (6-2 205 So) who was PS#49 and imitated Michael Vick for the scout team in 2000 did not catch a pass. Along with the top 2 receivers, they also lose backup TE Brennan Carroll (1 rec) but Erik Gill (6-5 245 rFr) who was PS#3 could challenge Wilson for the starting job. Harris signed a pair of VHT's in Larry Fitzgerald (PS#11) and Princell Brockenbrough (PS#44JC). Both players will be in for the fall and if they have the impact expected, this unit won't suffer too much of a dropoff despite the loss of the top 2 receivers. If one or both fail to grab the starting jobs, then the unit is considerably weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 Pitt had 4 OL starters returning and averaged 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Team Big East performer and then lost a 6 game starter prior to the season. They did have 5 players returning with starting experience. Overall Pitt rushed for 3.5 ypc while allowing 28 sacks. This year the only loss is OT Mike Bosnic who started the first 3 games but then lost his job to Matt Morgan (PS#55). Pitt's OL faced some pretty good DL's including Syracuse, Miami, Fla and UAB last year and held up well. This is a school that has already retired the jersey of 2 OL's in Mark May and Bill Fralic and this year's OL, with all 5 starters back, should be one of the best units they have had in recent history.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 Pitt had to replace their top 2 DL's and the front line averaged just 255 lbs per man but they went from allowing 3.8 ypc rushing in 1999 to just 2.6 in 2000 while leading the Big East in sacks with 35. DE Bryan Knight set the Big East record with 26 tfl and had 11.5 sacks that year. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup. At the start of the year, Knight was hampered by injuries and had just one sack before the ND game but finished with 8.5 and he departs (#5DC of CHI, 11 sts, 54 tkls, 17.5 tfl, 2nd Tm BE). Also gone this year is DT Joe Conlin (11 sts, 29 tkls, 1.5 sks) and DL Brandon Hayes (5 tkls). Besides Knight's injury early, this unit was also depleted when starting NT Dan Stephens suffered both ankle and shoulder injuries while starting DE Ryan Smith had a shoulder injury and missed significant parts of the 2H of the season. Six players return with starting experience and they bring in a couple of HT rFr. Last year two true frosh were forced to take off their redshirts with Tyre Young (PS#62) starting in 7 games as an undersized NT (only 6-0 250). I list a 2 deep below, but not listed are Charles Spencer (6-5 295 rFr) who has impressive size and athletic ability, Jake Holthaus (6-1 280 So) who benches 400 lbs and Charles Steffy (6-2 295 Sr) PS#299. Even with the loss of their star, this unit should be yet another productive Panther defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Pitt returned everyone to the LB unit including 7 players with starting experience. This year they suffer some losses. Gone are WLB Brandon Williams (7 sts, 47 tkls, 3 sks) and backups Amir Purifoy (4 sts, 61 tkls, 2 tfl) and Ryan Gonsales (35 tkls). They still have a very talented 2 deep returning with 2 full-time starters and Brian Beinecke who has 11 starts the last 2 seasons. They also bring in two VHT rFr who I project into the 2 deep. Not even listed below are JJ Horne (6-3 210 rFr) who was PS#80WR and moves over from safety, and Ken Pryke (6-5 215 So) who is PS#91, as well as 4 HT true frosh. Even with some attrition this year, this is a very talented LB corps and one of the Big East's best. MLB Gerald Hayes' name should appear on all the preseason award lists.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Pitt's highest finish in my pass D rankings since 1997 was just #65, which they achieved in 2000 despite losing 2 starters and 3 backups. Last year basically everyone returned to the secondary but surprisingly Pitt finished just #63 in my rankings, allowing 54.2% with a 11-7 ratio against a weak slate of opposing QB's. There were some changes in the secondary last year. CB Shawn Robinson had 6 int's and 18 pbu in 2000 but got beat out by ex-RB Torrie Cox. Shawntae Spencer led the Big East in passes defended (pbu + int) last year with 18 in just 7 starts and he is a good sized corner at 6-2. Also back is William Ferguson, who played in the first 6 games until suffering a season ending ankle injury. Four players with starting experience are back. They must replace SS Mark Ponko (12 sts, 71 tkls, 5.5 tfl) and FS Ramon Walker (1st Tm BE, 126 tkls) who left early for the NFL (#5DC of HOU). Six of the top 8 are back and they get a super addition in "true" frosh Josh Lay who had 12 int's in 7 games at Valley Forge Prep last year (PS#55 in 2001). I list the 2 deep below. One potential hole could be at safety where backups Humphries and Urschler both tore their ACL's in the spring. This unit does have good size with 4 players in the 2 deep being 6-1 or better. I was surprised at the pass efficiency D ranking last season and this group should have the best finish in my rankings since 1995 (#43) as long as healthy safeties are found.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Panthers highest finish in my special teams rankings prior to 1999 was just #96, but they finished #15 that year. Unfortunately they had to replace their top punter Greg DeBolt and super returnman Hank Poteat and in 2000 they dropped to #78. Everyone was back in 2001 including outstanding returnmen Antonio Bryant and Rod Rutherford and the potential was there for a Top 20 finish, but Pitt finished #44 overall. P Andy Lee increased his average from 38.7 to 41.1. Nick Lotz, who hit 11-17 FG's in 2000, hit 13 of 19 last year. Lotz also had to battle the tricky winds of Heinz Field (ask former Steelers' PK Kris Brown). Bryant led the team in PR's again but after averaging 10.1 in 2000, he averaged just 7.4 last year. Torrie Cox led the team in KR's (24.3). Lotz departs but his replacement is solid, as they bring in PS#3 K David Abdul. Cox is back at KR and they should be able to find an adequate PR. While they had 2 punts blocked, they also blocked 2 last season. This has the makings of a decent group, and even though it will be tough to replace the explosiveness of Bryant at PR, they could actually improve upon his numbers and contend for Top 25 honors.

PHIL'S FORECAST

For a storied program, it was an embarrassment that Pitt actually finished 8th and 7th in Big East play in 1998 and '99. In 1999 they had just 67 scholarship players but were up to 80 last season. In 2000 they returned to a bowl and finished with a 7-5 record and 3 of their 4 losses were by an average of just 4.3 ppg, including a double OT loss and they were -11 in turnovers that year. DC Paul Rhodes was hired in 2000. In his first year Pitt led the Big East in sacks and last year had 10 starters returning. However, they opened up 1-5 including a 45-7 loss vs Boston College and a 35-26 upset by S Florida. Laid-back California coach Walt Harris then challenged his team and took over conditioning drills in the 2H of the year. He also scrapped the spread offense, going back to the pro-style attack they had used the year before. The results were dramatic as they got their first win over a Top 10 team since 1989 (when they upset Virg Tech) and simply won their final 6 games including the Tangerine Bowl. They clearly lived up to their talent level in the 2H of the season as they outscored foes by an average of 23 ppg. This year they have to replace 20 lettermen including QB David Priestley, who engineered the 2H surge. Rod Rutherford and Tyler Palko will battle it out for starting honors, but whoever wins the job will be surrounded by talent and I think Brandon Miree will be one of the Big East's best RB's. Defensively, they have just 6 starters back and suffer some big losses like DE Knight and FS Walker who both were NFL DC's. Their defense will still be stronger than it was in the 1H of 2001 but won't be able to match the production of the 2H of the year. They have 4 home games in Big East play but have to travel to Syracuse, Virg Tech and Miami (the 3 toughest Big East road venues). They also have a road trip to ND on the docket and host Texas A&M and Toledo, a couple more bowl teams, in non-conf play. I think this Pitt team is very capable of surprising some people and should be able to top last year's 7 win total. The Panthers only need to pull an upset or 2 on the road in Big East play to contend for league honors.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Rod Rutherford Jr. 6-3 215 PS#9. 47 snaps, 0-3 pass, 444 all purp yds in 2000. 262 yds pass LY (32%), 315 rush. **Tyler Palko** is **PS#10**. **Pat Hoderny (6-6 230 So) PS#42.**

RB BRANDON MIREE JR. 6-2 235 **PS#24**. 426 yds (4.5) at **Alabama.** Raymond Kirkley (5-10 220 So) PS#160, 10 sts, 672 yds (4.0), 20 rec (7.5). Tim Murphy (5-10 230 rFr) PS#68.

FB LOUSAKA POLITE JR. 6-0 245 PS#213. 9 sts, 122 yds (3.2), 17 rec (7.6). 8 sts LY, 140 yds (4.5), 10 rec (7.9). Dustin Picciotti (6-3 255 So) **PS#8** RS LY. 23 yds as true.

WR Larry Fitzgerald Fr. 6-3 210 **PS#11WR** LY. 35 rec in 6 gms at Valley Forge Prep LY. **Lamar Slade** (6-4 205 Sr) PS#192. 6 sts in 3Y, 24 rec in '99 & 2000, 29 rec (8.7) LY.

WR Princell Brockenbrough Jr. 6-3 200 **PS#44JC**. Donny Patrick (6-2 205 So) PS#49 in 2000. Marcus Furman (5-8 175 So) PS#55, 276 rush, (5.6) 11 rec (8.7). Billy Gaines PS#52.

TE KRIS WILSON JR. 6-3 240 7 starts as rFr, 8 rec (18.8). 12 starts last year, 19 rec (14.3). **Erik Gill (6-5 245 rFr) was PS#3TE**. Steve Buches is PS#32TE.

C CHAD REED SR. 6-3 290 PS#131. Lettered as true. 3 sts, 11 gms in 2000. 12 sts LY. Justin Belarski (6-3 280 So) PS#176, 2nd string LY. Darryl Weston (6-4 270 So) PS#128.

RG BRYAN ANDERSON SR. 6-5 310 PS#43. 11 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 2000. 12 sts in 2001. Penny Semaia (6-5 315 Jr) 1 st at NT, 17 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 6 games on OL LY, lettered.

LG DAN LaCARTE JR. 6-4 285 PS#49TE. 4 games as rFr DT, lettered. 8 starts at LG (L/8) in 2001. **Jon Schall** (6-4 295 Jr) PS#246. **10 sts** as true. 4 sts in 2001.

RT MATT MORGAN JR. 6-7 295 PS#55. 6 sts as rFr due to injury and took over & started L/9 LY. Dale Williams (6-5 290 rFr) PS#47. Jason Capizzi (6-9 300 Fr) PS#85 LY.

LT ROB PETITTI SO. 6-6 330 PS#135. 12 sts as rFr & held Syr DL Freeney to 0 sacks. Jon Pressnell (6-4 280 So) PS#140. Nick Pietracatello (6-3 280 Jr) lettered LY.

K David Abdul Fr. 5-10 175 PS#3K. 56 yd FG as Jr in high school. Hit 15 of 23 LY, long of 54, 4 of 9 from 50+! 54 of 84 KO's were TB's. JB Gibboney (5-9 165 So).

DEFENSE

DE Ryan Smith Sr. 6-4 255 24 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. **10 sts**, 60 tkls, 8.5 tfl in 2000. 7 sts until inj LY, 35 tkls, 4 sks. Kevin Harris (6-5 245 rFr) PS#80. Thomas Smith (6-4 245 rFr) PS#125.

NT TYRE YOUNG SO. 6-0 250 PS#62LB. Last 7 starts as **true** (took off RS) 25 tkls, 2 pbu. Dan Stephens (6-2 285 So) PS#109DL. 5 sts as rFr (until injury) 13 tkls, 2 tfl.

DT Darrell McMurray Jr. 6-4 295 PS#102DL. 11 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 1 st, 17 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Troy Banner (6-3 285 So) **PS#66**, 2 tkls as true. Vince Crochunis (6-4 280 So) 8 tkls LY.

DE BRIAN GUZEK SR. 6-2 255 PS#171RB. 1 st as true, 2 sts in 2000, 27 tkls, 2 tfl. L/5 sts LY, 50 tkls, 3 sks, 9 tfl. Claude Harriott (6-4 245 Jr) 22 tkls in 2000, 20 tkls, **7 tfl** LY.

SLB LEWIS MOORE JR. 6-2 245 **PS#73.** 39 tkls, 3 pbu as rFr. 8 sts LY, 74 tkls, 5.5 sks, 4 tfl, Def Bowl MVP. Mike Jemison (5-11 225 So) PS#86RB, 117 total yds as true at RB.

MLB GERALD HAYES SR. 6-3 245 PS#150. 46 tkls, 7 tfl as true. 10 sts, 110 tkls, 10 tfl in 2000. 12 sts, 113 tkls, 7.5 sks, 8 tfl. **1st Tm Big East** in 2001. **Monroe Weekley** (6-3 250 rFr) **PS#38.**

WLB Brian Beinecke Sr. 6-1 225 PS#297. 37 tkls as rFr. 6 sts, 57 tkls, 8 tfl in 2000. 5 sts, 49 tkls, 4 tfl LY. **Joe Dipre** (6-4 245 rFr) PS#26DL. Malcolm Postell (6-1 215 So) PS#119RB.

CB TORRIE COX SR. 5-10 185 PS#258. 62 yds as true at RB. 28 tkls in 2000. 12 sts LY, 53 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. **Shawn Robinson** (6-1 190 Sr) **11 sts, 6 int** 18 pbu in 2000. 6 pbu LY.

CB SHAWNTAE SPENCER JR. 6-2 175 PS#141. 9 sts, 51 tkls, **16 pbu,** as true. **#1 BE w/ 18 PD LY.** 7 sts. **William Ferguson** (5-10 185 Jr) PS#27. 4 sts as true, 47 tkls, 12 pbu. 4 sts (inj) LY.

SS Tyrone Gilliard So. 5-11 185 PS#154RB. Valley Forge in 2000. 14 tkls, 1 tfl as "true" LY. Gary Urschler (5-10 195 Sr) 1 st, 27 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 pbu in 2000. 22 tkls LY. Knee inj (?) for fall.

FS Bernard "Josh" Lay Fr. 6-2 190 PS#55. 12 int's in 7 gms at Valley Forge LY. In for spg. Corey Humphries (6-2 205 Jr) 4 sts, 34 tkls in 2000. 22 tkls LY. Knee inj (?) for fall.

P ANDY LEE JR. 6-2 205 PS#39K. 35 punts (38.7) net of 31.9 in 2000. 70 punts LY, 41.4 avg, 36.8 net, 14 inside the 20. Jay Junko (6-4 220 Sr) 21 punts (34.1) in 2000.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Tyler Palko 6-2 210 PS#10
WR	Larry Fitzgerald 6-3 210 PS#11
WR	Princell Brockenbrough 6-3 200 PS#44JC
WR	Billy Gaines 5-7 170 PS#52
K	David Abdul 5-10 175 PS#3
OL	Eric Fritz 6-3 295 PS#66
RB	Jawan Walker 5-10 190 PS#65
TE	Steve Buches 6-3 215 PS#32
QB	Luke Getsy 6-2 210 PS#58
LB	Andy Alleman 6-4 235 PS#70
OL	John Simonitis 6-3 290 PS#106
OL	Neal Tracey 6-3 290 PS#140
DL	Larry Tumblin 6-4 235 PS#123
DB	Sam Bryant 6-0 205 PS#120

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PITT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Pittsburgh is 13-6 ATS as a double digit dog since 1997.
Aug. 31	Ohio U	G						Pittsburgh is 12-3 SU their last 15 home openers, 6-3 ATS last 9 lined. Panthers are 3-7 ATS since 1994 as a home favorite of 14 or more.
Sep. 7	Texas A&M	G						Pittsburgh is 0-2 SU, but 2-0 ATS vs Big 12 teams since 1991. The Panthers are 5-2 ATS at home prior to their first road game.
Sep. 14	at UAB	G						Pittsburgh is 6-19 ATS in sandwiched road games their last 25. Could apply: Pitt came into 2002 w/a 7-15 ATS mark off their L/22 SU losses.
Sep. 21	Rutgers	G						Pittsburgh is only 3-7 ATS in Big East openers. Panthers are 14-3 SU but 10-7 ATS vs Rutgers since 1985.
Sep. 28	Toledo	G						Pitt is 10-0 SU & 6-4 ATS vs MAC opponents since 1990, pending opener. Pittsburgh is 2-5 ATS vs non-conference foes in a Big East sandwich.
Oct. 5	at Syracuse	A						Panthers are 7-19 ATS their last 26 meetings with the Orangemen. Pitt is 6-10 ATS away their last 16 on artificial turf.
Oct. 12	at Notre Dame	G						Pittsburgh is 7-17 ATS their last 24 the week prior to a bye. Panthers are 1-6 ATS the last 7 meetings with the Irish.
Oct. 19								Strange but true: Pitt is 3-0 ATS off a bye 1 game before Virginia Tech.
Oct. 26	Boston College (HC)	G						Panthers are 7-2 ATS the week after a bye. Pittsburgh is 5-12 ATS their last 17 vs the Eagles.
Nov. 2	at Virginia Tech	G						Pittsburgh is 2-4 SU, but 5-1 ATS the last 6 vs the Hokies. Mention this ad & take $29 off November Guarantee. Call 1-800-654-3448.
Nov. 9	Temple	G						The home team is 11-3 ATS in the last 14 series meetings. Pittsburgh is 4-2 ATS the last 6 in this series as home chalk.
Nov. 16								Bonus: Pittsburgh is 4-3 SU, but 5-2 ATS in Thursday games.
Nov. 21	at Miami, Fla (Thur)	G						Pittsburgh is 2-5 ATS the last 7 years in their final road game. The home team is 8-2 ATS in this matchup.
Nov. 30	W Virginia	G						The visitor is 11-3 ATS in this Backyard Brawl. Pittsburgh is 5-1 ATS in their last 6 home finales.

WALT HARRIS (Career 38-55)

6th Year at Pittsburgh

Harris' records AT PITTSBURGH

27-31	Straight Up	7-7	Home Favorite
29-24	Vs The Spread	10-5	Home Dog
10-17	Off A S/U Loss	4-5	Away Favorite
18-17	Vs Conference	8-7	Away Dog
		11-7	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (20,21,4)
Lost: 20 (8,10,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,915

BIG EAST

LB Brian Beinecke

STADIUM: HEINZ FIELD (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	6-5	2-9	5-6	7-4	6-5	32-45
ATS	4-7	5-6	8-3	3-7	7-4	5-6	6-4	38-37
Home Fav	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-2	2-1	2-3	1-1	10-8
Home Dog	2-3	2-1	3-1	1-2	3-1	1-0	2-1	14-9
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	4-6
Away Dog	1-3	1-4	4-0	1-3	1-0	1-2	1-2	10-14
Favorite	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	3-3	3-4	3-1	14-14
Dog	3-6	3-5	7-1	2-5	4-1	2-2	3-3	24-23
Grass	0-1	1-3	2-1	0-3	2-0	2-1	4-3	11-12
Artificial	4-6	4-3	6-2	3-4	5-4	3-5	2-1	27-25
vs Conf	1-6	4-3	5-2	1-6	4-3	3-4	5-2	23-26
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-2	1-2	15-11
Off SU Win	2-0	0-3	4-1	1-1	4-1	4-2	4-1	19-9
Off SU Loss	1-7	5-2	3-2	2-6	2-3	1-3	2-3	16-26

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Raymond Kirkley	166	739	67	672	3	4.0
Marcus Furman	49	283	7	276	0	5.6
Rod Rutherford	84	315	57	258	7	3.1
Lousaka Polite	31	142	2	140	0	4.5
David Priestley	63	253	190	63	2	1.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
David Priestley	312	183	58.7	2399	20	8
Rod Rutherford	59	19	32.2	262	1	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Antonio Bryant	49	760	15.5	11	45	
RJ English	46	836	18.2	6	71	
Lamar Slade	29	251	8.7	1	24	
Raymond Kirkley	20	149	7.5	0	24	
Kris Wilson	19	272	14.3	2	41	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Andy Lee	70	2895	41.4	–	36.8	2	14
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Nick Lotz	9-9	4-8	0-1	0-1	13-19	37	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ramon Walker	126	1	2	6	1
Gerald Hayes	113	7.5	8	1	0
Lewis Moore	74	5.5	4	3	0
Mark Ponko	71	2.5	3	9	2
Amir Purifoy	61	1	1	2	0
Bryan Knight	54	8.5	9	1	0
Torrie Cox	53	0	2	12	2
Brian Guzek	50	3	9	0	0
Brian Beinecke	49	1	3	0	1
Brandon Williams	47	3	1	2	0
Ryan Smith	35	4	2	0	0
Ryan Gonsales	35	0.5	0	1	0
Joe Conlin	29	1.5	0	0	0
Shawntae Spencer	28	0	0	17	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Bryant	28	207	7.4	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Torrie Cox	29	704	24.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Bluebonnet	-4	Texas	27-32	L
89	John Hancock	+6	Texas A&M	31-28	W
97	Liberty	+10	S Mississippi	7-41	L
00	Insight.com	-2	Iowa St	29-37	L
01	Tangerine	E	NC State	34-19	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PITTSBURGH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	24.7	19	124	3.5	225	54.2	14.2	-5	2001	10	20.4	17	118	3.0	168	54.2	14.0
7*	24.7	20	131	3.4	276	54.7	16.5	-11	2000	7	20.6	19	97	2.6	233	53.7	16.0
7	25.5	19	120	3.2	240	52.3	14.1	0	1999	7	25.3	20	143	3.8	256	55.4	15.8
4	21.3	20	116	2.9	206	49.9	15.1	-9	1998	6	30.4	18	146	3.5	202	53.7	11.5
8*	27.8	22	149	4.0	249	54.8	14.3	+2	1997	8	29.5	23	161	3.8	254	54.5	14.1
7*	19.5	15	139	3.5	146	46.3	14.6	-10	1996	4	39.1	23	233	5.0	223	58.4	11.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Tenn St	21	35-229	6.5	19-28	185	1	13	49-79	1.6	8-18	101	7	+2
S Florida	21	29-12	0.4	30-51	371	6	27	32-100	3.1	37-65	343	0	-1
Miami (Fla)	19	32-133	4.2	17-35	175	2	25	45-243	5.4	20-34	224	0	-2
at Notre Dame	15	26-50	1.9	11-22	182	2	18	57-249	4.4	10-13	70	2	-5
Syracuse	14	39-92	2.4	11-30	180	6	15	49-172	3.5	11-20	139	3	-3
at Boston College	11	32-122	3.8	14-35	108	2	25	54-257	4.8	14-21	241	1	-1
at Temple	14	30-87	2.9	18-31	204	1	18	30--36	-1.2	27-52	240	9	-1
Virginia Tech	24	44-148	3.4	16-28	245	1	8	25-15	0.6	17-36	136	3	+3
at Rutgers	25	38-154	4.1	19-29	330	0	9	34-48	1.4	11-24	64	7	+2
at W Virginia	27	45-178	4.0	18-30	282	3	10	37-104	2.8	10-23	68	4	-1
UAB	18	41-152	3.7	15-29	172	1	13	32-76	2.4	16-36	198	2	+0
†NC State	20	39-136	3.5	18-32	271	3	19	26-105	4.0	26-40	189	4	+2
TOTALS	229	430-1493	3.5	206-380	2705	28	200	470-1412	3.0	207-382	2013	42	-5
AVERAGES	19.1	36-124	3.5	17-32	225	2.3	16.7	39-118	3.0	17-32	168	3.5	-0.4

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Louisiana	-7	45-13	W
at Penn St	+32	17-34	W
at Houston	+3	35-24	W
Miami (Fla)	+15'	21-17	W
at Temple	-5	13-17	L
Notre Dame	+10'	21-45	L
at Rutgers (2OT)	-12	55-48	L
at Boston College	+4'	21-22	W
Syracuse	+19	27-32	W
Virginia Tech	+11'	30-23	W
at W Virginia (3OT)	+12	41-38	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	48-41	–
Penn St	+25	13-20	W
at Virginia Tech	+14	7-27	L
Akron	-12'	35-0	W
at N Carolina	+7	10-29	L
Rutgers	-21	21-25	L
at Syracuse	+24	28-45	W
Temple	-14	33-34	L
Boston College	+1'	15-23	L
at Miami (Fla)	+23'	10-38	L
W Virginia	+15	14-52	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-5'	30-10	W
at Penn St	+34'	17-20	W
Kent St	-33	30-23	L
Temple	-17'	55-24	W
Syracuse	+10	17-24	W
at Boston College	-3'	16-20	L
at Rutgers	-15	38-15	W
Virginia Tech	+22'	17-30	W
Miami (Fla)	+8	3-33	L
Notre Dame	+9	37-27	W
at W Virginia	-1	21-52	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-26	30-7	L
at Bowling Green	-7	34-16	W
Penn St	+5'	12-0	W
Rutgers	-20	29-17	L
at Syracuse (2OT)	+6	17-24	L
Boston College	-3'	42-26	W
at Virginia Tech	+16	34-37	W
N Carolina	-8	17-20	L
at Miami (Fla)	+20'	7-35	L
at Temple	-8'	7-0	L
W Virginia	-5'	38-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	31-0	–
S Florida	-22	26-35	L
Miami (Fla)	+28	21-43	W
at Notre Dame	+7	7-24	L
Syracuse	+3'	10-42	L
at Boston College	+11	7-45	L
at Temple	+2'	33-7	W
Virginia Tech	+19	38-7	W
at Rutgers	-21	42-0	W
at W Virginia	-3'	23-17	W
UAB	-6'	24-6	W

SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - This school has had its share of super QB's like Marvin Graves, Don McPherson and Donovan McNabb. Since McNabb left, the last three years have been plagued by uneven QB play with Troy Nunes (PS#58), Madei Williams (PS#15) and RJ Anderson battling it out the first two years. Last year Williams departed and Nunes began the year as the starter. Nunes suffered from a spate of dropped passes in the first two games and chipped a bone in his wrist vs Tennessee, missing the 4Q. He was injured again against UCF and Anderson led two 2H TD drives and took over the starting job. Anderson came down with the flu prior to the E Carolina game so Nunes started and had his best outing, hitting 17 of 27 for 296 yards and 4 TD's and he was named the Big East Player of the Week. With Anderson healthy again the next week, Nunes only saw backup action the rest of the year. Nunes is 8-9 as a starting QB here. Anderson, who wears the #5 jersey that McNabb wore, had 308 yards passing against Temple, the first SU QB to throw for 300 yards since McNabb. He has only suffered two defeats as a QB (both vs Miami, Fla) and is 11-2 as a starter. Anderson has a powerful arm and throws a lot of long passes but did miss some connections on the long ball last year. Anderson, who is 229 lbs with 4.6 speed and benches 365, ended up completing 49% for 1,236 yards and only 6 TD's but more importantly only threw 3 int's (set Big East record with 2 int's in 144 pass attempts, 1.38% reg season). Last year Nunes threw for 734 yards (55.2%) with a 5-6 ratio and he is #5 all-time on the SU career passing yards chart and offers a solid insurance policy. Anderson was the team's second leading rusher with 440 gross yards. Cecil "The Diesel" Howard (6-1 195 rFr) was PS#16 and has all the intangibles necessary to be a starting QB and will challenge Anderson. Xzavier Gaines (6-4 189 rFr) moved to WR from QB this spring. Anderson will probably be more confident in his first full year as a starter, and I like the potential of Howard so I'll call this unit stronger.

RUNNING BACKS - SU has had some outstanding runners like Larry Csonka, Joe Morris and three players who wore the famed "44": Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and the great Jim Brown. Last year they had to replace a 1,000 yard rusher and James Mungro (PS#8) simply stepped in and rushed for 1,282 yards (4.8) and was named 2nd Team Big East. Mungro, who also set a Big East record in 2000 by averaging 6.9 ypc, departs as does FB Kyle Johnson (#5DC of CAR, 13 sts, 223, 4.2). I list the 2 deep below. Diamond Ferri (PS#21) was bothered by injuries most of last year and has 252 career yards rushing. Walter Reyes (PS#20) had 149 yards in 12 games. Barry Baker (6-0 197 Sr) was PS#96. Some of this year's true frosh signees may contribute including super local recruit Damien Rhodes (PS#31) who was offered the #44 jersey but opted for #1 instead. Ferri was susp'd in the spring for academic reasons, and will probably be suspended for the opener and possibly longer. Although they are replacing their starter for the second straight year, Mungro had a lot more experience than this year's group and I'll call it weaker and less experienced.

LB Clifton Smith has won 1st Team Big East honors in each of the last 2 seasons.

RECEIVERS - The Orangemen had to replace their top WR last year but did return almost everyone else. Dropped passes plagued the unit and their leading receiver had only 20 rec's, although that was Johnnie Morant (PS#3) who averaged an outstanding 25.1 ypc despite missing one game (susp). This year they lose WR Maurice Jackson (7 sts, 19, 13.4), WR Malik Campbell (13 sts, 14, 13.1), TE Graham Manley (10 sts, 4 rec) and TE Jeremie Frazier (2 rec). While Morant is technically not a starter, he was by far the top WR (almost double the yards of the #2 rec) and has the speed to haul in some of Anderson's bombs. Overall two of the top three receivers are back and despite most of the starters departing, the team has five experienced VHT's back from last year. I look for better production in 2002 as the team gains more rapport with their starting QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The results from this unit over the past few years have been very surprising. The team rushed for 4.7 ypc in 1998 and returned 4 starters but surprisingly dropped to 3.9 ypc. In 2000 they had to replace 4 starters and shuffled the line prior to the season but improved to 4.5 ypc while allowing just 20 sacks. Last year 4 starters returned and big things were expected but once again the team struggled, averaging just 3.5 ypc rushing and the sacks increased to 30. The unit did allow 9 sacks in the first 2 games and just 21 over the last 11. LT PJ Alexander played the entire year with a stress fracture in his foot. Pasqualoni must hope that the results echo the past few years as this year's line is inexperienced (therefore, it would improve). LG Joseph Burton (13 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Sean O'Connor (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, 1st Tm BE), LT Alexander (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Giovanni DeLoatch (13 sts) all depart. Despite the strange recent history of this unit, I will clearly call the unit weaker than the 2001 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Orangemen suffered some big losses up front, having to replace 3 starters including a 2nd Team Big East player and 3rd round NFL DC plus a backup who accounted for 27 tackles. They did get the return of super DE Dwight Freeney who was injured the 2H of the 2000 season. Four players did return with starting experience last year but they totaled just 14 starts. Early on, the backups played little as just 5 players filled the 4 spots in the first 4 games . DE Julian Pollard took off his redshirt with 5 games left in the season. Freeney simply set the NCAA record in sacks and was the co-Big East Defensive POY as he had 17.5 sacks as well as 8 fumbles forced and 26.5 tfl. He must be replaced (#1DC of IND) along with NT Mark Holtzman (13 sts, 41 tkls, 5 sacks, 9 tfl) and DE Sheldon King (5 tkls, 2 tfl). This year 2 full-time starters return along with DT Louis Gachelin who saw significant action (26 tkls, 7 tfl). Overall the Orangemen allowed 4.3 ypc rushing but recorded 45 sacks, the most ever in school history. This year's group is a little more experienced than they were heading into last season and should be stingier against the run but it will be tough to mount the same pass rush without Freeney. Pasqualoni has confidence in his replacements at DE, however, and said that Ryan LaCasse is as fast as any DE they've ever had, including Freeney.

LINEBACKERS - Last year SU had to replace a 3rd round DC from 2000 and 3 others who combined for 5 starts. One of the returning starters last year, JR Johnson, lost his starting spot and concentrated on special teams. Clifton Smith has been a fixture at MLB, winning 1st Team Big East each of the last 2 seasons and was the top LB last year once again despite bruising his shoulder in the opener. This year they must replace OLB Charles Burton (12 sts, 59 tkls, 9 tfl), OLB Maurice Minter (8 tkls), Rodney Wells (27 tkls, 7 tfl) and JR Johnson (44 tkls, 2 tfl). Three players return who started 5 or more games last year. LB Coach Dunlap turned down a chance to become Clemson's DC and has a solid group here that is even more experienced than last year's version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Syracuse had finished in the Top 20 of my pass defense rankings in 1998, 1999 and 2000 and last year had to replace a 1st round DC but had 7 players back with starting experience. Surprisingly, they fell a little to #21, allowing 49.5% with a 13-15 ratio. This year they must replace CB Willie Ford (13 sts, 67 tkls, 3 int's, 16 pbu, 2nd Tm BE, top DB award) and FS Quentin Harris (13 sts, 132 tkls, 4 int's, 11 pbu, 2nd Tm BE). I listed the projected 2 deep below, but others who could contend are BJ Darnell (5-8 175 Sr) who was a JUCO transfer in 2000, Modibo Sidibe (5-11 170 So) who had 6 int's at prep school in Canada last year, and Jeremiah Mason (6-3 185 So) who had 13 tackles last year. This group has a decent number of HT's, but I think it is a bit less experienced and it will be a struggle to reach the Top 20 for 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Pasqualoni usually does well with his special teams unit as they were #2, #11 and #8 from 1995-1997. After surprisingly low finishes of #53 and #67 the next two years, they moved up to #27 in my rankings in 2000 but fortunately did not have FG accuracy taken into account as they hit just 7 of 20 FG's. Mike Shafer handled all of the kicking chores in 2000 and struggled with the overload. It appeared he would handle them once again last year but he missed a FG in the opener and was relegated to just KO's and punting. That helped those areas as he had a tremendous year, averaging 42.9 with a net of 37.5 and had 22 touchbacks on 55 KO's (40%). Justin Sujansky took over the FG's and hit just 4 of them as a true frosh in 9 attempts. He missed 2 FG's on a very windy day against Rutgers and Collin Barber (PS#42) took over and handled the kicking duties the rest of the way. Barber hit 5 of 6 FG's with a long of 45. Shafer is back for his senior year to handle the punting and KO's. Syracuse's special teams actually outplayed Virginia Tech's special teams in their big upset and Jamel Riddle is back for PR's (11.9). The only real loss is the two KR's but the team averaged 16.6 (#111 in NCAA). Their coverage teams will miss some solid covermen like CB Andre Brinson (3 blk'd punts), LB JR Johnson and LB Maurice Minter. They do return David Tyree who has 5 blocked punts in two years to the unit. They also lose solid LS Kwazi Leverette. Overall they finished #20 in my special teams rankings last year and with practically everyone back are a clear Top 20 contender.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Carrier Dome used to be a feared venue but the Orangemen have not had a sellout since 1998 even though Paul Pasqualoni has had 11 winning seasons in 11 years at Syracuse, the 2nd most of all active coaches without a losing season. They sold 38,000 season tickets back in 1992 but that has steadily dropped and was down to 28,000 last year and their 41,103 average attendance in 2001 was their lowest since 1986 but they did not host VT or Miami and that contributed to the lower numbers. It appeared Pasqualoni's job was in huge trouble as a fierce early schedule saw the Orangemen open up the season 0-2 while scoring a grand total of 16 points and generating just 216 ypg. It all turned around in Week 3 vs UCF when they won 21-10 and they would continue to roll on, winning 10 of their last 11 games including a road upset at Virg Tech (a game in which they were outgained 252-220). They were blown out by Miami, Fla 59-0 and were fortunate in some other games. W Virginia had a 22-11 FD edge but Syracuse prevailed by 11 and in the bowl vs Kansas St the Wildcats had a 15-8 FD edge but Syracuse won by 23. All 3 of their losses last year were to teams that were ranked in the Top 10 at the time. Syracuse was fortunate in other ways last year as they benefitted from an outstanding +18 in turnovers. Be sure to check out my "Turnovers=Turnaround" article on page 295. Syracuse also had zero starters miss zero games due to injury (rare). Also for the season, in Big East play, Syracuse was actually (despite their 6-1 record) outgained by their opponents 350.6 to 346.9!!! The 2002 schedule is conducive for a Big East Title as they have 4 conference home games with only one tough road game vs BC and they host both Miami and VT. Normally that would have me picking Syracuse much higher in the standings, but I can't see them being as fortunate during the course of the season as they were last year. The Orangemen are also the least experienced team in the conference with just 9 starters back and they lose 24 of 52 lettermen (46%) which is the highest percentage lost in the league. Still, Syracuse should easily achieve its 16th consecutive winning year and a return to the post season and as mentioned, do have the schedule to be a Big East Title contender.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB RJ ANDERSON JR. 6-1 229 4 sts in 2000, 512 yds (46%), 165 rush. 9 sts LY, 1236 yds (49%), 6-3 ratio, 440 rush, 11-2 as starter. Cecil Howard (6-1 195 rFr) PS#16.

RB Walter Reyes So. 5-10 200 **PS#20**. 149 yds (3.2) as rFr. Diamond Ferri (5-10 206 Jr) PS#21. 101 yds (5.1) as true. 151 yds (3.8) LY. **Damien Rhodes** is PS#31, **4.34** spd.

FB Keith "Thump" Belton Jr. 6-0 226 PS#95. 650 yds at JC. 57 yds here LY. Chris Davis (6-0 232 Sr) 107 total yds in 2000, 44 yds LY. George Scott (5-11 205 Sr) PS#40, 80 yds 2Y.

WR JOHNNIE MORANT JR. 6-5 221 **PS#3WR**. #1 LY with 20 rec's, super **25.1 ypc**. Jared Jones (6-0 193 So) **PS#17**. QB in 2000. Andre Fontenette (6-2 222 So) is PS#97WR.

WR David Tyree Sr. 6-2 198 **PS#26**. 4.4 speed. 14 rec (23.8) in 2000. 8 sts LY, 18 rec (12.9), 13 tkls. Jamel Riddle (5-7 173 Jr) **PS#29DB**, 14 rec (23.1), 29 PR (11.9).

TE Joe Donnelly Jr. 6-3 240 **PS#10**. 3 starts as rFr, 8 rec (7.1). Len Cusumano (6-2 254 Jr) PS#66RB. 13 games, 2 years. Greg Hanoian (6-1 232 So) PS#161LB.

C NICK ROMEO JR. 6-2 297 PS#118OL. 11 starts at C as rFr, 13 starts at C in 2001. Chris Buda (6-3 300 Jr) PS#63. 4 games in 2000, 4 games at center in 2001.

RG Matt Tarullo So. 6-6 303 PS#138. 2nd string as rFr, 5 gms. Tim Carignan (6-4 298 rFr) PS#182. DL LY but RS. Charles Simpson (6-2 308 Jr) PS#91DL moved to OL in spg.

LG Erik Kaloyanides Sr. 6-4 317 PS#130OL. 3 games as rFr. 1 start at RG, 9 games in 2000. 2nd string LY, 8 games, added 19 lbs. Jason Greene (6-5 280 rFr) PS#63.

RT Kevin Sampson Jr. 6-5 296 PS#83OL. 6 games as rFr, 1 start. 2nd string RG LY (alternating series), 13 games, added 19 lbs. Kader Drame (6-5 290 Fr) PS#164 LY.

LT Adam Terry So. 6-8 287 PS#55OL. 2nd string as rFr, 4 games. Jared Pierce (6-6 313 rFr) PS#93OL, added 33 lbs. Brent Caldwell (6-5 285 rFr) PS#276DL.

K COLLIN BARBER SO. 6-2 197 PS#42K. Hit 5 of 6 FG's, long of 45. 25 of 26 xp's. Justin Sujansky (5-9 176 So). 4 of 9 FG's as true, long of 43, 2-6 from 40+.

DE JOSH THOMAS JR. 6-7 270 PS#102. 5 tkls, 1 int as rFr. 13 sts LY, 49 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl, 15 QBH. Tommy Harris (6-2 228 rFr) PS#164. James Wyche (6-5 228 rFr) PS#163.

DT CHRISTIAN FERRARA JR. 6-4 297 PS#71DL. 2 starts, 12 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 13 starts in 2001, 34 tkls. 4.5 sks, 6 tfl. Billy Wilson (6-3 264 rFr) PS#365, from Canada.

NT Louis Gachelin Jr. 6-2 284 PS#41DL. 1 st, 22 tkls, 2.5 sks as rFr. 26 tkls LY, 2 sks, 5 tfl, **480 lb bench**, 5 hurries. Brian Hooper (6-2 279 So) PS#129DL, 2 tkls last year.

DE Ryan LaCasse rFr. 6-3 233 PS#151. 100m track champ in high school. Fastest DE ever at Syracuse. Julian Pollard (6-5 249 So) PS#121, 1 tfl as a true frosh.

OLB RICH SCANLON JR. 6-2 236 PS#67LB. 12 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 5 sts in 2001, 65 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. Jose Harris (6-4 232 Jr) JUCO in 2000. Impressive physically, track in HS.

MLB CLIFTON SMITH SR. 6-3 263 **PS#8**. 8 sts, 70 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 11 sts in 2000, 108 tkls, 7 tfl, **1st Tm BE L/2Y**. 13 sts LY, 104 tkls, 5 sks, 10 tfl. James Dumervil (5-11 236 So) PS#65.

OLB Jameel Dumas Jr. 6-3 210 **PS#140LB**. 2 sts, 15 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 6 sts LY, 67 tkls, 4 tfl. Kellen Pruitt (6-4 204 rFr) PS#62TE. Cory Brooks (6-1 211 rFr) PS#232RB.

CB LATROY OLIVER JR. 5-9 188 PS#30RB. 2 sts, 15 tkls, 4 pbu in 2000. 13 sts last year, 46 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu. Thomas Whitfield (5-9 175 rFr) 4.31 speed, from Canada.

CB Will Hunter Sr. 5-11 182 PS#323. 1 st, 27 tkls, 4 pbu in 2000. 2 sts LY, 41 tkls, 6 sks, 2 int, 8 pbu. Stephen Gregory (5-11 170 rFr) PS#85. Larry McClain (5-10 175 Fr) PS#60.

SS KEEON WALKER SR. 6-0 195 PS#69RB. 10 sts@SS in 2000, 85 tkls, 2 pbu. 13 sts LY, 72 tkls, 5 tfl, 7 pbu. Cedric Edmonds (5-10 192 So) PS#99. Troy Swittenburg (5-10 189 So) PS#56.

FS Maurice McClain Sr. 6-1 177 PS#27. 1 start at FS in 2000. 21 tkls in 2001. O'Neil Scott (6-1 187 So) PS#167, 8 tkls in 2000. Darryl Kennedy (6-1 204 Jr) PS#249JUCO.

P MIKE SHAFER SR. 5-9 177 55 punts, 38.1 avg as true. 51 punts, 40.9 avg, net of 35.1 in 2000. 88 punts, 42.9 avg, 20 inside the 20, 2nd Tm BE, 37.5 net. 22 TB's on KO's LY.

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OL	Justin Outten	6-3 265 PS#116
LB	Jamar Atkinson	6-2 210 PS#85
WR	Tim Lane	6-3 203 PS#107
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SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN

Syracuse, New York
Carrier Dome

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 29	at BYU (Thur)	G						The Orangemen are 10-0 SU and 5-2 ATS vs current MAC teams since '80. Syracuse is 7-3 SU and has covered 3 straight at home vs W Virginia.
Sep. 7	N Carolina	A						Syracuse is 8-3 ATS in their last 11 road openers. The Orangemen are 3-7 ATS on grass the last 3 years.
Sep. 14	Rhode Island	A						Orangemen are 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS vs ACC teams since 1996. Syracuse is 11-4 ATS in September the last 4 years.
Sep. 21								SU hasn't played in a NL game since a 24-10 victory over Miami (Oh) in Sept of '87. The Rams went 8-3 last year as a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference.
Sep. 28	at Auburn	G						Bonus: Syracuse is 4-14 ATS as an AD under Pasqualoni, 4-17-1 ATS L13Y. Orangemen are 27-15-2 ATS S/'90 as an away favorite. Pending 8/29, Syracuse is 6-10 ATS on grass since 1997.
Oct. 5	Pittsburgh (HC)	A						Orangemen are 5-0 SU but only 2-3 ATS the last 5 years vs Pitt. Syracuse is 14-2 SU and 12-4 ATS at home in October.
Oct. 12	at Temple	A						Orangemen have outscored TU 268-68 the L7Y but are only 4-3 ATS. Pending LW, Syracuse is 5-2 SU and ATS overall in October the L2Y.
Oct. 19	at W Virginia	A						The favorite is 10-3-1 ATS in the last 14 series meetings. Orangemen are 3-5 SU and ATS in back to back away games since 1997.
Oct. 26	Rutgers	A						Syracuse is 14-1 SU and 12-3 ATS in this series. Pending 10/5, SU is 13-4 SU, but only 8-9 ATS in sandwiched HG's S/'90.
Nov. 2	at UCF	G						Syracuse is 12-18-1 ATS in November since 1994. Mention this ad and deduct $25 off November Guarantee! 1-800-654-3448.
Nov. 9	Virginia Tech	A						The home team has covered 9 of 11 in this series. Syracuse is 4-1 SU and ATS in the Carrier Dome vs Tech since 1992.
Nov. 16	at Boston College	A						Orangemen are 14-7 ATS vs BC since 1981. The favorite is 15-3 ATS in the last 18 series meetings.
Nov. 23								
Nov. 30	Miami (Fla)	A						Syracuse is 2-8 SU and 3-7 ATS in the last 10 meetings. The favorite is 8-2 ATS in that span.

PAUL PASQUALONI (Career 125-56-1)
12th Year at Syracuse

Pasqualoni's records AT SYRACUSE

91-39-1 Straight Up	33-23 Home Favorite
67-54-2 Vs The Spread	6-3 Home Dog
15-17 Off A S/U Loss	24-14-2 Away Favorite
41-33-1 Vs Conference	4-14 Away Dog
26-21-1 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 28 (15,11,2)
Lost: 24 (12,10,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,103

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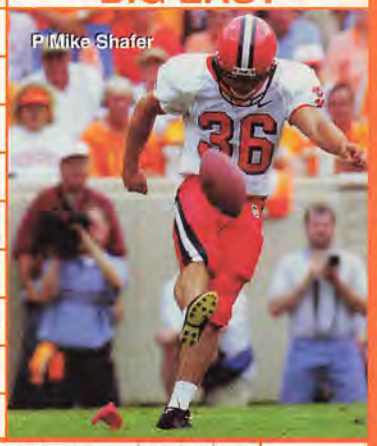


STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,550)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	8-3	9-3	8-3	6-5	6-5	9-3	54-25
ATS	7-4	6-4-1	6-6	5-6	5-6	7-4	8-4	44-34-1
Home Fav	4-2	4-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	4-0	5-1	25-14
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-1
Away Fav	2-0	2-2-1	3-2	2-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	13-10-1
Away Dog	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-2	2-2	4-9
Favorite	6-2	6-4-1	6-5	4-6	4-4	6-1	6-2	38-24-1
Dog	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-2	1-3	2-2	6-10
Grass	2-2	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-3	0-1	3-3	8-12
Artificial	5-2	6-4-1	4-4	4-5	5-3	7-3	5-1	36-22-1
vs Conf	4-3	5-2	4-3	4-3	1-6	5-2	4-3	27-22
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-2-1	2-3	1-3	4-0	2-2	4-1	17-12-1
Off SU Win	4-4	5-2-1	5-3	4-3	3-3	2-3	5-3	28-21-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-3	4-1	2-1	11-11

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Mungro	267	1378	96	1282	17	4.8
R.J. Anderson	**125**	**440**	**212**	**228**	**5**	**1.8**
Kyle Johnson	53	226	3	223	3	4.2
Diamond Ferri	**40**	**175**	**24**	**151**	**0**	**3.8**
Walter Reyes	**47**	**166**	**17**	**149**	**1**	**3.2**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
R.J. Anderson	**158**	**77**	**48.7**	**1236**	**6**	**3**
Troy Nunes	**105**	**58**	**55.2**	**734**	**5**	**6**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Johnnie Morant	**20**	**502**	**25.1**	**3**	**74**	
Maurice Jackson	19	254	13.4	2	39	
David Tyree	**18**	**233**	**12.9**	**0**	**28**	
Jamel Riddle	**14**	**323**	**23.1**	**1**	**48**	
Malik Campbell	14	184	13.1	1	39	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mike Shafer	**88**	**3775**	**42.9**	**–**	**37.5**	**0**	**20**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**		**LONG**
Collin Barber	**3-3**	**1-1**	**1-2**	**0-0**	**5-6**		**45**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quentin Harris	132	0	5	11	4
Clifton Smith	**104**	**5**	**10**	**3**	**0**
Keeon Walker	**72**	**1**	**4**	**7**	**1**
Willie Ford	67	0	4	16	3
Jameel Dumas	**67**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Rich Scanlon	**65**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Charles Burton	59	0	9	2	0
Dwight Freeney	49	17.5	9	2	0
Josh Thomas	**49**	**2**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Latroy Oliver	**46**	**0**	**2**	**12**	**4**
JR Johnson	44	0	2	0	0
Will Hunter	**41**	**6**	**2**	**8**	**2**
Mark Holtzman	41	5	9	1	0
Christian Ferrara	**34**	**4.5**	**6**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jamel Riddle	**29**	**344**	**11.9**	**1**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Maurice Jackson	17	328	19.3	0	

SYRACUSE ATHLETICS

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Liberty	-17	Houston	30-17	L
97	Fiesta	+3	Kansas St	18-35	L
98	Orange	+6'	Florida	10-31	L
99	Music City	+3	Kentucky	20-13	W
01	Insight.com	+6	Kansas St	26-3	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SYRACUSE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	25.7	17	170	3.5	152	51.3	12.5	+18	2001	6	19.0	18	160	4.3	191	49.5	18.5
5	26.7	18	207	4.5	171	55.5	14.1	-6	2000	8	19.3	15	136	3.8	175	45.4	16.1
6	25.0	19	174	3.9	168	56.2	13.7	-7	1999	6	21.3	16	112	3.2	195	55.5	14.4
6*	39.8	22	220	4.7	201	60.9	10.6	+11	1998	4	25.0	18	142	3.8	195	48.2	13.5
7*	33.9	22	199	4.5	229	52.1	12.6	+9	1997	4	17.4	15	112	3.0	192	51.2	17.5
7*	36.4	21	250	5.0	159	53.4	11.0	+3	1996	8	17.3	15	104	2.9	165	49.0	14.9

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
†Georgia Tech	13	26-59	2.3	19-32	183	4	19	46-125	2.7	15-26	224	2	-1
at Tennessee	12	42-75	1.8	6-21	115	5	14	39-197	5.1	14-27	136	3	0
UCF	21	53-205	3.9	9-18	155	0	20	30-100	3.3	13-34	253	3	+2
Auburn	18	52-226	4.3	6-15	74	0	20	40-182	4.6	13-23	172	4	+5
E Carolina	22	47-108	2.3	18-29	312	3	19	37-275	7.4	17-34	192	3	+1
at Rutgers	19	48-354	7.4	7-17	100	1	16	40-194	4.9	19-34	224	5	-1
at Pittsburgh	15	49-172	3.5	11-20	139	3	14	39-92	2.4	11-30	180	6	+3
Temple	20	47-163	3.5	12-21	308	1	11	40-74	1.9	11-22	111	4	+1
at Virginia Tech	14	53-181	3.4	6-17	52	1	18	34-90	2.6	15-32	162	5	+2
W Virginia	11	51-126	2.5	10-18	86	3	22	39-166	4.3	25-48	162	3	+4
at Miami (Fla)	12	46-105	2.3	10-20	80	4	25	36-331	9.2	14-22	235	1	-2
Boston College	30	66-322	4.9	16-21	253	0	16	27-216	8.0	17-28	217	1	+1
†Kansas St	8	44-109	2.5	5-14	113	5	15	34-33	1.0	14-40	221	5	+3
TOTALS	215	624-2205	3.5	135-263	1970	30	229	481-2075	4.3	198-400	2489	45	+18
AVERAGES	16.5	48-170	3.5	10-20	152	2.3	17.6	37-160	4.3	15-31	191	3.5	1.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	-8	34-0	W
NC State (OT)	-25	31-32	L
at Oklahoma	-11	34-36	L
at Virginia Tech	+3	3-31	L
Tulane	-23	30-19	L
E Carolina	-14'	56-0	W
at Rutgers	-33	50-3	W
Temple	-28	60-7	W
W Virginia	-10	40-10	W
Boston College	-27	20-13	L
at Pittsburgh	-19	32-27	L
at Miami (Fla)	-6	33-13	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tennessee	E/-1	33-34	L
at Michigan	+10	38-28	W
Rutgers	-41	70-14	W
at NC State	-12	17-38	L
Cincinnati	-42'	63-21	L
at Boston College	-13'	42-25	W
Pittsburgh	-24	45-28	L
at W Virginia	-2'	28-35	L
Virginia Tech	-4	28-26	L
at Temple	-27	38-7	W
Miami (Fla)	-3'	66-13	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	-13'	35-12	W
C Michigan	-30	47-7	W
Michigan	+5'	13-18	W
W Virginia	-13	30-7	W
Tulane	-14'	47-17	W
at Pittsburgh	-10	24-17	L
at Virginia Tech	+12'	0-62	L
Boston College	-19	23-24	L
Temple	-18	27-10	L
at Rutgers (OT)	-30'	21-24	L
at Miami (Fla)	+10'	13-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Buffalo	-43'	63-7	W
at Cincinnati	-7'	10-12	L
at E Carolina	+5	17-34	L
BYU	-7'	42-14	W
Pittsburgh (2OT)	-6	24-17	W
at Boston College	+1	13-20	L
Virginia Tech	+13	14-22	W
at W Virginia	-3	31-27	W
at Temple	-10	31-12	W
Miami (Fla)	+12'	0-26	L
Rutgers	-25	49-21	W

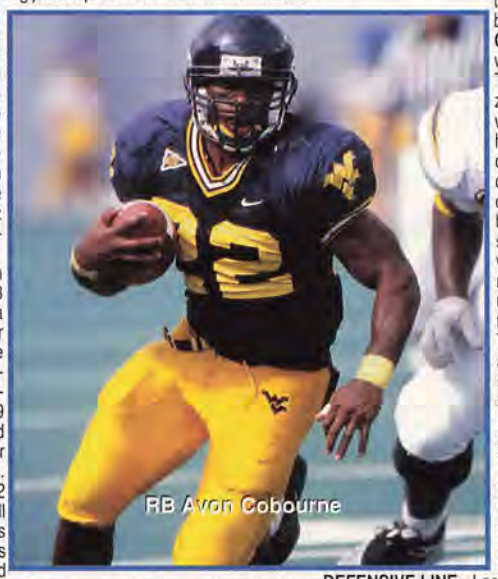
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Georgia Tech	+8	7-13	W
at Tennessee	+15	9-33	L
UCF	-10	21-10	W
Auburn	-2'	31-14	W
E Carolina	-7	44-30	W
at Rutgers	-25	24-17	L
at Pittsburgh	-3'	42-10	W
Temple	-17	45-3	W
at Virginia Tech	+17'	22-14	W
W Virginia	-14'	24-13	L
at Miami (Fla)	+20'	0-59	L
Boston College	-3'	39-28	W

W VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In Rich Rodriguez's offense he likes to use a QB that is not only an effective passer, but also a dangerous runner like Shaun King or Woodrow Dantzler. Last year the returning starter, Brad Lewis, did not have the type of mobility Rodriguez desired, but he wanted to redshirt his VHT signee Danny Embick (PS#28). Second string QB Scott McBrien decided to transfer to Maryland in August. Lewis started the opener vs BC, but Rasheed Marshall (PS#119) got in the game and had a chance to lay claim to the starting job but he broke a bone in his wrist and didn't return until he got some playing time vs Rutgers (Nov 3rd). He saw extensive 2H action vs Syracuse and played practically the entire game vs both Temple and Pittsburgh. Lewis, who threw for 318 yards and 5 TD's in the 2000 bowl game, had an up and down year (see "Hardcore Fans" pg 306). For his final season Lewis threw for 1,339 yards (57%) with a 7-9 ratio while rushing for 164 yards. Marshall threw for 327 yards (51.9%) with a 1-4 ratio and was the team's second leading rusher with 261 gross yards. QB/WR Derek Jones threw for 140 yards (39.5%) with a poor 0-6 ratio while rushing for 104. Lewis and Jones depart, and while Marshall has the experience, Embick is a Rodriguez recruit and threw for 2,400 yards while rushing for 650 in his senior year in high school (also had 90 tackles), despite missing playing time with a shoulder injury. I expect him to win the starting job despite the fact that Marshall hit 21 of 27 for 231 yds, 2 TD's, 0 ints in the spring game and led the team to TD's on 5 of 6 drives. They also bring in JUCO Charles Hales (6-0 190 So) who will join the team in the fall. Since this is the second year in the system and the athleticism of the QB's fits the Rodriguez mold better, I look for solidly improved numbers.


RB Avon Cobourne

RUNNING BACKS - Avon Cobourne was just PS#83 because he suffered a knee injury his senior year in HS or he would have been rated higher. He simply led the Big East in rushing as a rFr with 1,139 yards (5.1) and was voted Iron Mountaineer in winter conditioning in 2000. Cobourne missed 2 games that year but still rushed for 1,018 yards (4.5). Last year he was clearly the team's MVP and is probably the hardest working player on the team. He rushed for 1,298 yards (4.9) and had 124 yards receiving in 2001. Much was expected of Cooper Rego (PS#4), a transfer from ND, but he finished with just 22 carries for 141 yards (6.4). The #2 TB turned out to be Quincy Wilson (PS#33). Wilson had 146 yards rushing (5.4) as a true and then redshirted in 2000 after a torn ACL. He saw action in 9 games last year rushing for 181 yards with a nifty 7.2 ypc. Cassel Smith (5-11 200 Jr) was PS#261 and had 65 total yards in 5 games, but moved to WR in spring. The FB group is led by Hikee Johnson (5-11 200 So) who was PS#86 and originally signed at Virginia. He got in 4 games last year. Moe Fofana (5-10 235 So) and Adam King (5-11 230 Jr), who was PS#234LB and the Offensive Rookie of the Year on the scout team in 2000, will also add FB depth. Although Cobourne is a small back, he's proved his durability and is the 6th leading returning rusher in the nation. As long as Cobourne stays healthy, I look for him to have his best season yet and his 4th consecutive 1,000 yard year. He needs 632 yds to top Amos Zereoue as WV's career rushing leader.

RECEIVERS - Last year W Virginia had to replace 2 of their top 3 receivers (TE and WR), but did have their top guy, Antonio Brown, returning. With 4.18 speed he led the team with 51 receptions (17.2) in 2000 but basically missed 3 games last year due to injury including the first two. He returned full-force in Week 3 and had 18 rec the next two weeks. Unfortunately the rest of the year Brown disappeared, finishing with just 31 rec (9.4) and the leading WR turned out to be AJ Nastasi (PS#39) who had 42 but only 8.0 ypc. This year Brown (6 sts) departs along with WR Shawn Terry (11 sts, 29, 10.0), WR Shawn Swindall (2 sts, 7 rec, 8.4), WR Seth Abraham (11 rec, 11.3) and TE Tim Frost (1 rec). Walk-on Mike Page (5-8 165 Sr) came to W Virginia on a partial track scholarship but earned a full football scholarship last year and had 85 yards receiving in the opener but finished the year with just 154 (25.7). Last year this group was in the first year of the Rodriguez system and, as you can tell by the ypc, it was a very underachieving group. They will miss the speed of Brown and Terry but do welcome back Phil Braxton who was #5 in the Big East in receptions and leading the team when he broke his foot vs Rutgers and missed the rest of the year. They also add Travis Garvin who transfers from a JUCO after previously playing at Missouri, where he was their leading receiver as a true frosh in 1999. They will also add VHT true frosh Broderic Jones if he qualifies. Also, Durell Robinson (PS#4) would be a huge addition as he originally signed at Georgia in '99 and is trying to make grades to be eligible here. I look for better production despite the losses.

OFFENSIVE LINE - When Rich Rodriguez was the OC for Tommy Bowden at both Tulane and Clemson he inherited O-lines with zero returning starters in his first year. That was practically the case here last year as he had just one returning starter. Rodriguez's offense prefers small, agile and physically fit offensive linemen and Nehlen's were based on bulk and strength, so a lot of weight had to be lost during the offseason and the 2001 starters were much smaller than the 2000 version. In 2000 the team averaged 3.4 ypc rushing and allowed 21 sacks. Last year's unit was hit hard by injuries and in fact late in the year their top 3 guards all missed the Temple game with injuries. Overall the team averaged 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing 27 sacks. This year the group is in much better shape as the only losses are RG Brad Knell (9 sts, 2 yr st'r) and G Jason Brooks (1 st, 10 games). Everyone else returns and heading into spring the 5 projected starters all weighed around 275 lbs, but may add some bulk during the summer while maintaining their athleticism. I list the 2 deep below. This unit is more experienced than last year, and is now better adjusted to Rodriguez's system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year almost everyone returned to the DL but Rodriguez wanted speed over size and had the players trim down some. As a result, they were a little light up front. Overall WV went from allowing 3.8 ypc with 31 sacks to giving up 4.2 ypc rushing and the team had just 23 sacks. This year they are switching defensive schemes and they must replace DT Antwan Lake (9 sts, 26 tkls, 3 sks), DE/LB Corey McIntyre (5 sts, 76 tkls, 6 tfl) and DT Sedrick Lewis (1 st, 11 tkls). Also, DL James Davis moved to OLB in spring. I list the 2 deep below and 3 players who have been full-time starters are back and they add a top-notch JUCO. A lot was expected from DL Ron Olds last year, but he had trouble qualifying, and ended up redshirting, but he could be a solid run stuffer in the middle this year. Despite the losses, this unit could be improved in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - The top 2 LB's returned last year and they only had to replace one starter. Unfortunately the unit was hit hard by injuries, including their top player Grant Wiley, who was the Big East Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2000, but got in just 6 starts due to injury and was never really 100% in 2001. He still finished with 98 tackles and 6 tfl, and should be fully recovered this year. They must replace MLB Kyle Kayden who was #3 in the NCAA in tackles per game (14.45) and was 2nd Team Big East, as well as WLB Shawn Hackett (10 sts, 113 tkls, 4 tfl) and backups Quentin Swain (10 tkls, 1 sk) and Frank English (15 tkls). They move in Davis from DE and Adam Lehnortt actually caught WR Antonio Brown (4.18 speed) from behind in practice last year. The unit as a whole should maintain better health than they did last season and despite the losses, they look stronger in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year all 4 starters and all 4 backups returned and WV actually finished #1 in the NCAA in ypg allowed passing, giving up just 136.7. While they finished #9 in the NCAA in pass efficiency defense, they took on few outstanding QB's and were just #55 in my overall rankings even though they allowed 48.6% with a 7-11 ratio. The two toughest pass offenses they took on were Miami, Fla and Pitt and those two combined for 250 ypg. Another reason for the low amount of passing yards yielded was the fact that teams for the most part were able to run at will against WV and didn't need to pass. This year they must replace CB Richard Bryant (11 sts, 4 int, 12 pbu), FS Rick Sherrod (10 sts, 156 tkls, 2 pbu) and SS O'Rondai Cox (2 sts, 42 tkls). Sherrod actually led the NCAA in tackles per game at 15.6. It will be interesting to see how the change in defense to a 3-3-5 will effect the pass defense. The unit was banged up at times last year but does have 3 good CB's with starting experience returning. They are not quite as experienced as they were last year but should finish higher in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - WV had a horrible year in 2000 finishing #92 in my special teams rankings. I called for them to be one of the most improved special teams units in the country last year because they had some dangerous returnmen and they did improve greatly, moving up to #48. Antonio Brown did not keep his PR job as Lance Frazier took over (8.1). Shawn Terry was the KR, averaging a nifty 25.9 including a 100 yd TD. Kicker Brenden Rauh (PS#12) will be missed. He connected on 13 of 15 FG's with a long of 41. Punter Mark Fazzolari, who was 2nd Team Big East in 1999 and 2000, was averaging 42.4 per boot but surprisingly WV was dead last in the Big East in net punting. He was replaced by Todd James in the 2H of the season. James averaged 40.7 yds per boot and the team had a net of 33.4. A big plus for James is the fact that he gets his punts off quickly. Both punters are back. James handled the KO's because he has the strongest leg of the kickers. Last year's special teams coach emphasized the blocking of punts but they blocked just one. They did not practice PR's (just blocks) in August (perhaps part of the reason they averaged just 8.4 as a team). The nickname for the special teams coverage unit was the "Brick Layers" and they do put an emphasis on this unit, practicing in the middle of workouts rather than at the end. Terry did become the school's all-time KR leader and will be tough to replace. With the loss of their kicker and Terry it will be tough to outdo last year's numbers.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Don Nehlen did a tremendous job with this program with a 149-93-4 record here and finished 5th in the NCAA in career wins. Last season when Rich Rodriguez took over, the writers talked about how he was more intense than Nehlen, how the offense would be more aggressive and the defense would have more of an attacking style. WV had a somewhat veteran team last year, losing just 12 lettermen to graduation, but an additional 20 players have quit since Rodriguez took over. After a 7-5 season in 2000, the Mountaineers' fate plummeted as they had their worst finish since 1978 despite having 18 seniors on the team. Their 3 wins last season were over Rutgers, Ohio U and Kent St. Nehlen's boring, conservative offense of 2000 averaged 29.7 ppg. Rodriguez's "Hair-on-Fire" offense averaged 21.4 ppg. W Virginia did deserve better than their 3-8 record indicated as they led Notre Dame 24-17 in the 4Q, had a 187-154 yard edge at half vs Miami on the road and had a 22-11 FD edge vs Syracuse with a 328-212 yard edge, but lost all 3. One of the things that Rodriguez wants to improve upon is turnovers, as last season the Mountaineers were -8 in that category despite the fact that they were +8 vs Rutgers, or it would have been a double digit negative turnover margin for his team. They have 13 returning starters but must replace 20 lettermen and I do expect them to be more potent offensively as the QB's they have in place fit Rodriguez's spread offense better, and the O-line should be much stronger. Defensively, they let coordinator Phil Elmassian go and switch to a 3-3-5 defense. Injuries did hit them hard in 2001, at one point vs Ohio U early in the year, they had 8 backups playing. They have 6 starters back on defense, and look for a much bigger season from Grant Wiley, who was injury plagued last year. Despite a 1-6 Big East record, WV was only outgained by 30 ypg in conference play, which proves again that, they were better than their record indicated. I look for improvement on both sides of the ball and they should have no trouble topping last year's 3 win total and flirting with a winning record.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Danny Embick rFr. 6-0 205 PS#28 LY & RS. Rasheed Marshall (6-0 185 So) PS#119, 4 gms, 327 pass (51.9%), 1-4 ratio, 261 rush. Charles Hales (6-0 190 So) PS#222JC.

SB AVON COBOURNE SR. 5-9 190 PS#83. 1st Tm BE as rFr, 1139 yards (5.1). 10 starts in 2000, 1018 yards (4.5). 11 starts LY, 1298 yards (4.9), 23 rec (5.4). Quincy Wilson PS#33.

WR Travis Garvin Jr. 6-2 185 11 sts at Missouri as true in '99, B12 Newcomer of the Yr, #1 w/36 rec (16.9)! 4.39 spd. Mike Page (5-8 165 Sr) 4 sts as Jr, 6 rec (25.7).

WR AJ NASTASI SR. 5-10 175 PS#39. 9 rec (13.4) in '99 & 2000. 8 sts LY, #1 w/42 rec (8.0), despite bruised ribs. Miquelle Henderson (6-1 195 So) PS#349, 4 rec as true.

WR PHIL BRAXTON SR. 6-3 195 PS#115RB. Special Tms POY in 2000, 9 rec (26.3). 7 sts until broke foot, was #5 in BE w/26 rec (10.8) when inj'd. Broderic Jones (PS#36).

TE Tory Johnson Jr. 6-2 260 PS#42TE. 3 rec as a rFr. 4 starts last year, 5 rec (12.6). Josh Bailey (6-4 240 rFr) PS#54. Jason Hardee (6-3 260 Jr) PS#247JUCO.

C ZACK DILLOW SR. 6-2 270 Orig at Penn St. Transferred in 2000. 11 starts here in 2001. Justin Williams (6-2 290 So) PS#91DL, 2 games as a rFr in 2001.

RG Jeff Berk So. 6-5 275 PS#435OL. Started last 3 at LG as rFr, 9 games overall. Geoff Lewis (6-3 285 Jr) PS#227DL. 2 games as backup in 2001.

LG KEN SANDOR SR. 6-4 280 PS#187OL. LS as rFr. OT in 2000 but little action. 7 starts at LG, 1 at RG (inj) in 2001. Travis Garrett (6-4 280 rFr) was PS#134 last year.

RT TIM BROWN JR. 6-5 275 PS#76. 2 games as true until inj. 12 games at C as rFr backup. 11 starts in 2001. Ben Timmons (6-5 275 Jr) PS#81, 1 start, 10 games LY.

LT LANCE NIMMO SR. 6-6 275 PS#246. 12 gms as backup LT in 2000. 11 sts LY, Top OL Award here. Garin Justice (6-6 275 rFr) PS#146. Josh Stewart (6-5 280 rFr) PS#166.

K Todd James Jr. 6-3 205 Did kickoffs as true, 26 of 67 into endzone. 0 of 2 field goals in 2001, 15 TB's on 49 kickoffs, 7 in endzone, 32 punts (40.7), net of 33.4.

DEFENSE

DE Jason Davis Sr. 6-5 290 PS#168. 12 sts in 2000, 30 tkls, 9 tfl. 1 start LY, 30 tkls, 3 tfl, 420 bench. Fred Blueford PS#11JC & orig at Arkansas. 2nd Tm NJCAA in 2001.

DT DAVID UPCHURCH SR. 6-3 270 PS#35TE. 12 sts, 40 tkls, 3 sks in 2000. 11 sts, 66 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl, 6 QBH LY. Ernst Hunter (6-3 270 rFr) PS#170. Rod Olds (6-3 280 rFr) PS#57OL.

DE KEVIN FREEMAN SR. 6-2 260 PS#46TE. 2 sts, 16 tkls in 1999. 2 tkls in 2000. 6 sts, 41 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Tim Love (6-3 275 Sr) PS#125TE. 14 tkls in 2000. 5 sts, 17 tkls, 1 sk LY.

OLB JAMES DAVIS SR. 6-2 225 PS#249. 18 tkls as rFr. 1 st in 2000, 49 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl. 10 sts at DE LY, 51 tkls, 8 sks, 6 tfl, 17 QBH. Leandre Washington (6-0 220 Jr) PS#256JC.

MLB GRANT WILEY JR. 6-0 225 PS#141. BE Def Rookie of Yr as rFr, 94 tkls, 14 tfl. 6 sts LY (inj), 98 tkls, 6 tfl. Shane Graham (5-11 220 So) PS#79, 15 tkls as true. Alex Lake PS#116RB.

OLB Adam Lehnortt So. 6-3 220 PS#144. 8 gms LY (inj), 31 tkls, 2 tfl. Ben Collins (5-10 205 Sr) 14 tkls in 2000. 33 tkls in 2001. Scott Gyorko (6-0 190 So) PS#209, 15 tkls as true.

SPUR Jermaine Thaxton Sr. 6-1 190 PS#266LB. Moved from WR to Safety in spring. Arthur Harrison (5-8 190 Sr) PS#240JUCO. 20 tkls, 6 games here last year. Orig at Penn St.

CB Lewis Daniels Sr. 6-0 190 15 tkls, 22 gms in '99 & 2000. 2 sts LY, 23 tkls, 3 pbu. Brian King (6-0 175 Jr) PS#190, 9 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 10 pbu. 3 sts LY, 34 tkls, 2 sks, 8 pbu.

CB LANCE FRAZIER JR. 5-10 185 PS#146. 4 sts as rFr, 27 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. 7 starts LY, 49 tkls, 1 sk, 7 pbu, 20 PR's (8.1). Tywan Napper PS#72. Mike Lorello is PS#307.

BAN ANGEL ESTRADA SR. 6-0 200 PS#270JUCO last year. 9 starts here until injury, 69 tackles, 6 tfl, 1 interception, 4 pbu. Bill Martin (6-1 190 Sr) 3 tackles in 5 gms last year.

FS Jahmile Addae So. 5-10 195 1 st as true, 18 tkls, 5 gms, took off redshirt midyear. Lawrence Audena (5-11 190 So) PS#380. #1 FS out of spg. Adam Jones is PS#123.

P MARK FAZZOLARI SR. 5-11 190 51 punts (41.5) in 1999, **2nd Tm Big East**. 62 punts (41.2) in 2000, **2nd Tm Big East**. 29 punts in 2001 (42.4). Todd James 32 punts (40.7).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DE	Fred Blueford 6-5 280 PS#11JC
WR	Broderic Jones 6-0 170 PS#36
RB	Kevin McLee 6-2 230 PS#72
RB	Erick Phillips 5-11 210 PS#85
DB	Tywan Napper 6-1 185 PS#72
WR	J.T. Perry 6-2 200 PS#79
RB	John Scott 6-0 185 PS#108
DB	Jamil Tyson 6-0 181 PS#108
LB	Taylor Ownbey 6-2 225 PS#105
DB	Adam Jones 5-11 180 PS#123
DB	Akeem Jackson 6-1 203 PS#124
OL	Dan Mozes 6-3 290 PS#154
TE	Adam Serena 6-3 223 PS#54
OL	Jeremy Hines 6-2 280 PS#180

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W VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WV	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								WV is 11-0-1 SU but 4-8 ATS their last 12 vs the MAC. WV is 3-10 ATS in their last 13 lined season openers.
Aug. 31	Tennessee-Chat	A						WV is 4-0 SU in NL gms in their L/4 meetings with Div IAA teams. Mountaineers have outscored NL opponents 163-20 in those meetings.
Sep. 7	at Wisconsin	A						Wisky is 2-0 SU in the series but the teams have not met since 1957. West Virginia is 10-21-3 ATS prior to October since 1994.
Sep. 14	at Cincinnati	A						WV is 10-0-1 SU in the series, but the last time these 2 teams met was in '90. Mountaineers are 14-6-1 ATS prior to a bye since 1991.
Sep. 21								
Sep. 28	E Carolina	A						Mountaineers are 11-5 SU and 10-6 ATS after a bye week. WV is 6-2 SU but 2-4-2 ATS their last 8 vs East Carolina.
Oct. 5	Maryland	A						The dog is 8-4-1 ATS in the last 13 series meetings. W Virginia is 4-8-1 ATS their last 13 vs the Terps.
Oct. 12	at Rutgers	G						The home team has covered 10 of 11 games in this matchup. WV is 19-3 SU & 15-7 ATS vs the Knights S/'80, outscoring them 784-299.
Oct. 19	Syracuse (HC)	A						The favorite is 10-3-1 ATS in the last 14 series meetings. WV is 1-6 SU and 2-5 ATS vs Orangemen since 1995.
Oct. 26	Miami (Fla)	A						The visiting team has dominated with a 9-2 ATS mark the last 11 years. Against Miami, WV is 2-9 SU S/'91. Also 1-3 ATS as a home dog S/'86.
Nov. 2	at Temple	A						Pending earlier results: WV is 0-4 ATS as an away favorite since 1999. Visitor is 8-2 ATS the last 10 series meetings, WV is 10-1 SU last 11.
Nov. 9	Boston College	A						WV is 16-5 ATS vs Boston College since 1981. Pending last week, W Virginia is 20-12 ATS in November since 1993.
Nov. 16								Bonus: WV is 12-6 ATS at home in November since 1993.
Nov. 20	at Virginia Tech (Wed)	G						The favorite has covered 7 of 8 in this matchup. WV is 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS in the last 4 meetings vs Hokies.
Nov. 30	at Pittsburgh	G						The last 5 games in this series have averaged 64.8 ppg. WV is 6-3 ATS in the last 9 road finales.

RICH RODRIGUEZ (Career 3-8)
2nd Year at West Virginia

Rodriguez's records AT WEST VIRGINIA

3-8 Straight Up	2-2 Home Favorite
4-7 Vs The Spread	0-2 Home Dog
3-4 Off A S/U Loss	0-0 Away Favorite
2-5 Vs Conference	2-3 Away Dog
2-2 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (19,20,3)
Lost: 20 (10,9,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,323

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	8-3	7-4	8-3	4-7	6-5	3-8	41-36
ATS	5-5-1	4-6-1	5-5-1	7-4	5-6	3-8	4-7	33-41-3
Home Fav	3-2	1-3-1	2-3-1	3-1	2-2	2-1	2-2	15-14-2
Home Dog	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-3	0-2	4-8
Away Fav	0-1	3-1	1-1	3-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	7-8
Away Dog	2-1-1	0-1	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	2-3	7-11-1
Favorite	3-3	4-4-1	3-4-1	6-2	2-4	2-3	2-2	22-22-2
Dog	2-2-1	0-2	2-1	1-2	3-2	1-5	2-5	11-19-1
Grass	1-1-1	2-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	9-10-1
Artificial	4-4	2-5-1	2-5-1	6-2	4-4	3-6	3-5	24-31-2
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	3-4	4-3	4-3	1-6	2-5	21-28
vs Non-Conf	1-2-1	1-2-1	2-1-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	2-2	12-13-3
Off SU Win	1-2-1	2-5-1	4-2-1	5-2	2-1	2-4	1-2	17-18-3
Off SU Loss	4-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	4-3	0-4	3-4	15-17

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Avon Cobourne	**267**	**1359**	**61**	**1298**	**9**	**4.9**
Rasheed Marshall	**48**	**261**	**51**	**210**	**3**	**4.4**
Quincy Wilson	**25**	**202**	**21**	**181**	**1**	**7.2**
Brad Lewis	54	164	123	41	1	0.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brad Lewis	237	135	57.0	1339	7	9
Rasheed Marshall	**79**	**41**	**51.9**	**327**	**2**	**4**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
AJ Nastasi	**42**	**334**	**8.0**	**3**	**23**	
Antonio Brown	31	291	9.4	1	40	
Shawn Terry	29	291	10.0	0	23	
Phil Braxton	**26**	**282**	**10.8**	**2**	**39**	
Avon Cobourne	**23**	**124**	**5.4**	**0**	**13**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Todd James	**32**	**1303**	**40.7**	**5**	–	**1**	**5**
Mark Fazzolari	**29**	**1229**	**42.4**	–	–	**0**	**3**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Brenden Rauh	8-8	4-5	1-1	0-1	13-15	41	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyle Kayden	159	2	16	4	2
Rick Sherrod	156	0	5	2	1
Shawn Hackett	113	0	4	2	1
Grant Wiley	**98**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**1**
Corey McIntyre	76	0	6	2	0
Angel Estrada	**69**	**2**	**4**	**4**	**1**
David Upchurch	**66**	**4**	**10**	**1**	**0**
James Davis	**51**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Lance Frazier	**49**	**1**	**0**	**7**	**0**
Richard Bryant	45	0	0	12	4
O'Rondai Cox	42	0	0	0	0
Kevin Freeman	**41**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Brian King	**34**	**2**	**0**	**8**	**0**
Ben Collins	**33**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Lance Frazier	**20**	**161**	**8.1**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Shawn Terry	28	726	25.9	1	

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Carquest	-2	S Carolina	21-24	L
96	Gator	+7	N Carolina	13-20	T
97	Carquest	+3	Georgia Tech	30-35	L
98	Insight.com	+3'	Missouri	31-34	W
00	Music City	+3'	Mississippi	49-38	W

W VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	21.4	20	181	4.2	165	53.8	16.2	-8	2001	9	24.4	19	213	4.2	137	48.6	14.4
7	29.7	18	139	3.4	217	48.1	12.0	+9	2000	4	30.3	20	142	3.8	246	56.7	12.8
3*	26.6	20	144	3.8	225	59.7	13.9	-5	1999	6	26.3	19	192	4.5	218	51.7	15.6
8*	34.2	23	154	4.2	308	64.7	13.5	+6	1998	7	22.3	19	171	3.8	180	51.7	15.8
7	30.0	20	168	4.3	215	58.9	12.8	+7	1997	5	23.8	20	138	3.6	222	54.3	15.1
7*	22.6	17	132	3.4	193	49.2	14.4	+11	1996	8	13.0	14	66	1.9	158	45.7	17.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Boston College	21	40-76	1.9	22-40	240	3	20	50-325	6.5	11-26	146	1	-3
Ohio U	22	49-211	4.3	14-26	139	1	17	58-223	3.8	5-8	87	0	+2
Kent St	28	51-217	4.3	27-34	286	0	19	42-176	4.2	13-33	117	3	+1
at Maryland	27	43-151	3.5	31-52	279	2	23	52-181	3.5	13-32	192	3	-6
Virginia Tech	11	36-33	0.9	15-38	140	5	20	56-224	4.0	14-24	188	1	-2
at Notre Dame	15	37-179	4.8	9-23	91	2	23	69-345	5.0	7-14	70	2	+1
at Miami (Fla)	16	55-193	3.5	9-21	72	5	19	35-212	6.1	19-32	224	0	-4
Rutgers	22	48-446	9.3	11-15	181	5	15	57-150	2.6	4-15	27	4	+8
at Syracuse	22	39-166	4.3	25-48	162	3	11	51-126	2.5	10-18	86	3	-4
Temple	24	40-216	5.4	19-37	153	0	17	50-205	4.1	8-19	85	3	-2
Pittsburgh	10	37-104	2.8	10-23	68	4	27	45-178	4.0	18-30	282	3	+1
TOTALS	218	475-1992	4.2	192-357	1811	27	211	565-2345	4.2	122-251	1504	23	-8
AVERAGES	19.8	43-181	4.2	17-32	165	2.5	19.2	51-213	4.2	11-23	137	2.1	-0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-15'	42-31	L
E Carolina	-7	24-17	T
at Boston College	-7	24-31	L
at Miami (Fla)	+8'	28-17	W
Rutgers	-28	48-0	W
at Maryland	-9'	31-14	W
Virginia Tech	E	30-17	W
at Syracuse	+10	10-40	L
Temple	-21	41-21	L
at Notre Dame	+10	14-21	W
Pittsburgh (3OT)	-12	38-41	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio St	+10	17-34	L
Maryland	-19	42-20	W
Tulsa	-13	44-21	W
at Navy	-16	45-24	W
at Temple	-25	37-7	W
Miami (Fla)	-4	31-34	L
at Virginia Tech	+4	13-27	L
Syracuse	+2'	35-28	W
at Rutgers	-20'	28-14	L
Boston College	-13'	35-10	W
at Pittsburgh	-15'	52-14	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	-6	23-30	L
Miami (Oh)	-3'	43-27	W
at Maryland	-6	0-33	L
at Syracuse	+13'	7-30	L
Navy	-10	28-31	L
Rutgers	-20	62-16	W
Temple	-17	20-17	L
at Miami (Fla)	+17'	20-28	W
Virginia Tech	+19	20-22	W
at Boston College	+3'	17-34	L
Pittsburgh	+1	52-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College	-2'	34-14	W
Maryland	-10	30-17	W
Miami (Fla)	+7'	10-47	L
at Temple	-6	29-24	L
Idaho	-13	28-16	L
at Virginia Tech	+22	20-48	L
Notre Dame	+3	28-42	L
Syracuse	+3	27-31	L
at Rutgers (2OT)	-14'	31-24	L
E Carolina	+3	42-24	W
at Pittsburgh	+5'	28-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College	+4	10-34	L
Ohio U	-5'	20-3	W
Kent St	-27	34-14	L
at Maryland	+10	20-32	L
Virginia Tech	+15'	0-35	L
at Notre Dame	+12	24-34	W
at Miami (Fla)	+35	3-45	L
Rutgers	-18	80-7	W
at Syracuse	+14'	13-24	W
Temple	-16'	14-17	L
Pittsburgh	+3'	17-23	L

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

LB Gary Brackett

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The Knights had one of the most underrated QB's in the NCAA in 2000 in Mike McMahon who was forced to start as a true frosh back in 1997 but had a strong arm and 4.43 speed. McMahon left as the school's #2 all-time leading passer and ended up starting for the Detroit Lions at the end of last year. Very little experience was left behind him. Chris Dapolito (PS#48) opted to transfer in June and Chad Schwenk, who was the only experienced backup and #1 QB out of spring, quit the team after losing the job to true frosh Ryan Cubit just before the season started. Cubit (PS#60) just happens to be the OC's son and was the first true frosh QB to start an opener here in school history. He had a rough year as he was plagued by the lack of a consistent running game and an injury-depleted O-line that allowed 45 sacks. By year's end he was bruised with elbow & hip injuries and set a school record for most int's in a season with 19 while also fumbling 7 times. On the positive side, Cubit set the record for most yards passing by a true frosh at Rutgers and had 327 yards passing vs Navy with 91 and 80 yard TD passes. Cubit can only improve with a year's worth of seasoning after throwing for 1,433 yards (44.8%) with a 9-19 ratio and rushing for 258 yards. Ted Trump (6-2 215 Sr) was the backup QB last year and had 60 yards passing and 30 yards rushing in 6 games. Chris Baker (6-4 200 rFr) was PS#77 and is a left hander who was a sprinter on the track team in HS. This year's true frosh signees, Anthony Cali (Near VHT PS#37) and Ryan Hart (PS#87), have a chance to contend. This unit has a lot more experience and can only be improved.

RUNNING BACKS - The Knights averaged just 81 ypg rushing and 2.3 ypc back in 1999 and improved some in 2000, averaging 105.5 ypg and 3.4 ypc thanks to a strong end to the season. Dennis Thomas, after averaging just 32 ypg the first 8 games of 2000, averaged 110 ypg in the final 3 and returned in 2001. Schiano signed 4 true frosh RB's who were supposed to contribute immediately with the big signee being Rikki Cook (PS#31), who had just 46 yards rushing in 3 games due to injuries. Thomas got in just 4 starts, missing 2 games after arthro knee surgery, and played in 9 games due to injuries. He rushed for 177 yards in the opener against Buffalo but gained less than 200 yards the rest of the year. The second string RB heading into the season was Clarence Pittman but there were some eligibility questions and the team opted to redshirt him. In the first 5 games, five different players led the team in rushing. Jason Ohene led the team in Week 3 with 43 yards but then saw very little action after that and quit the team with 2 games remaining. True frosh Marcus Jones had 89 yards against UConn to lead the team and finished with 327 (3.2), garnering 2 starts and leading the team in rushing 3 times. Ravon Anderson (PS#15), a super transfer from N Carolina, had 163 yards vs Syracuse but surprisingly finished with just 344 yards, although a team best 5.0 ypc. Also, due to injuries SS Nate Colon saw action at RB vs W Virginia. FB Seth Stanton got in just 4 starts before being sidelined with a knee injury. Overall Rutgers averaged just 104.5 ypg and a paltry 2.5 ypc, with most of that attributed to RB injuries as well as the injuries and inexperience of the O-line. This year they must replace Thomas, Anderson, Stanton and Cook, who opted to transfer in February. I list the 2 deep below and even with the losses this unit can only get better.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Knights had to replace their top 2 WR's due to graduation and then projected starting WR Antoine Lovelace was dismissed from the team prior to the season. Their super TE, L.J. Smith, did return and as expected, led the team in receptions with 30 (9.4). Smith earned 2nd Team Big East honors and if he graduates this summer, will be eligible to play once again and was the team's offensive MVP. I like the depth behind him at TE. Chris Loomis (PS#38) missed the first half of last year with injury but had 1 start as a true frosh and Ed Jordan (6-3 222 Jr) had 2 starts. Another option at TE is former C Bryan Boehrer who started 7 games LY before suffering a broken leg & moved to TE this spring. The top WR was Aaron Martin (PS#89) who had 9 starts and 25 receptions for 523 yards, (nifty 20.9 ypc). He hauled in 91 and 80 yard TD bombs against Navy. I list the 2 deep below at WR and you can expect some of this year's frosh signees to play right away. This year's signees are Darren Haliburton (6-3 200, PS#171QB) and Shawn Tucker (6-2 175, PS#202). The only losses this year are WR Delrico Fletcher (7 sts, 19 rec, 10.5), TE Rob Ring (3 sts) and WR David Stringer (1 st, 4 rec). As long as Smith returns, this unit is more experienced and in the second year of the new system, can only be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Rutgers had a veteran offensive front but averaged just 2.3 ypc rushing while allowing 47 sacks. They had to replace 4 starters in 2000 but actually improved to 3.4 ypc rushing and yielded just 16 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 1 backup due to graduation and then another starter was ruled ineligible prior to the season so they basically had only 2 full-time starters returning. Injuries hit the unit hard and they did not use the same starting lineup more than 2 games in a row and 9 different players earned starts. As you would expect with the lack of continuity on the front wall, the offense struggled and the team averaged just 2.5 ypc rushing while allowing 51 sacks. The good news this year is that 10 of the top 11 OL's are back including 8 players who gained starting experience last year. The only loss is G Travis Mills (3 sts). They also add 3 HT rFr and a VHT JUCO. I list the 2 deep below and this should be one of the most improved OL's in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Rutgers' rush D had been making strides, as after allowing 5.2 ypc rushing in 1998 they trimmed it to 5.0 in 1999 and then 4.3 in 2000. Last year it looked like the defensive front would be much improved again as they only had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup due to graduation and 6 players returned with starting experience. Unfortunately, DE William Burnett was not eligible last season and 2 other players quit the team early on. Injuries also hurt the unit with VHT DE Raheem Orr spraining an ankle 3 different times during the season and getting in just 4 starts. Five frosh were in the 2 deep and saw significant action, combining for 12 starts. This year they must replace DE Torrance Heggie (6 sts, 22 tkls, 4 tfl) and DT Bill Tulloch (11 sts, 48 tkls, 8 tfl), but do have 6 players returning with starting experience. A good amount of HT's and surprisingly 2 VHT's are in the unit. Schiano says "the defensive line is the building block to your entire defense." The Knights allowed 5.4 ypc rushing last year and recorded just 21 sacks as a team, showing that the front was clearly a weakness. This year's DL should be solidly improved and could be one of the surprise fronts in the Big East.

LINEBACKERS - This unit was very inexperienced last year as it had 5 players returning with starting experience but those players only combined for 13 starts and starting OLB Nate Leonard was lost for the season in the 2nd game due to an injury. Overall 8 different players earned starts and the big news is that 7 return including 2 who were frosh last year. This year Schiano brings in a great crop of LB's including 3 of the top 50 LB's in the country! This group is vastly more experienced than last year's version and the only losses are OLB Bill Hambrecht (1 st, 11 tkls) and Dan Woodard (6 tkls). Not listed below are Brian Bender (6-2 228 Sr) who has 6 career starts, 52 tackles and 2 tfl, Steve Berson (5-11 210 Sr, 23 career tkls), Ishmael Medley (5-11 230 rFr) and the true frosh who are listed under Top Newcomers. This should be one of the most improved LB corps in the country especially if Berkeley Hutchinson (PS#12) qualifies and plays.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Rutgers had an experienced secondary in 2000 and were #99 in my pass D rankings. Last year practically everyone returned again. They did lose starting CB Brandon Haw to injury in the 2nd game. Overall the unit made some improvement despite the inexperienced front 7 and finished #94, allowing a respectable 190 ypg and 54.6% completions but a poor 22-10 ratio, and keep in mind that opponents ran the ball at will on them so they did not have to throw a lot. This year the Knights have one of the most experienced secondaries around with the only losses being S Tarell Freeney (2 sts, 26 tkls, 1 tfl) and S Ben Martin (2 sts, 76 tkls, 4 tfl). Six players return with starting experience and they combine for 14 years of starting experience, showing that most are 2 or 3 year starters. One possible change involves Tony Berry (6-1 190 Sr, PS#152) who started 7 games in 2001 at CB. Berry was moved to safety in spring, but then was susp'd indef, and is now questionable for fall. I list the 2 deep below and with an improved front 7 and a veteran secondary, naturally this unit should move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Knights have finished poorly in my special teams rankings over the last 7 years with their highest finish being #76. After finishing the final 3 years of Shea's tenure in triple digits, including a #103 finish in 2000, they did improve to #78 last year. Schiano coaches the special teams unit himself (just like VT's Beamer) so you can expect some starters to play on it. K Steve Barone hit just 1 of 5 before sitting out the rest of the season with a groin injury. Ryan Sands (PS#76) simply hit 6 of 6 FG's with a long of 44 and also handled the KO's for 7 games and should be a solid replacement. Kickoffs were a problem with Sands, but he is working to improve his leg strength. They also add PS#29 Justin Musiek. The top PR in 2000 was Sean Carty (10.1) but last year he had just 3 returns and Tres Moses took over the top job (8.4) with some problems holding onto the ball. Both are back. Nathan Jones set a school record with 37 KR's (mostly due to the defense giving up a lot of scores) but avg'd just 18.3. The biggest improvement last year came at punter. Michael Barr (PS#50) had a net of just 31.3 in 2000 but improved that greatly to 38.1 and if he matches last year's numbers, this unit should finish in the upper half of my special teams rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rutgers has had just 4 winning seasons in the last 21 years despite the fact they are the only Div IA college team located in the highly populated NYC/NJ area. Their last bowl was in 1978 and their last winning season was 1992. Last year Greg Schiano was brought in from Miami, Fla and brought in new enthusiasm, and quickly won over the high school coaches in New Jersey, upgrading Rutgers' recruiting classes. He inherited a team with 14 starters back and just 15 lettermen lost last year and they had 4 Big East home games. The season opened with a 31-15 win over Buffalo and expectations were raised but it almost turned out to be a dubious record setting season in Big East play. Rutgers lost their 7 Big East games by an **average of 41.3 ppg**. Temple actually set the record in 1993, being outscored by an average of 42.6. Losses in Big East play included 61-0 vs Miami, 50-0 vs Virg Tech, 80-7 to WV and 42-0 to Pitt. There was nothing fluky about the blowouts as they were outgained by an average of 486.6-188.7 in conference play. When their new conditioning coach took over last year he said that the team was weaker than some Ivy League teams. He has now had an entire year to work on conditioning the athletes. The offense had just 2658 yds, the 2nd lowest total since 1970, and the 119 total points scored were the worst since 1965. Rutgers has the most experienced team returning in the Big East with 17 starters back and last year was an amazing -22 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 295). I know they have a massive gap to close on the rest of their Big East brethren but they host both Temple and W Virginia and should be able to break their 0-14 Big East record of the last 2 years. The opening slate is soft for Rutgers and you will see much improvement in Schiano's 2nd season and I'll call for them to at least double last year's win total, even though Tennessee & Notre Dame replaced UConn & Navy on the schedule.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB RYAN CUBIT SO. 6-3 195 PS#60. 11 sts as true, 1433 yds (45%), 9-19 ratio, 258 yds rush. Ted Trump (6-2 215 Sr) 6 games, 60 yds pass (58%), 0-1 ratio LY.

RB Clarence Pittman rFr. 5-10 185 PS#256. Scout team star LY. Marcus Jones (6-0 195 So) PS#233, 2 sts, 327 yds (3.2), 6 rec (8.0) as true. Markis Facyson is PS#114.

FB Ray Pilch Jr. 6-3 215 4 sts LY (2 at TE, 2 at FB). Ron Simone (6-1 254 Sr) PS#193LB, 22 tkls in 3Y at LB. Brian Leonard is PS#83. Troy Marion (6-1 220 So).

WR AARON MARTIN SR. 6-4 205 PS#89. 6 sts in '99 & 2000. 21 rec (17.0). 9 sts LY, 25 rec (**20.9**). Chris Baker (6-4 200 rFr) PS#77. Jerry Andre (6-1 175 So) PS#211, 2 rec as true.

WR Tres Moses So. 5-10 180 PS#203, 13 rec (12.2) as true. Sean Carty (6-0 185 Sr) PS#177. 11 rec (16.1) as true. 2 sts L/2Y, 8 rec. Josh Hobbs (6-3 205 Jr) 5 sts in 2000, 17 rec.

TE L.J. SMITH SR. 6-4 252 PS#113. 26 rec (16.1). 10 sts, 34 rec (11.0) in 2000. 30 rec (19.4), 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm BE. Bryan Boehrer** (6-3 265 Sr) PS#153. JC LY, **7 sts at C**.

C MARTY PYSZCZYMUKA JR. 6-2 260 PS#278DL. 8 tkls, 4 gms in 2000. 10 sts at LG in 2001, 2L. **Mike Esposito** (6-4 291 Sr) 7 sts at RG in 2000. 10 sts LY (7 at RG, 3 at C).

RG RON GREEN JR. 6-6 320 **PS#15JC. Mike Clancy** (6-4 290 rFr) PS#140. Sameeh McDonald (6-5 290 rFr) PS#152. Jacob Garner (6-6 276 So) 2nd string last year.

LG RICH McMANIS JR. 6-5 318 PS#295. 1 start at LG, 7 games as true. 2 starts at G in 2001, 6 games (injured first 5). Mark Segaloff (6-5 295 rFr) PS#133.

RT TROHN CARSWELL SR. 6-5 288 PS#82TE. DL in 2000. 6 of L/7 sts at LT, 11 gms. Mike Williamson (6-5 289 Jr) 1 st at C, 11 gms, lettered. Rob Dinsmore (6-5 276 So) 11 gms LY.

LT BRIAN DUFFY JR. 6-5 300 **PS#80**. Inj as rFr. 10 sts at RT, **Top OL award here**. Howard Blackwood (6-4 301 Sr) PS#350. 9 sts at LT in 2000. 6 sts at OT LY (inj'd).

K RYAN SANDS SO. 6-0 225 PS#76. Hit 6 of 6 FG's as rFr, long of 44, 8 of 10 on xp's. **Justin Musiek** (5-11 175 Fr) is PS#29K. Was K and RB, 1007 yds (9.2) in HS.

DE ALFRED PETERSON SO. 6-3 245 PS#314LB. 8 sts as **true**, 56 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl. Piana Lukabu (6-3 215 So) PS#87RB, 2 tkls, 10 games as **true**. Joe Henley is PS#106DL.

DT Davon Clark So. 6-4 285 **PS#28**. 26 tkls, 1 sk as **true. William Burnett** (6-4 275 Sr) PS#247. 3 sts, 8 tfl, 22 tkls in 2000, inel LY. Ron Jenerette (6-4 278 Jr) 2 sts, 17 tkls, L/2Y.

DT GREG PYSZCZYMUKA SR. 6-2 260 PS#336. 10 sts, 39 tkls, 1.5 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 25 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Gary Gibson (6-4 272 So) PS#375, 13 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Cedric Brown (6-2 240 So) PS#82LB.

DE RAHEEM ORR SR. 6-4 240 **PS#16LB**. 4 sts in 2001 (inj'd). 25 tkls, 5 tfl. **Ryan Neill** (6-3 240 So) PS#91, **4 sts as true**, 19 tkls, 3 tfl. Haines Holloway is PS#59OL.

OLB Brian Hohmann Jr. 6-3 228 5 tkls as true. 4 sts LY, 38 tkls, 7 tfl. **Berkeley Hutchinson** is **PS#12**. Nate Leonard (6-1 225 Sr) PS#187. 4 sts in 2000, 30 tkls, 4 tfl, inj'd LY.

MLB GARY BRACKETT SR. 5-11 220 PS#223. 22 tkls as true. 40 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY, **Tm MVP**, 92 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl. Jeremy Campbell (6-2 225 So) 1 st, 23 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr.

OLB BRAD CUNNINGHAM SO. 6-1 220 PS#121. 4 starts as **true**, 63 tkls, 7 tfl. **Mitch Davis** (6-2 220 Sr) PS#207RB, 4 starts, 42 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 6 starts last year, 37 tkls, 5 tfl.

CB DeWAYNE THOMPSON SR. 5-9 185 PS#112RB. 8 sts, 33 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu in 2000. 8 sts LY, 62 tkls, 5 pbu. **Brandon Haw** (6-0 180 Sr) PS#153. **4.35. 11 sts**, 48 tkls, 4 pbu in 2000. 2 sts (inj) LY.

CB NATE JONES SR. 5-10 175 PS#120. 7 tkls, 10 gms as **true**. 5 sts, 55 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu LY. Bryan Durango (5-11 180 Fr) is PS#182. Eddie Grimes (6-0 175 So) 3 tkls, 11 gms as true.

SS NATE COLON SR. 5-11 190 PS#146. 17 sts, 125 tkls, 5 tfl in '99 & '00. 10 sts LY, 91 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. **Tony Berry** 14 sts, 112 tkls, 9 pbu in '99 & '00. 7 sts LY, 57 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu.

FS SHAWN SEABROOKS SR. 5-10 190 **PS#45, orig at Tenn**. 5 sts, 57 tkls in 2000. 10 sts LY, #1 w/99 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu, Def MVP. Jarvis Johnson (5-11 190 So) PS#237. 9 tkls as true.

P MICHAEL BARR SR. 6-3 220 PS#50. 58 punts, 37.8 avg, net of 31.3 in 2000. 84 punts, 42.0 avg, **38.1 net**, 19 inside 20 LY. Joe Radigan (PS#19K) avg 43.0 in HS last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Berkeley Hutchinson 6-3 235 PS#12
OL	Ron Green 6-6 320 PS#15JC
LB	Will Gilkison 6-2 230 PS#43
OL	Haines Holloway 6-2 270 PS#59
LB	William Beckford 6-1 215 PS#48
QB	Anthony Cali 6-4 205 PS#37
RB	Brian Leonard 6-2 210 PS#83
DL	Joe Henley 6-3 251 PS#106
TE	Clark Harris 6-6 225 PS#43
RB	Markis Facyson 5-10 195 PS#114
QB	Ryan Hart 6-2 195 PS#87
DB	Bryan Durango 5-11 180 PS#182
DB	Dondre Asberry 5-11 175 PS#188
K	Joe Radigan 6-5 215 PS#19

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score RU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	Villanova	G					
Sep. 7	Buffalo	G					
Sep. 14	Army (HC)	G					
Sep. 21	at Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 28	at Tennessee	G					
Oct. 5							
Oct. 12	W Virginia	G					
Oct. 19	at Virginia Tech	G					
Oct. 26	at Syracuse	A					
Nov. 2	Miami (Fla)	G					
Nov. 9							
Nov. 16	Temple	G					
Nov. 23	at Notre Dame	G					
Nov. 30	at Boston College	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rutgers has had a negative turnover ratio each of the last 5 years.
Knights are 3-13-1 ATS after a SU win the last 7 years.
Rutgers is 3-7 ATS in their 1st lined game the last 10 years.

Knights are 5-0 SU in non-lined home openers, combined score is 188-61.
Villanova went 8-3 last year as a member of the Atlantic-10 Conference.

Rutgers is 6-12 ATS at home vs non-conference foes since 1993.
Knights are 13-5 ATS their last 18 non-conference games.

Scarlet Knights are 5-1 SU, but 3-3 ATS vs Army since 1991.
Pending LW: Rutgers is 8-15 ATS in September since 1995.

Knights are 13-35-1 ATS in their last 49 conference games.
Rutgers has only won 3 of 19 series meetings SU, 7-12 ATS.

Scarlet Knights are 1-6 ATS in their last 7 in 2nd straight road games.
This is the 1st meeting between these two schools since 1983.

Bonus: Rutgers is 15-32 ATS as a home dog since 1989.

Scarlet Knights are 2-14 ATS their last 16 games after a bye.
The favorite is 8-3 ATS the last 11 in the series.

Knights are 0-5 SU & ATS and have been outscored 263-46 in the L/5 meetings.
Rutgers is 0-9 SU, 3-6 ATS vs the Hokies since 1993.

Scarlet Knights are 3-12 ATS vs the Orangemen.
Rutgers is 9-28-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1992.

UM has beaten RU by a combined 180-6 the last 3 years & has scored 51 or more vs the Knights 6 times in 7 years.

Bonus: Knights are 0-9 SU and 2-7 ATS vs Miami (Fla).

The home team has covered 5 of the last 6 meetings.
These schools are just 67 miles apart.

Rutgers is 0-2 SU and ATS and has been outscored 107-17 in 2 meetings S/'83.
Pending earlier results, Rutgers is 3-7 ATS in November the last 3 years.

The favorite is 9-2 ATS the last 11 games in this series.
Rutgers is 1-6-1 ATS in their last 8 final away games.

GREG SCHIANO (Career 2-9)

2nd Year at Rutgers

Schiano's records AT RUTGERS

2-9	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
4-7	Vs The Spread	2-3	Home Dog
3-5	Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
1-6	Vs Conference	0-3	Away Dog
	3-1 Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (20,23,5)
Lost: 14 (8,5,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,455

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	2-9	0-11	5-6	1-10	3-8	2-9	17-60
ATS	2-8-1	2-8	6-5	5-5	4-7	4-6	4-7	27-46-1
Home Fav	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	3-2
Home Dog	0-4	1-4	3-2	3-2	2-4	1-3	2-3	12-22
Away Fav	1-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0-1
Away Dog	0-3	1-4	3-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	0-3	10-22
Favorite	2-1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	5-2-1
Dog	0-7	2-8	6-5	5-5	4-7	3-6	2-6	22-44
Grass	1-6	2-4	5-3	4-3	4-5	3-4	4-5	23-30
Artificial	1-2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-2	4-16-1
vs Conf	1-5-1	2-5	3-4	3-4	1-6	2-5	1-6	13-35-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-3	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-1	3-1	14-11
Off SU Win	0-3-1	0-2	0-0	2-3	0-1	1-2	0-2	3-13-1
Off SU Loss	2-4	2-6	6-4	3-2	3-6	3-4	3-5	22-31

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dennis Thomas	97	398	26	372	1	3.8
Ravon Anderson	69	363	19	344	1	5.0
Marcus Jones	**101**	**363**	**36**	**327**	**1**	**3.2**
Jason Ohene	32	101	15	86	0	2.7
Ryan Cubit	**86**	**258**	**357**	**-99**	**0**	**-1.2**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Cubit	**268**	**120**	**44.8**	**1433**	**9**	**19**
Ted Trump	**12**	**7**	**58.3**	**60**	**0**	**1**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
L.J. Smith	**30**	**282**	**9.4**	**3**	**31**	
Aaron Martin	**25**	**523**	**20.9**	**3**	**91**	
Delrico Fletcher	19	200	10.5	2	39	
Tres Moses	**13**	**159**	**12.2**	**1**	**31**	
Ravon Anderson	13	87	6.7	0	17	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Barr	**84**	**3526**	**42.0**	**–**	**38.1**	**1**	**19**
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Ryan Sands	**2-2**	**3-3**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**6-6**	**44**	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Shawn Seabrooks	**99**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**
Gary Brackett	**92**	**4**	**10**	**0**	**1**
Nate Colon	**91**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**0**
Ben Martin	76	1	3	2	2
Brad Cunningham	**63**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**
DeWayne Thompson	**62**	**2**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Tony Berry	**57**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**2**
Alfred Peterson	**56**	**3**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Nathan Jones	**55**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Billy Tulloch	48	2	6	2	0
Brian Hohmann	**38**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**1**
Mitchell Davis	**37**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Tarell Freeney	26	0	1	0	1
Davon Clark	**26**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Tres Moses	**10**	**84**	**8.4**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Nathan Jones	37	677	18.3	0	

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
78	Garden St	+11	Arizona St	18-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

RUTGERS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	10.8	13	105	2.5	137	45.4	22.3	-22	2001	8	36.1	20	230	5.4	190	54.6	11.6
6*	21.2	17	106	3.4	229	48.9	15.8	-7	2000	3	36.3	23	222	4.3	201	59.2	11.7
5*	14.1	15	81	2.3	208	49.0	20.5	-5	1999	6	38.8	22	219	5.0	215	66.8	11.2
9*	18.7	18	125	3.1	204	50.0	17.6	-12	1998	4	34.2	22	246	5.2	182	58.3	12.5
5	17.4	15	106	3.1	194	48.7	17.3	-20	1997	7	45.1	23	258	4.9	221	61.7	10.6
3	13.0	14	87	2.3	144	41.5	17.8	+1	1996	6	34.5	23	215	4.6	235	57.4	11.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Buffalo	15	45 - 196	4.4	11 - 23	157	4	16	25 - 55	2.2	21 - 40	180	3	-1
at Miami (Fla)	11	40 - 64	1.6	9 - 22	62	1	20	42 - 227	5.4	14 - 26	315	0	-4
Virginia Tech	11	38 - 32	0.8	12 - 24	70	4	23	46 - 223	4.8	19 - 27	175	0	-5
Connecticut	18	50 - 130	2.6	12 - 28	132	4	16	28 - 75	2.7	16 - 30	140	3	-1
Syracuse	16	40 - 194	4.9	19 - 34	224	7	19	48 - 354	7.4	7 - 17	100	1	+1
at Temple	13	32 - 32	1.0	17 - 41	171	6	16	45 - 193	4.3	10 - 23	170	5	-3
Navy	18	45 - 206	4.6	13 - 20	327	0	20	52 - 254	4.9	9 - 22	125	1	+1
at W Virginia	15	57 - 150	2.6	4 - 15	27	5	22	48 - 446	9.3	11 - 15	181	2	-8
Pittsburgh	9	34 - 48	1.4	11 - 24	64	7	25	38 - 154	4.1	19 - 29	330	0	-2
Boston College	9	38 51	1.3	9 - 24	132	8	24	56 362	6.5	14 - 29	176	3	0
California	10	35 47	1.3	11 - 27	142	5	17	45 192	4.3	15 - 26	193	3	0
TOTALS	145	454 - 1150	2.5	128 - 282	1508	51	218	473 - 2535	5.4	155 - 284	2085	21	-22
AVERAGES	13.2	41 - 105	2.5	12 - 26	137	4.6	19.8	43 - 230	5.4	14 - 26	190	1.9	-2.0

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia Tech	+20'	19-59	L
at Texas	+38'	14-48	W
at Navy	+19'	7-36	L
Boston College	+14'	21-35	W
at W Virginia	+28	0-48	L
Syracuse	+33	3-50	L
at Army	+16'	35-37	W
Pittsburgh (2OT)	+12	48-55	W
at Temple	+10	7-49	L
Wake Forest	+19	14-28	W
at Miami (Fla)	+34	23-51	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Richmond	NL	7-6	–
at Boston College	+22'	14-41	L
at Syracuse	+41	14-70	L
Army	+10	27-15	W
Miami (Fla)	+28	17-53	L
at Pittsburgh	+21	25-21	W
Tulane	+19	24-52	L
Temple	+3	21-10	W
at Navy	+10'	36-33	W
W Virginia	+20'	14-28	W
at Virginia Tech	+28'	7-47	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+18'	7-21	W
Texas	+23	21-38	W
Boston College	+7	7-27	L
at Wake Forest	+17	10-17	W
Virginia Tech	+31	20-58	L
at W Virginia	+20	16-62	L
Pittsburgh	+15	15-38	L
at Temple	+10	28-56	L
Navy	+14	7-34	L
Syracuse (OT)	+30'	24-21	W
at Miami (Fla)	+33	0-55	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	34-21	–
Buffalo	-24'	59-0	W
at Virginia Tech	+32'	0-49	L
at Pittsburgh	+20	17-29	W
Miami (Fla)	+30	6-64	L
Temple	+6'	14-48	L
at Navy	+7'	28-21	W
at Boston College	+22	13-42	L
W Virginia (2OT)	+14'	24-31	W
Notre Dame	+22	17-45	L
at Syracuse	+25	21-49	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Buffalo	-15	31-15	W
at Miami (Fla)	+44	0-61	L
Virginia Tech	+28	0-50	L
Connecticut	-18'	19-20	L
Syracuse	+25	17-24	W
at Temple	+12	5-30	L
Navy	E	23-17	W
at W Virginia	+18	7-80	L
Pittsburgh	+21	0-42	L
Boston College	+30	7-38	L
California	+11	10-20	W

TEMPLE OWLS

RB Tanardo Sharps

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 Temple ran an option offense and Devin Scott started the last 5 games, throwing for 459 yards but completing just 36% while rushing for 164 yards. He began 1999 as the starter but lost his job after the team was shut out in their first 10 quarters. Mac DeVito started 2 but was injured, so Scott (PS#96), who has 4.52 speed, returned and ended up throwing for 1,815 yards (60%) with a 12-12 ratio with a Temple season record 222 completions in the first year of the new passing offense. In 2000 Scott was the starter but alternated with Mike Frost who was PS#17JC. Frost threw for 3,405 yards as a soph at JUCO in 1999. Frost ended up with 3 starts and threw for 450 yards (38.6%) with a 3-9 ratio while rushing for 87 yards. Scott had 8 starts and threw for 1,456 yards (63%) with a 5-7 ratio (207 rush). Scott, DeVito and Frost all returned last year and Coach Wallace, with an eye towards the future, redshirted Frost. I thought Collin Hannigan (6-5 245 So) who was PS#76, would contend, but true frosh Mike McGann (6-6 210, PS#207) was the real threat. After Scott struggled vs Toledo, Wallace made the assessment that it was the fourth straight time they faced a tough defense and struggled so despite having a veteran club, he went to the future and brought in McGann. McGann managed a garbage TD against Toledo and took over the starting job for the next 7 games. He faced some tough defenses like BG, Syr, Pitt, Miami and VT. He also suffered a thumb injury against Boston College and was not really 100%. McGann threw for 934 yards (45.8%) with a poor 3-9 ratio while rushing for just 18 gross yards, but under the circumstances that wasn't too bad. DeVito was a Doug Flutie type QB and a fan favorite. He started the last 2 games and delivered victories and in fact left Temple 3-1 as the starting QB. He threw for 615 yards (47.6%) but had a 7-3 ratio. Hannigan attempted just 7 passes. McGann, Frost and Hannigan are all back with McGann being the favorite. However, new OC David Brock installed a spread no-huddle offense in the spring, so the starting job is up for grabs. Temple's QB play was poor last year and should be solidly improved in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Temple ran an option offense in 1998 and rushed for 197 ypg (4.0) but moved to a pass offense in 1999 and averaged just 60 ypg rushing (2.4). Tanardo Sharps (PS#180) almost single-handedly turned it around in 2000 and became the first Temple RB to top 1,000 yards since 1987, finishing with a super 5.2 ypc and he had 1,542 all-purpose yards. He did have his biggest games vs weak defenses (180 vs Navy, 203 vs E Mich, 168 vs Rutgers). Last year everyone was back including the solid FB combo of Harold Jackson (270 lb blocker) and Jason McKie (4.44 speed, 500 lb bench). Sharps missed the opener with a pulled groin and running behind an injury plagued O-line for the second straight year failed to top 1,000 yards but did have 771 with a solid 5.1 ypc. Against Toledo, Temple had -27 yards rushing, a school record low, and for the first time in school history did not have a FD rushing in a game. This year both FB's depart and they combined for 364 yards rushing and 5.8 ypc, but Temple's new offense doesn't have a fullback position. Backing up Sharps is Lester Trammer (5-10 195 Sr) who is an ex-walk-on who has rushed for 385 yards the last two years and Makonnen Fenton (5-10 200 Jr) who was PS#176 had 216 yards (5.4) last year. Lawrence Wade (PS#108) played as a true frosh last year and could be a good one. New contenders this year are Umar Ferguson (5-11 210 rFr, PS#129), Jeremy Irwin (6-2 235 So), Ralphael Jefferson (5-11 240 Jr), a JUCO who participated in spring, and some solid true frosh. Provided he has more steady offensive line support, Sharps should be able to top the 1,000 yard barrier again.

RECEIVERS - The Owls returned practically their entire receiving corps last year but did suffer some injuries as their top six WR's were banged up prior to Boston College and Wallace at midseason said, "We've had four of our top five WR's out." Sean Dillard is the team's deep threat and landed 2nd Team Big East honors, leading the Big East in rec's per game (4.64) and was #2 in yards (747) and he possesses 4.35 speed. Zamir Cobb is more of a possession receiver and had 19 catches (10.0). Krishan Lewis was the #3 receiver with 14 (12.9). This year they must replace Chonn Lacey who was a two-way player and had 13 rec's (14.7) and Greg Muckerson (12, 10.8). Muckerson actually led the team in rec's in 2000 but had some eligibility problems at the start of last year. Also gone are TE's Chris Pitt (3 sts) and WR Shanga Tabb (3 rec). I list the 2 deep below and expect a lot out of Jamel Harris (PS#43) who redshirted last year and also has 4.3 speed. Seven WR's return that have starting experience and there is good speed in the unit. With the top 3 receivers back, I see better health and improvement in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit has been injury plagued the last 2 seasons. Last year they had to replace just one starter but it was their top OL in Mathias Nkwenti (#4 DC of PIT). Five players did return with 6 or more starts under their belt and 3 JUCO's were brought in to add size to the unit. However, five of the top OL's missed significant time with injuries last year. G Vincent Gabriele broke his leg in October and he was lost for the season and none of the OL's managed to start all 11. This year the only loss is Gabriele and 7 players return who started 4 or more games last year with 3 more JUCO's added to the mix, 2 of whom redshirted last season. The team averaged 3.5 ypc rushing in 2000 while allowing 35 sacks and the expected improvement didn't happen last year as the ypc dropped to 3.1 and the sacks increased to 37. This year they should definitely make improvements as this front is made up mostly of upperclassmen with starting experience.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year 7 players returned with starting experience and Wallace thought they had one of the best DL's in the country. Temple's D ranked 19th overall in the NCAA LY, and after allowing 4.2 ypc rushing in 1999, the defensive front has been a major reason that they trimmed that to 3.4 ypc in 2000 with 25 sacks, and gave up 3.4 ypc once again last year with the team recording 23 sacks. This year they have some major losses in DE/LB Akeiff Staples (10 sts, 48 tkls, 6.5 tfl), DE Raheem Brock (#7DC of PHI, 10 sts, 51 tkls, 4 sks, 8 tfl), DE Jason Davis (3 sts, 44 tkls, 6 tfl), NT Russell Newman (2nd Tm BE in 2000, 4 sts, 40 tkls, 8.5 tfl) and DE Almonese Boyles (2 sts, 35 tkls, 5.5 tfl). They had 7 players back with starting experience last year and Robert Sack (nice name for a DL) really emerged, taking away Newman's starting job. They are very solid inside with the Dan Klecko earning a unanimous 1st Team Big East, the first Owl to ever do so. Klecko may also see some time at DE this year. The unit also adds Tyrone Ditzel who had 3 starts at DE in 1998 and 1999 and moved to TE in 2000 before taking last year off as well as some JUCO's and a rFr. The presence of Klecko and Sack make this a top-notch D-line, but it is less experienced than last season.

LINEBACKERS - Temple only had to replace 1 starter last year but it was their leading tackler who was also 2nd Team Big East. During the season their top LB, Taylor Suman, was suspended for 2 early games but was still the #2 tackler when he was suspended for the last 3 games along with LB Leon Gray. They were forced to move DE Akeiff Staples to WLB for the final 4 games and he departs as does Suman (6 sts, 54 tkls). Temple runs a variation of the 4-2-5 but I list their Owlback as an OLB position. Jairo Almonte started the first 2 at CB last year and the last 9 at Owlback and had a productive season. He returns along with 3 other players who logged starts last year at the LB spots. Interestingly, Almonte had zero sacks in the first 6 games last year and recorded just 2.5 for the season but teamed with Boyles to end Miami, Fla's streak of not giving up a sack. With Suman missing half of the season last year it was like having only 1.5 starters returning, and this year's group is just as experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - They had to replace 5 players who combined for 39 starts in 2000 but moved a couple of WR's to the secondary and moved up to #78 in my pass D rankings. Last year everyone returned and they added a couple of JUCO's. They moved up but not as much as expected, as they finished #75 while allowing 183 ypg (54.4%) with a 17-15 ratio. Team MVP Chonn Lacey was the star of last year's secondary and led the team in tackles. Unfortunately he departs after earning 12 starts (11 at CB, 1 at WR) with 4 int's and 6 pbu. Also departing this year are CB Dante Coles (2 sts, 17 tkls) and FS/CB Philip Shepard (14 tkls). Three players do return with starting experience although Jamal Wallace missed the spring due to academics and is a question mark to return for the fall. True frosh have played a lot in this unit and Wallace signed a solid crop this year (see Top Newcomers) who could play immediately. This is a solid group and could improve upon last year's rankings even with the loss of Lacey.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly, Temple has struggled in this area under Wallace. This seems strange since his N Alabama teams led Div II in net punting in 2 of his 5 years there. Temple ranked #87 in my special teams rankings in Dickerson's final year and kept that same ranking in Wallace's first year but dropped to #113 in 1999. They moved up to #100 in 2000 and had practically the entire unit back from the previous season as only 2 seniors on the entire team departed. Wallace was pleased with the amount of DB, LB, DE and TE types that he had available for the coverage units and said he could rotate them to keep them fresh. However, they finished a disappointing #100 again last season. Temple has been in the red in the TD/Blk category in all 3 of Wallace's years, going -5, -2 and -4. Last year he replaced P Garvin Ringwelski (net of 31.0) with Jace Amore, a true frosh, who averaged 38.0 with a net of 31.3. Jared Davis (PS#42) and Cap Poklemba handled the FG duties with Poklemba hitting 9 of 16 in 2001 (9 of 13 in 2000). Davis had 12 KO's in 2000 and hit 1 of 2 FG's last year and was the lightest player in Div IA at 139 lbs. They both return as does the top PR in Sean Dillard (9.0) and top KR Makonnen Fenton (26.1) whose average was tops in the Big East and 21st in the NCAA. Zamir Cobb did have a 47 yard PR for a TD vs Navy, the first PR for a TD here since 1994 but was sidelined for most of the year with a hernia. Temple must improve this year, especially with everyone back and there is some decent talent available.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Big East kicked Temple out last year but then gave them a reprieve until 2004, and it should be pointed out that Temple has not finished in the basement in 5 of the last 6 years of league play. They have actually averaged 2 Big East wins per season the last 5 years. Their attendance has gone up from 1995's average figure of 4,045 to 18,700 in 2000. Temple actually plays in the 4th largest media market in the country and they will move into a brand-new stadium next year. In the 7 years prior to Bobby Wallace taking over, the team had won just 4 Big East games but in Wallace's 4 years have now won 7. The last coach here with an overall winning record was Wayne Harden back in 1970-'82. They have had just 2 winning seasons since then with their last bowl being in 1979. Temple was 4-7 in 2000 and had the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the country last year (4) and the largest amount returning at 61 with 20 starters back. That meant they were the most veteran team in the country. Surprisingly the record did not improve as the Owls finished just 4-7, including losing a pair of games to MAC opponents. They did show the Big East that perhaps they were making a mistake by bringing UConn in and kicking them out as they throttled the Huskies 56-7 in the season finale. This year they return 10 starters on offense and should easily outdo last year's 18.0 ppg average. Defensively, they have 7 starters back and after surprisingly slipping by yielding 28.3 ppg last year, should be more stingy. In Big East play, Temple was outscored by an average of 29.0 to 9.6 so they have some ground to make up. Wallace has surprised me in year's past, getting more wins in conference play than I thought he would, and they have dominated Rutgers by a combined score of 134-47 the last 3 years. A win there would keep them out of the basement, but I cannot foresee a winning season for the Owls in 2002.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB MIKE McGANN SO. 6-6 210 PS#207. 7 sts as true, 934 yds (46%), 3-9 ratio. **Mike Frost** (6-2 240 Sr) PS#17JC. 5192 yds, 44 TD's at JC. 3 sts here in 2000, 537 ttl yds, RS LY.

RB TANARDO SHARPS SR. 5-11 193 PS#180. 11 sts in 2000, 1038 yds (5.2), 16 rec (6.7). 10 sts LY, 771 yds (5.1). Lawrence Wade (6-0 195 So) PS#108, 143 all purp yds as true, RS LY.

WR ZAMIR COBB JR. 6-0 180 PS#255. 6 sts as rFr, 27 rec (11.7). 3 sts LY, #2 w/19 rec (10.0). Bill Monan is PS#119. Terrence Stubbs (6-0 195 Jr) 16 rec in '99 & 2000, RS LY.

WR SEAN DILLARD SR. 5-10 175 4.35 spd. Sprinter on track tm. 5 sts, 32 rec (11.1) in 2000. **Led Big East** in rec per game, 51 (14.6). Gerald Butler (6-1 185 Jr) PS#290, 2 sts LY.

WR Jamel Harris rFr. 6-1 180 PS#43WR, 4.35 spd. Krishan Lewis (6-3 215 Sr) 3 starts LY, 14 rec (12.9), #3 rec. Ikey Chuku (6-3 185 Jr) 1 start in 2000, 13 rec (17.3).

TE ERIC CARPENTER SO. 6-5 255 PS#346DL. 7 sts as **true**, 8 rec (8.9). Dan Bosnic (6-7 250 So) PS#150QB. 1 rec as true. Jordan Witzel (6-6 240 So) PS#145. Mike Costello (6-3 245 rFr).

C DONNY KLEIN SR. 6-2 295 PS#242DL. 5 starts as true. 11 starts in 2000, 460 bench. 7 sts at C in 2001 (inj'd). Adam Boyd (6-3 295 Jr) PS#268JC LY & redshirted.

RG ANTHONY BOLDEN SR. 6-5 300 Starter at JUCO in '99 and 2000. 9 sts at RG here LY. Jose Portillo (6-3 300 Jr) 7 sts at RG as rFr. 4 sts LY (2 at RG, 2 at C).

LG JOE LAUDANO JR. 6-2 290 435 bench. 6 sts at RG as rFr. 10 starts at LG in 2001. Jason Heilman (6-4 280 Jr) JUCO. RS here LY. Joey Lippo (6-4 295 Jr) PS#319JC.

RT DAMIAN HENDRICKS SR. 6-4 285 PS#164DL. Last 8 sts at RT LY, 2L. Anthony Nembhard (6-5 300 Sr) JUCO. 6 sts here LY (5 at LT, 1 at LG). John Gross (6-6 268 rFr).

LT DAVE YOVANOVITS SR. 6-3 300 11 sts as **true**, every snap. 11 sts at LT in 2000, every snap! 9 sts LY (leg inj) 3 at RT & 6 at LT. Yohance Perry (6-6 325 rFr) PS#339OL.

K CAP POKLEMBA SR. 5-11 180 4 of 6 FG's, L/43 as true. 9 of 13 FG's in 2000, L/42. 9 of 16 LY, L/42. 2 of 6 from 40-49. Jared Davis PS#42K. 1 of 2 FG's LY & some KO's L2Y.

DE JD Stanley Jr. 6-4 245 PS#63DL, 3 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Jason Johnson (6-2 250 rFr) PS#226DB. Ismael Seals (6-4 270 So) JUCO RS LY. Mike Mendenhall is PS#229DL.

NT ROBERT SACK SR. 6-2 260 PS#155. 6 sts, 9 tfl in 2000. 7 sts LY, 48 tkls, 4 tfl, 8 QBH. David Terry (6-2 289 Sr) PS#259, 1 st in 3Y. Adam Fichter (6-4 280 rFr) PS#322DL.

DT DAN KLECKO SR. 6-1 276 9 sts as true, 8 sks. 5 sts in 2000, **1st Tm BE** LY, 62 tkls, 6.5 sks, 13 tfl, 27 QBH. **520 bench**, 34.5" VL. **Dominique Veney** (6-3 310) **PS#104.**

DE Tyrone Ditzel Sr. 6-3 250 2 sts as **true**, 22 tkls. 1 st in '99, 12 tkls. 10 sts@TE in 2000, 12 rec (13.0). RS LY. Marques Coleman (6-4 212 So) RS LY. Rodney Wormley (6-4 217 rFr).

SLB J.D. NICHOLS SR. 6-2 235 JUCO trans LY. 6 sts here, 32 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. **Manuel Tapia** (6-3 225 rFr) **PS#107LB**. Terrence Belvin (6-1 232 Sr) PS#224JC, 2 tkls LY.

WLB Troy Bennett Jr. 6-2 250 **PS#57LB** DNQ in 2000. 2 sts LY, 29 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu, 1 tfl. Leon Gray (6-1 223 Sr) PS#288. **6 sts** in '98, 64 tkls, 5 pbu. 4 sts LY, 11 tkls, 1.5 tfl.

OWL JAIRO ALMONTE SR. 5-10 180 PS#450JC. RS in 2000. 10 sts in 2001 (2 at CB, 8 at OWL) 57 tkls, 2.5 sks, 11 tfl, 4 pbu, 8 QBH. Gerard Bishop (6-0 194 Sr) 20 tkls, 3 years.

CB TERRANCE LEFTWICH SR. 6-0 185 13 rec at WR as true. 10 sts, 71 tkls, 4 int, 13 pbu in 2000. 11 sts, 56 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu, 3 tfl LY. Jonathan McPhee is PS#78DB. Mike Holley is PS#151DB.

CB Yazid Jackson Jr. 5-10 175 PS#292. 8 tkls, 9 gms as true. 1 st in 2001, 28 tkls, 3 tfl, 11 gms. David Reese PS#338DB, orig signed w/ Pitt, Milford Acad, in for spg, **4.29 spd.**

SS LAFTON THOMPSON SR. 6-2 195 25 tkls, 1 int as rFr. 11 sts, 65 tkls, 8.5 tfl, 4 pbu in 2000. 11 sts, 48 tkls, 7.5 tfl, 2 int, 1 pbu LY. Garry Smith (5-11 185 Jr) PS#467JC, 4.55 spd.

FS JAMAL WALLACE SR. 6-0 186 PS#200WR. 5 sts, 26 rec as rFr. 11 sts, 91 tkls, 4 tfl, 7 pbu in 2000. 11 sts LY, 77 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Joel Gray (5-11 190 So) PS#132DB.

P JACE AMORE SO. 6-0 200 73 punts here LY, 38.0 avg and net of 31.3. Garvin Ringwelski (6-5 224 Jr) 55 punts, 37.3 in 2000, net of 31.0. Shane Van Sciver (6-3 240 rFr) PS#40.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DB	Jon McPhee 5-11 180 PS#78
QB	Greg Dapper 6-2 200 PS#71
WR	Bill Monan 6-3 195 PS#119
OL	Leigh Denman 6-6 300 PS#153
RB	Sean Szarka 6-2 210 PS#139
QB	Brett Hall 6-4 220 PS#97
DB	Michael Holley 5-9 165 PS#151
LB	David Fatherly 6-2 235 PS#153
OL	Tariq Sanders 6-6 280 PS#219
DL	Steve Jewell 6-1 265 PS#199
DL	Mike Mendenhall 6-2 220 PS#229
LB	Vince Yasenchak 6-2 210 PS#231
OL	Joey Lippo 6-4 295 PS#319JC
RB	Ryan Gore 5-11 206 PS#230

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 29	Richmond* (Thur)	A					
Sep. 5	Oregon St* (Thur)	A					
Sep. 14	Miami (Fla)*	A					
Sep. 21	at S Carolina	G					
Sep. 28	Cincinnati	A					
Oct. 5							
Oct. 12	Syracuse (HC)	A					
Oct. 19	at Connecticut	G					
Oct. 26	at Virginia Tech	G					
Nov. 2	W Virginia	A					
Nov. 9	at Pittsburgh	G					
Nov. 16	at Rutgers	G					
Nov. 23	Boston College	A					
Nov. 30	*Franklin Field						

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Temple is 1-7 ATS the last 4 years as a double digit home dog.
TU is 31-23-2 ATS in their last 56 Big East contests.
Owls are 5-12 SU, 4-12 ATS in their last 17 MAC attacks.

Temple is 10-15-1 SU at Franklin Field.
As a member of the Atlantic Ten Conf the Spiders went 3-8 last year.

Owls are 11-25-2 ATS in their last 38 September games.
Temple is 12-26-2 ATS in non-Big East games since 1991.

TU has been outscored 448-98 by Miami in the last 10 meetings.
The Owls are 0-10 SU, 4-6 ATS (1-5 ATS L6Y) vs the Canes since 1992.

This is the 1st time Temple has played an SEC tm since a 41-3 loss to Alabama in '91.
Owls are 6-10-1 ATS on grass since '96, but 5-1 ATS L2Y on the real stuff.

Temple is 3-10 SU, 4-8-1 ATS vs current CUSA members since 1986.
Hooters are 6-13 ATS in their last 19 prior to a bye week.

Temple is 3-15 ATS after a bye week.
Owls are 0-13 SU, 5-8 ATS the L13Y vs Syracuse. Avg loss by 34 ppg.

Pending LW: TU is 6-16 SU, 9-12 ATS in their last 22 October games.
Temple is just 2-6 ATS as an away favorite since 1991.

Owls are 1-9 SU, but 4-4-1 ATS in their last 10 meetings with the Hokies.
TU is 1-4 SU, but 3-1 ATS their L/5 trips to Blacksburg, being outscored 193-61.

Owls are 12-8-2 ATS their last 22 November games.
Temple is 1-6 SU but 6-1 ATS the last 7 years vs W Virginia.

Owls are 1-4 SU & ATS the L/5 visits to Pitt (avg combined score 69.6 ppg).
The underdog is 10-3 ATS in the last 13 meetings.

Temple is 4-1 SU and ATS the last 5 years vs the Scarlet Knights.
Owls are 2-6 SU, but 7-1 ATS in their last 8 road finales.

Temple is 4-16 SU, but 11-9 ATS vs the Eagles since 1982.
Owls are 6-2-1 ATS since 1993 in their final home game.

*Franklin Field is on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania.
Its capacity is 52,593.

BOBBY WALLACE (Career 94-68-1)
5th Year at Temple

Wallace's records AT TEMPLE

12-32	Straight Up	5-3	Home Favorite
19-23-1	Vs The Spread	3-9	Home Dog
11-16-1	Off A S/U Loss	1-2	Away Favorite
13-15	Vs Conference	10-9-1	Away Dog
		6-8-1	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (27,20,5)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,440

BIG EAST

STADIUM: VETERANS STADIUM (66,592)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	1-10	3-8	2-9	2-9	4-7	4-7	17-60
ATS	6-3-2	5-6	5-6	3-6-1	4-7	7-4	5-6	35-38-3
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-1	6-3
Home Dog	2-1-2	3-1	3-1	0-3	1-2	2-2	0-2	11-12-2
Away Fav	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-5
Away Dog	4-2	1-3	1-4	3-1-1	2-4	3-1	2-3	16-18-1
Favorite	0-0	1-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	2-1	3-1	8-8
Dog	6-3-2	4-4	4-5	3-4-1	3-6	5-3	2-5	27-30-3
Grass	2-1	0-3	0-4	1-1-1	0-1	4-0	1-1	8-11-1
Artificial	4-2-2	5-3	5-2	2-5	4-6	3-4	4-5	27-27-2
vs Conf	5-0-2	3-4	5-2	2-5	4-3	4-3	3-4	26-21-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	0-4	1-1-1	0-4	3-1	2-2	9-17-1
Off SU Win	1-0	1-0	0-3	0-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	7-9
Off SU Loss	5-2-2	3-6	5-2	2-4-1	2-6	4-2	3-4	24-26-3

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tanardo Sharps	150	855	84	771	1	5.1
Jason McKie	41	232	5	227	2	5.5
Makonnen Fenton	40	221	5	216	0	5.4
Lester Trammer	81	227	20	207	4	2.6
Mike McGann	30	18	151	-133	0	-4.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mike McGann	190	87	45.8	934	3	9
Mac DeVito	105	50	47.6	615	7	3
Devin Scott	28	18	64.3	217	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sean Dillard	51	747	14.6	3	50
Zamir Cobb	19	190	10.0	1	18
Krishan Lewis	14	181	12.9	0	31
Chonn Lacey	13	191	14.7	2	60

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jace Amore	73	2776	38.0	–	31.3	1	13

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Cap Poklemba	1-1	6-9	2-6	0-0	9-16	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chonn Lacey	84	0	3	6	4
Jamal Wallace	77	0	4	4	1
Dan Klecko	62	6.5	13	2	0
Jairo Almonte	57	2.5	11	4	1
Terrance Leftwich	56	0	3	6	3
Taylor Suman	54	0.5	4	1	0
Raheem Brock	51	4	8	11	1
Lafton Thompson	48	1.5	6	1	2
Akeiff Staples	48	1.5	5	0	0
Robert Sack	48	0	4	2	0
Jason Davis	44	1	5	0	0
Russell Newman	40	2.5	6	0	0
Almonese Boyles	35	1.5	4	0	0
J.D. Nichols	32	0	3	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sean Dillard	26	234	9.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Makonnen Fenton	20	522	26.1	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
34	Sugar	NL	Tulane	14-20	–
79	Garden St	+1	California	28-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TEMPLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	18.0	16	118	3.1	167	48.2	15.8	-3	2001	10	28.3	16	130	3.4	183	54.4	11.1
5*	20.4	17	131	3.5	180	55.4	15.2	+3	2000	5	24.5	18	137	3.4	197	54.9	13.6
6*	13.9	15	60	2.4	205	57.4	19.0	0	1999	6	33.3	21	192	4.2	213	61.3	12.2
7*	18.0	17	197	4.0	116	40.4	17.4	-4	1998	5	32.7	22	219	4.8	185	60.7	12.3
5	19.3	17	152	3.7	173	53.3	16.9	-14	1997	5	33.7	20	200	4.5	187	59.6	11.5
9*	19.8	18	104	2.6	226	50.0	16.4	-9	1996	7	35.1	19	210	5.3	187	49.8	11.3

	OFFENSE						2001 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Navy	26	54-285	5.3	15-22	175	3		17	31-49	1.6	15-30	210	3	-1
Toledo	12	22-(-27)	-1.2	13-31	166	5		20	49-179	3.7	17-28	231	2	-2
at Bowling Green	18	32-29	0.9	26-51	327	2		14	28-54	1.9	18-25	194	0	-1
at Boston College	17	36-57	1.6	15-32	151	3		16	42-188	4.5	12-22	141	2	+1
Rutgers	16	45-193	4.3	10-23	170	3		13	32-32	1.0	17-41	171	5	+3
at Syracuse	11	40-74	1.9	11-22	111	4		20	47-163	3.5	12-21	308	1	-1
Pittsburgh	18	30-(-36)	-1.2	27-52	240	9		14	30-87	2.9	18-31	204	1	+1
at Miami (Fla)	11	45-118	2.6	6-14	34	2		22	38-212	5.6	16-26	175	2	-2
Virginia Tech	13	27-60	2.2	14-45	177	3		13	44-225	5.1	11-18	134	3	-5
at W Virginia	17	50-205	4.1	8-19	85	3		24	40-216	5.4	19-37	153	0	+2
Connecticut	20	42-339	8.1	14-19	205	0		7	36-23	0.6	12-28	90	4	+2
TOTALS	179	423-1297	3.1	159-330	1841	37		180	417-1428	3.4	167-307	2011	23	-3
AVERAGES	16.3	38-118	3.1	14-30	167	3.4		16.4	38-130	3.4	15-28	183	2.1	-0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Michigan	-2	14-34	L
Boston College	+12	28-21	W
at Penn St	+37	10-52	L
Virginia Tech	+23'	13-23	W
Maryland	+2'	21-24	L
Pittsburgh	+5	17-13	W
at Syracuse	+28	7-60	L
at Miami (Fla)	+20	15-47	L
Rutgers	-10	49-7	W
at Navy	+13	17-49	L
at W Virginia	+21	21-41	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	+12'	12-24	W
Akron	-9	28-35	L
at Boston College	+18	7-31	L
at Maryland	+10	20-30	T
William & Mary	NL	38-45	–
W Virginia	+25	7-37	L
at Virginia Tech	+36	28-24	W
at Rutgers	-3	10-21	L
at Pittsburgh	+14	34-33	W
Miami (Fla)	+23'	7-42	L
Syracuse	+27'	7-38	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Maryland	+5'	0-6	L
at Kansas St	+34	0-40	L
at Akron	-1	15-25	L
at Marshall	+28	0-34	L
at Pittsburgh	+17'	24-55	L
Boston College	+14	24-14	W
at W Virginia	+17	17-20	W
Rutgers	-10	56-28	W
at Syracuse	+18	10-27	W
Virginia Tech	+29	7-62	L
at Miami (Fla)	+31	0-55	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	+10'	17-6	W
at Maryland	+10	10-17	W
Bowling Green	-9'	31-14	W
E Michigan	-14'	49-40	L
W Virginia	+6	24-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+30	13-35	W
at Rutgers	-6'	48-14	W
Miami (Fla)	+22	17-45	L
at Boston College	+9'	3-31	L
Syracuse	+10	12-31	L
Pittsburgh	+8'	0-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-17'	45-26	W
Toledo	+7'	7-33	L
at Bowling Green	-1	23-42	L
at Boston College	+13	10-33	L
Rutgers	-12	30-5	W
at Syracuse	+17	3-45	L
Pittsburgh	-2'	7-33	L
at Miami (Fla)	+42	0-38	W
Virginia Tech	+24	0-35	L
at W Virginia	+16'	17-14	W
Connecticut	-19	56-7	W

CONFERENCE USA

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 CUSA TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Dave Ragone, L'ville	Gino Guidugli, Cincy	J.P. Losman, Tulane	Paul Troth, E Car
RB	Mewelde Moore, Tulane	DeMarco McCleskey, Cincy	Anthony Evans, Houston	Art Brown, E Car
RB	Derrick Nix, S Miss	Kenny Hayter, TCU	Dante Brown, Memphis	Josh Holden, Army
WR	Roydell Williams, Tulane	Travis Anglin, Memphis	Willie Quinnie, UAB	Adrian Madise, TCU
WR	James Taylor, L'ville	LaDaris Vann, Cincy	Tristan Smith, Tulane	Brian Robinson, Houston
TE	Ronnie Ghent, L'ville	Cedric Hampton, UAB	Matt Mattox, Houston	Bobby Garner, S Miss
C	Josh Shneyderov, Cincy	Al James, Houston	Jimond Pugh, Memphis	Jim Hicks, S Miss
G	Kirt Doolin, Cincy	Jeremy Parquet, S Miss	Larry Coachman, UAB	Joe Gerda, Memphis
G	Torrin Tucker, S Miss	Aaron Burger, Army	Chris Thigpen, L'ville	Andy Galloway, UAB
T	Jeremy Bridges, S Miss	Rufus Williams, Houston	Josh Gardner, Cincy	Brad Spencer, UAB
T	Brian Rimpf, E Car	Craig Cunningham, Army	Travis Leffew, L'ville	John Glud, TCU
DL	Dewayne White, L'ville	Skylor Magee, S Miss	Robert Pollard, TCU	Keenan Beasley, Army
DL	Chad Pugh, TCU	Bobby Leffew, L'ville	Clarence Holmes, Army	Derrick Adams, Cincy
DL	Albert Means, Memphis	Damane Duckett, E Car	John Turntine, TCU	Lonnie Crayton, Tulane
DL	Antwan Peek, Cincy	Tony Brown, Memphis	Floyd Dorsey, Tulane	Seante Williams, S Miss
LB	Rod Davis, S Miss	Shaka Hill, Memphis	Michael Brown, L'ville	Brandon Spincer, Tulane
LB	Marvin Godbolt, TCU	Damien West, Houston	Jason Hunt, Cincy	Christshawn Gilliam, E Car
LB	Greg Harper, Memphis	Devon Davis, TCU	John Williamson, E Car	Bryant Brown, Houston
CB	Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	Greg Brooks, S Miss	Anthony Harden, Memphis	Ronnie Gallishaw, L'ville
CB	Jason Goss, TCU	Zach Norton, Cincy	Kelly Hardy, E Car	Jeff Sanchez, Tulane
SS	Curry Burns, L'ville	Doug Monaghan, Cincy	Trawick Boger, Tulane	Travis Heath, E Car
FS	Anthony Floyd, L'ville	Hanik Milligan, Houston	Ivan Fields, Cincy	Kenneth Hilliard, TCU
K	Jonathan Ruffin, Cincy	Seth Marlar, Tulane	Kevin Miller, E Car	Nick Browne, TCU
P	Joey Biasatti, TCU	Mark Haulman, S Miss	Jared Preston, E Car	Ross Stewart, UAB
KR	LaTarence Dunbar, TCU	Jason Southall, UAB	Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	Marvin Townes, E Car
PR	Anthony Floyd, L'ville	Willie Quinnie, UAB	Kenneth Johnson, S Miss	Jason Goss, TCU

TCU KR
LaTarence Dunbar

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 CUSA FORECAST

1. LOUISVILLE - The major question for the Cards this year is going to be their rebuilt O-line which struggled mightily in the spring. They do have QB Dave Ragone who is a Heisman contender and a defense that returns 10 starters that I rate #2 overall in the league. The schedule is very manageable and probably the key game to the season will be November 14th, a Thursday night game at S Miss. The Cards were not as dominant as their 11-2 record indicates as they only outgained foes by an average of 40.8 ypg but they have 7 players who make my 1st Team CUSA Team showing their talent and have a great shot at a 3rd straight conference title.

2. S MISSISSIPPI - S Miss has a great shot at winning the league title as they could easily bag 7 or 8 victories in conference play. The key game to the season is when they catch Louisville on a short week in Hattiesburg. USM has my #1 rated defense in the league and keep in mind, this is a team that was 22-2 in its first 4 years of CUSA play but surprisingly are just 8-6 the last 2. Despite having an inexperienced QB, they have 17 starters back which is most in the conference and the league's best defense. USM also gets 6 home games for the first time in a long time and have a great shot at getting back to the top of the conference and should take it to the wire.

3. E CAROLINA - Last year the Pirates had the most athletically talented team in CUSA but did not win the conference, blowing their final 2 games at home to Louisville and S Miss. They then blew their bowl game where they led Marshall 38-8 at the half and still lost. This year they do not have the most talented team in the league. In fact, of the 7 sets of power ratings I do, many call the Pirates just the 6th best team talent-wise. The schedule, however, sets EC up for a solid year. They have a pair of winnable road games against Houston and UAB who I rate at the bottom half and should they take care of their home games, have a great shot at a 6-2 conference record. They also should bag plenty of non-conference wins and after last year's team underachieved, I can picture this year's team overachieving a bit and finishing with a stronger record.

4. TCU - I didn't expect much out of the Horned Frogs last year and it looked like they were clearly headed for a losing record, especially standing 4-5 with games against Louisville and S Miss remaining. They took advantage of a Louisville team that had just accepted the Liberty Bowl bid and wrapped up the conference title and pulled the upset vs a drained squad but then got a stunning win at S Miss to put them in a bowl game. Last year's team was rebuilding and taking a large step up in terms of competition. This year's squad is in much better shape as they have 14 starters returning and 51 lettermen overall. The 13 lettermen lost are the least amount in the conference. Last year I talked about how athletically talented TCU's defense was, but it was inexperienced. This year they are experienced and should be one of the strongest in the league. Offensively they have the chance to be potent, especially if Texas transfer Kenny Hader lives up to his VHT PS#18 billing. The Frogs do play 2 of the league's top 3 teams on the road but did upset S Miss on the road last season. This team clearly looks like it should have its 5th consecutive winning season.

5. CINCINNATI - The Bearcats were fortunate last year but some of that fortune came on the right arm of Gino Guidugli who engineered many late comeback wins. This team has been rather fortunate in each of its last 2 years with many come from behind wins but that does give the team confidence. This year the schedule is tough but the Bearcats are very talented with 16 starters returning and they have 9 players who rate as either 1st or 2nd Team CUSA which is the most in the conference. Minter has fashioned 2 straight bowl trips and they have a good shot at making it 3 this year.

6. MEMPHIS - The Tigers could easily have had a winning season in each of the last 2 years but unlike Cincinnati, which is right above them, they have some tough losses. That includes last year's season finale when the Bearcats got a TD with :04 left which cost Memphis a bowl bid and a winning season. The Tigers are a much stronger team than last year's version and the 17 starters they have coming back as well as 51 lettermen are tied for tops in the conference. They have my #3 rated offense and #4 rated defense in the league and clearly have a shot at getting back on the plus side of the ledger for the first time since 1976.

7. TULANE - The Green Wave could be the surprise team in CUSA this season. I think their defense will be the most improved stop unit in the entire country. Offensively, J.P. Losman could put up stats as good as 1st round DC Patrick Ramsey did and he has plenty of talent to work with. I am impressed with the athletic talent that Tulane has on the defensive side of the ball and it is now experienced and with the improvement on that side, it wouldn't surprise me to see Tulane return to a winning season.

8. ARMY - I've called Army to finish in last place in each of the last 2 years and last season they surprised me with a 2-5 conference record and nearly made it 3-4 had they not given up a TD to Cincy with :07 left. This team is bigger, stronger and faster than last year's edition despite the loss of 32 lettermen. Keep in mind the Black Knights finished -16 in turnovers last year so they have the potential for a good size turnaround. The 11 starters they have returning is about as experienced as you get with a service academy team and they look improved on both sides of the ball. Army proved capable of some upsets last year and should they pull off a few this year, they are capable of making some noise in league play.

9. HOUSTON - UH looks to be a solidly improved team on both sides of the ball but keep in mind that last year they were actually outscored by an average of 39.3-17.3 on the season or 22 ppg! That means they have a lot of ground to make up, not only on their conference foes, but overall. They have a 15 game losing streak heading into this season and while they will snap that (and I can see 3 or 4 wins overall) I'll call for them to escape the basement but not by much this year.

10. UAB - Last year I called for UAB to finish 2nd in the conference and the team achieved that and almost went the season unbeaten as in their 2 conference losses, they outgained both SM and Cincy. That was a team that returned 16 starters and had the Steel Shield defense. This year they have the fewest amount of returning starters in the conference as their D was wiped out by graduation, losing 1st and 2nd round DC's and 9 starters overall. The schedule also gets tougher this year and remember, this is the youngest program in the league as they just started football in 1991. The young program probably does not have the depth to overcome the type of rebuilding they must go through this year. I like the job Watson Brown is doing but it looks like they will not be able to achieve their 3rd consecutive winning season.

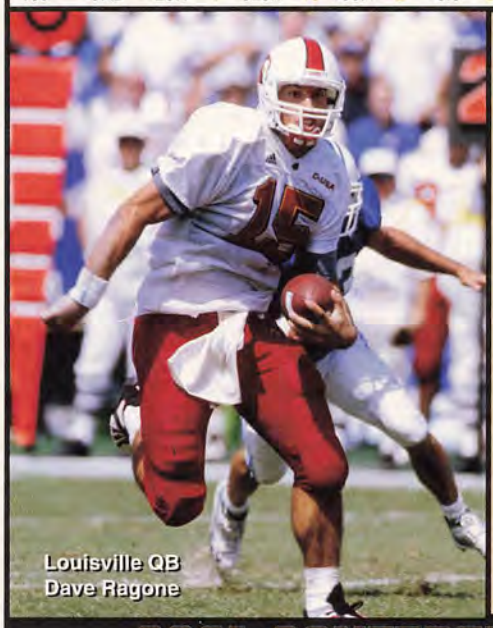
CUSA Notes: Out of the 10 league members, 5 were in bowls in 2000 and 7 were bowl eligible. S Mississippi had finished either #1 or #2 in the league in each of the first 4 years but has dropped to #4 and only tied for #5 last year. Last year I called for 6 bowl eligible teams at year end and thanks to TCU's upset of SMiss in the finale, that is how many they had. Louisville has won two consecutive titles with their 12-2 league mark the last two years a full two games better than ECar and Cincy who are 10-4 in CUSA play. Last year CUSA had THREE of my top 25 rated defenses in the country (but also 2 of the bottom 10) and this year they have a legitimate Heisman candidate in QB Dave Ragone. CUSA was just 2-16 vs BCS conferences last year during the regular season and 0-1 in the bowls. Versus Sun Belt, MAC, WAC and Mt West teams they were 6-5 during the regular season and 1-2 in the bowls but their champ did beat the MWC's champ in the Liberty Bowl. Louisville has 7 1st team CUSA players with TCU having the 2nd most at 5. Cincinnati has 12 players that make my 1st 3 teams of CUSA which is tops with L'ville having 11. Tulane actually has 9. This is a solid conference that continues to get stronger each year.

2001 CUSA VS CUSA OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
34	E Carolina	36.0	1	439.7	2	214.0	1	5.2	1	225.7	61.0	1	12.2	15	12
38	Tulane	25.7	8	389.0	5	122.3	8	3.5	7	266.7	57.7	5	15.1	18	16
66	Cincinnati	29.3	3	442.9	1	152.1	4	3.5	8	290.7	58.8	3	15.1	10	19
81	Louisville	33.9	2	392.6	3	144.1	5	3.6	5	248.4	59.1	2	11.6	10	25
85	Memphis	28.0	5	337.1	8	141.7	6	3.8	4	195.4	53.0	9	12.0	7	8
89	Houston	19.6	10	369.7	7	106.4	9	3.6	6	263.3	56.7	6	18.9	17	14
90	TCU	27.4	6	389.1	4	137.0	7	3.2	9	252.1	55.5	7	14.2	13	19
91	S Mississippi	27.3	7	335.3	9	99.3	10	2.7	10	236.0	58.0	4	12.3	15	25
96	Army	21.4	9	374.7	6	165.7	3	4.3	2	209.0	55.1	8	17.5	18	7
100	UAB	29.1	4	326.7	10	186.4	2	3.8	3	140.3	50.0	10	11.2	12	13

2001 CUSA VS CUSA DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
20	S Mississippi	14.4	1	296.7	2	99.9	3	2.69	2	196.9	52.9	3	20.6	18	19
21	UAB	16.6	2	248.1	1	43.7	1	1.52	1	204.4	55.3	4	15.0	17	20
23	Louisville	19.4	3	339.6	3	109.9	4	3.22	5	229.7	51.5	1	17.5	15	27
60	TCU	27.7	7	359.0	4	86.7	2	2.77	3	272.3	56.2	6	13.0	16	17
75	Memphis	26.1	4	386.9	6	162.1	6	3.76	6	224.7	56.1	5	14.8	14	18
77	Cincinnati	27.0	6	407.7	7	210.1	9	5.11	10	197.6	52.4	2	15.1	14	18
80	E Carolina	26.3	5	392.0	6	130.9	5	3.08	4	261.1	57.2	7	14.9	9	17
91	Army	36.7	8	464.9	9	180.9	7	4.29	7	284.0	67.6	10	12.7	11	14
109	Houston	39.7	9	421.1	8	203.1	8	4.65	8	218.0	61.7	9	10.6	9	8
116	Tulane	43.7	10	480.9	10	241.9	10	4.98	9	239.0	57.5	8	11.0	13	13



Louisville QB
Dave Ragone

2001 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	6	1	237	136	10	2	366	213
Cincinnati	5	2	205	189	7	4	320	267
E Carolina	5	2	252	184	6	5	360	296
UAB	5	2	204	116	6	5	265	206
TCU	4	3	192	194	6	5	280	257
S Mississippi	4	3	191	101	6	5	278	186
Memphis	3	4	196	183	5	6	294	281
Army	2	5	150	257	3	8	229	365
Tulane	1	6	180	306	3	9	344	495
Houston	0	7	137	278	0	11	190	432

2000 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	6	1	255	159	9	2	388	246
Cincinnati	5	2	187	165	7	4	275	260
E Carolina	5	2	206	125	7	4	330	229
S Miss	4	3	180	150	7	4	286	182
UAB	3	4	144	156	7	4	238	192
Tulane	3	4	192	205	6	5	329	346
Memphis	2	5	109	146	4	7	176	199
Houston	2	5	154	249	3	8	211	370
Army	1	6	129	204	1	10	224	372

1999 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S Miss	6	0	189	88	8	3	310	172
E Carolina	4	2	191	133	9	2	319	197
Louisville	4	2	196	180	7	4	412	331
Memphis	4	2	158	96	5	6	232	182
UAB	4	2	140	129	5	6	248	279
Houston	3	3	131	152	7	4	254	211
Army	1	5	125	197	3	7	216	298
Tulane	1	5	127	236	3	8	279	399
Cincinnati	0	6	121	167	3	8	275	289

Tulane RB
Mewelde Moore

2001 CONFERENCE USA LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Dave Ragone, L'ville	**383**	**231**	**60.3**	**7**	**3056**	**8.0**	**23**	**143.5**
Travis Anglin, Memphis	**65**	**43**	**66.2**	**0**	**403**	**6.2**	**4**	**138.5**
Gino Guidugli, Cincy	**317**	**185**	**58.4**	**9**	**2573**	**8.1**	**16**	**137.5**
David Garrard, E Carolina	290	164	56.6	9	2247	7.7	13	130.2
Danny Wimprine, Memphis	**196**	**102**	**52.0**	**4**	**1329**	**6.8**	**14**	**128.5**
Jeff Kelly, S Miss	362	214	59.1	11	2613	7.2	15	127.3
Casey Printers, TCU	252	136	54.0	8	1824	7.2	13	125.4
Patrick Ramsey, Tulane	448	256	57.1	13	2935	6.6	22	122.6
Chad Jenkins, Army	286	156	54.5	16	1773	6.2	8	104.7
Reggie Nevels, Army	**10**	**4**	**40.0**	**2**	**74**	**7.4**	**1**	**95.2**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

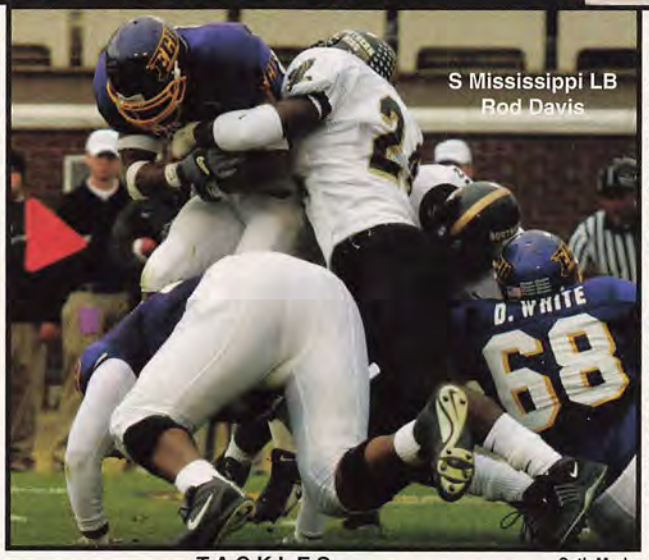
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Deion Branch, L'ville	12	72	1188	9	99.0	6.00	16.5
LaDaris Vann, Cincy	**11**	**73**	**902**	**3**	**82.0**	**6.64**	**12.4**
LeRoy Handy, S Miss	**11**	**59**	**823**	**3**	**74.8**	**5.36**	**13.9**
Adrian Madise, TCU	**11**	**50**	**819**	**5**	**74.5**	**4.55**	**16.4**
Roydell Williams, Tulane	**12**	**56**	**886**	**11**	**73.8**	**4.67**	**15.8**
Orlando Iglesias, Houston	11	63	710	5	64.5	5.73	11.3
Zek Parker, L'ville	12	55	757	3	63.1	4.58	13.8
Mewelde Moore, Tulane	**12**	**65**	**756**	**7**	**63.0**	**5.42**	**11.6**
Antoine Harden, Memphis	**10**	**31**	**589**	**4**	**58.9**	**3.10**	**19.0**
Terrell Harris, Tulane	11	53	623	3	56.6	4.82	11.8

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Leonard Henry, E Carolina	11	184	1432	7.8	16	130.2
Mewelde Moore, Tulane	**12**	**262**	**1421**	**5.4**	**8**	**118.4**
Dante Brown, Memphis	**11**	**184**	**902**	**4.9**	**11**	**82.0**
Jegil Dugger, UAB	11	218	839	3.8	6	76.3
Joffrey Reynolds, Houston	**11**	**181**	**818**	**4.5**	**7**	**74.4**
DeMarco McCleskey, Cincy	**11**	**179**	**765**	**4.3**	**7**	**69.5**
Dawayne Woods, S Miss	9	140	594	4.2	9	66.0
TJ Patterson, L'ville	**9**	**118**	**576**	**4.9**	**7**	**64.0**
Josh Holden, Army	**9**	**83**	**515**	**6.2**	**4**	**57.2**
Ricky Madison, TCU	**11**	**174**	**599**	**3.4**	**3**	**54.5**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING		PASSING			TOT OFFENSE	
	G	CAR	NET	ATT	YDS	YDS	YDSPG
Dave Ragone, L'ville	**12**	**92**	**66**	**383**	**3056**	**3122**	**260.2**
Patrick Ramsey, Tulane	11	45	-115	448	2935	2820	256.4
Gino Guidugli, Cincy	**10**	**47**	**-75**	**317**	**2573**	**2498**	**249.8**
Jeff Kelly, S Miss	11	95	32	362	2613	2645	240.5
David Garrard, E Carolina	11	116	194	290	2247	2441	221.9
Chad Jenkins, Army	10	63	176	286	1773	1949	194.9
Casey Printers, TCU	10	69	99	252	1824	1923	192.3
Danny Wimprine, Memphis	**9**	**84**	**270**	**196**	**1329**	**1599**	**177.7**
Leonard Henry, E Carolina	11	184	1432	0	0	1432	130.2
Mewelde Moore, Tulane	**12**	**262**	**1421**	**1**	**0**	**1421**	**118.4**



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Rod Davis

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Hanik Milligan, Houston	**10**	**82**	**71**	**153**	**15.3**
Pernell Griffin, E Carolina	11	72	81	153	13.9
Glenn Sumter, Memphis	11	89	47	136	12.4
Adrian Mitchell, Tulane	**12**	**97**	**41**	**138**	**11.5**
Rod Taylor, UAB	11	68	43	111	10.1
Brian Zickefoose, Army	11	64	46	110	10.0
Jason Frazier, Army	**10**	**48**	**49**	**97**	**9.7**
Daniel Nevil, Tulane	**12**	**85**	**27**	**112**	**9.3**
Doug Monaghan, Cincy	**11**	**67**	**34**	**101**	**9.2**
Curry Burns, L'ville	**12**	**56**	**51**	**107**	**8.9**

TFL

	NO	YDS
LaMarcus McDonald, TCU	**25**	**106**
Dewayne White, L'ville	**23**	**122**
Antwan Peek, Cincy	**22**	**133**
Bryan Thomas, UAB	21	113
Lewis Carter, Cincy	16	38
Robert Pollard, TCU	**16**	**45**
Michael Josiah, L'ville	15	90
Greg Lefever, EC	15	75
Willis Edwards, Cincy	**14**	**67**
John Williamson, EC	**14**	**67**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Dewayne White, L'ville	**15**	**105**
Bryan Thomas, UAB	14	101
Antwan Peek, Cincy	**13**	**102**
Michael Josiah, L'ville	11	75
Kenan Blackmon, Tulane	**8**	**56**
John Williamson, EC	**7**	**53**
Clarence Holmes, Army	**7**	**45**
LaMarcus McDonald, TCU	**7**	**44**
Tony Brown, Memphis	**7**	**37**
Terrell Paul, S Miss	**7**	**13**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Dan MacElroy, Army	11	51	2264	44.4
Jarad Preston, E Carolina	**11**	**45**	**1983**	**44.1**
Adam Wulfeck, Cincy	11	64	2800	43.8
Casey Roussel, Tulane	12	64	2754	43.0
Ross Stewart, UAB	**11**	**57**	**2420**	**42.5**
Joey Biasatti, TCU	**11**	**65**	**2757**	**42.4**
Mark Haulman, S Miss	**11**	**65**	**2751**	**42.3**
Wade Tydlacka, L'ville	**12**	**63**	**2559**	**40.6**
James Gaither, Memphis	**11**	**67**	**2718**	**40.6**
Jimmy McClary, Houston	**11**	**63**	**2403**	**38.1**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Anthony Floyd, Louisville	**14**	**198**	**1**	**14.1**
Dannye Fowler, S Miss	11	138	0	12.5
Willie Quinnie, UAB	**17**	**205**	**0**	**12.1**
Jason Goss, TCU	**24**	**275**	**1**	**11.5**
Ryan Johnson, Memphis	36	376	0	10.4
LaDaris Vann, Cincinnati	**34**	**288**	**0**	**8.5**
Marvin Townes, E Carolina	**14**	**100**	**0**	**7.1**
Omari Thompson, Army	14	99	0	7.1
Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	**19**	**133**	**1**	**7.0**
Terrance Copper, E Carolina	**10**	**70**	**0**	**7.0**

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Seth Marler, Tulane	**12**	**15**	**16**	**93.8**	**53**
Kevin Miller, E Carolina	**11**	**14**	**17**	**82.4**	**43**
Jonathan Ruffin, Cincy	**11**	**12**	**16**	**75.0**	**45**
Derek Jacobs, Army	**11**	**8**	**11**	**72.7**	**41**
Nathan Smith, L'ville	**12**	**13**	**18**	**72.2**	**48**
Nick Browne, TCU	**11**	**14**	**20**	**70.0**	**50**
Nick Hayes, UAB	**11**	**10**	**15**	**66.7**	**50**
Brant Hanna, S Miss	11	10	16	62.5	46
Ryan White, Memphis	11	8	14	57.1	45
Jeff Patterson, Houston	10	2	4	50.0	37

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Omari Thompson, Army	28	739	1	26.4
Jason Southall, UAB	**23**	**584**	**0**	**25.4**
Marvin Townes, E Carolina	**31**	**775**	**1**	**25.0**
Zek Parker, L'ville	21	483	1	23.0
Chris Johnson, S Miss	**14**	**309**	**0**	**22.1**
Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	**17**	**374**	**0**	**22.0**
Antoine Harden, Memphis	**25**	**533**	**0**	**21.3**
Brandon Middleton, Houston	**25**	**482**	**0**	**19.3**
LaTarence Dunbar, TCU	**25**	**456**	**0**	**18.2**
DJ Stancil, Army	11	198	0	18.0

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

QB Dave Ragone

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - John L. Smith has had 2 great QB's in his brief 4 year tenure at Louisville. His Louisville career began with Chris Redman at the helm and he simply threw more career passes than anyone else in NCAA history. Dave Ragone (a lefty from Cleveland HS powerhouse St Ignatius) is bigger than Redman at 6-4 250 and added mobility to the position. Redman rushed for just 54 gross yards in '99 but Ragone was the 2nd leading rusher with 492 gross yards in 2000. In his first 2 years as a starter Ragone has simply been the CUSA's Offensive POY each season. He was #12 in the NCAA in pass efficiency in his first year, throwing for 2,942 yards (61.4%) with a 29-11 ratio. Ragone added 20 lbs of muscle but maintained his quickness last year and has only participated in 2 CUSA losses. Last year he set a CUSA record for the lowest interception percentage (1.9%) and threw for 3,284 yards (60.8%) with a super 26-8 ratio. He posted these numbers despite the fact that they were missing their top receivers and RB's much of the year. Ragone returns for his senior season and is one of the best QB's in the country with a 20-5 record as a starter. Stefan LeFors (6-0 190 So) was PS#172. He ran the scout team in 2000 and got in 12 games last year but attempted just 9 passes. Gerry Ahrens (6-1 197 Jr, PS#36) made a huge mistake last year (see Hardcore Fans on pg 306). He is my favorite for the 2nd string job. Adam Ellis (6-1 205 rFr) was PS#286 and was the scout team Off MVP. Jeff Hedges (5-11 187) is a walk-on. The coaches tinkered with Ragone's throwing motion & with an inexperienced OL, he & the offense struggled this spring. Ragone had a good season last year but I look for him to be even better this year and he is clearly a Heisman candidate.

RUNNING BACKS - Smith has done a good job developing the RB's, mostly using big backs with some speed (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). Tony Stallings had 8 starts at OLB in 1998 and moved to RB in '99. In 2000 he led the team in rushing with 873 yards (4.5). He returned last year and had 524 yards (3.7). TJ Patterson (6-0 219 Jr) is the fastest of the backs and emerged as the starter in Week 2. He had 211 yards rushing (5.6) after 3 games but then was injured. He finally returned with a 136 yard effort vs Cincinnati and had 101 yards (7.8) vs Tulane but did not top 100 yards the rest of the year. He finished the team's #1 rusher with 621 yards (4.5). Henry Miller had 121 yards (13.4) against Tulane and he finished the year with 222 yards (5.4). Lionel Gates (5-11 224 So) was good enough to be just the second true frosh to play at Louisville in the last 2 years. He benches 225 lbs 19 times and took off his redshirt vs Memphis. He rushed for 87 yards (2.9) in 3 games but then was injured and did not play again. He could be the feature back in 2002. DJ Kamer (5-9 223 Jr) adds depth. Even with the loss of Stallings, I'll call this unit stronger in 2002.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 the Cards had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers including AA TE Ibn Green. However, newcomer Deion Branch (PS#3JC) made such an impact that even though their all-time career receiving leader, Arnold Jackson, returned, he was only #2 in receptions to Branch who had 81 (14.6). Last year TE Ronnie Ghent missed most of 3 games while Branch missed most of 2 due to injury. Branch still almost set the CUSA single season receiving record with 1,276 yards (16.4) which was his second straight 1,000 yard season. Unfortunately Branch (#2DC of NE) departs this year along with #2 receiver Zek Parker (59, 13.4) who possessed world class speed. They are in great shape at TE with both Ghent and Richard Owens capable of starting for any team. Ghent had 38 rec's (10.3) and earned his 2nd straight 1st team CUSA nod (UL TE's have won 5 of L/6 years). Also back is 3rd string blocking TE Tone' Slatter (6-2 270 Sr). They got another huge addition in James Taylor who was PS#32 in 2000 and originally signed at Michigan and he is PS#9JUCO this year. Smith hopes he has the same impact that Branch did. JUCO transfer Keshan Fudge (PS#62), who originally signed with Miss St, is another solid addition as is JUCO Dontay Spillman. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Domonique Dunbar (6-1 182 rFr, PS#280). This has the makings of a good group but with the loss of their top 2 guys, it looks weaker in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year UL had to replace 2 starters and a backup. The group was bigger than the 2000 version, averaging 6-3 301, and improvement was expected but overall they averaged just 3.2 ypc rushing and allowed 35 sacks, the weakest totals in both categories in the Smith era. This year they must replace 4 starters. Gone are LT Jonta' Woodard (12 sts), RG Mike Bowers (8 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Rob Eble (13 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA), LG Aaron Dardzinski (1st Tm CUSA, 13 sts, 3 yr st'r) and C Ariel Rodriguez (5 sts). Two players do return who had 7 or more starts and there are plenty of JUCO's contending for time as well as a couple athletic big boys in Jason Hilliard (6-6 340 Jr) and Jason Weathers (6-7 343 Jr). This unit also lost OL Coach Art Valero to the NFL and will replace him with Danny Hope who was the OL coach here during UL's Fiesta Bowl season and has been Purdue's OL coach the last few years. This is a lot less experienced line than last season and the unit really struggled in the spring. While the group looks weaker, it is difficult to imagine a further slide in the numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Unlike the OL the DL had improved steadily under John L. Smith. In his first year the defense allowed 5.1 ypc and improved to 4.2 in 1999 and then were 4th in the NCAA in rush defense in 2000, giving up just 2.3 ypc while also posting 54 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 full-time and 2 part-time starters. The line did play well again but the numbers dropped a bit as they yielded 3.5 ypc rushing and the sack total, while still outstanding, dropped to 46. Basically all 4 starters from last year return but that is a little deceiving as they must replace DE Michael Josiah (1st Team CUSA) who lost his starting job for disciplinary reasons. He still was far more productive than the guy who replaced him (Devon Thomas) with 12 sacks and 4 tfl while Thomas had 0 sacks and 2 tfl. He is the only loss from the front wall as 7 of the top 8 are back including their star Dewayne White. White was simply CUSA's Def POY. He set a school record with 16 sacks and was a 2nd Team AA. His 91 tackles was tops among DL's in CUSA. I list the 2 deep below and while the depth is not overwhelming, they do bring in a couple of HT true frosh this year in Elvis Dumervil (PS#54) and Renardo Foster (PS#67TE). Not even listed below are Jeremy Seguin (6-1 266 rFr) and Brandon Johnson (6-5 207 rFr). With almost everybody back, this could be CUSA's best DL.

LINEBACKERS - This is the third straight year the Cards lose just one starter from this group as LB Jeromy Freitag (13 sts, #2 tkl'r w/ 111, 3 tfl) has used up his eligibility. This year 4 backups also depart in BAN Michael Everett (12 tkls), LB Jeremy Collins (1 tkl) as well as 3rd string BAN's Jeff Brunelli (5 tkls) and Adriel Walker (1 tkl). Last year Rod Day moved from DE to LB and was very productive. Michael Brown enters his fourth year as a starter. Not listed below are Ryan McDermond (6-1 237 So, PS#202), BJ Steele (6-1 230 Sr) who has 18 tackles the last 3 years, and James Greene (6-2 204 Jr, PS#173) who had 15 tackles last year before suffering a season ending knee injury. No one in this group resembles NFL Hall of Famer Tom Jackson who is the top LB of all-time "from, Louisville", but this has the makings of a good group and is almost as experienced as last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 they had both of their outstanding CB's returning and finished at #3 in my rankings with 28 int's. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace both starting CB's, one of whom was an NFL draft pick, and then a projected starter, JUCO transfer CB Wilbur Benson quit the team as did another JC transfer who was expected to contribute. They surprisingly only dropped to #7 in my pass D rankings, allowing just 49.3% with a 13-20 ratio and they have 42 interceptions the last 2 years, which is tops in the NCAA. This year they are in great shape as the only loss is FS Brian Gaines, who had 1 start and 37 tackles, and 7 of the top 8 are back. CB Ronnie Gallishaw held Illinois WR Brandon Lloyd to just 3 rec's. Also, Anthony Floyd (PS#56RB) is already the career int leader here with 18 and returns for his third season as a full-time starter. SS Curry Burns has led the team in tackles in each of the last 2 years. Chris Johnson took away a starting CB job from Josh Minkins in the bowl and performed well and comes in as 1st string this year. Of course the unit has benefitted from the quality pass rush the D-line produces, on but with all 4 starters back, this once again looks like the top secondary in CUSA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Smith's 1997 Utah St team ranked #34 in my special teams rankings. He inherited a UL team that was #108 but could only improve them to #104 in his first year. In 1999 they moved up to #23 thanks to true frosh punter Chris Sivori and in 2000 they were strong once again at #38. They had to replace their top PR last year but had everyone else back and this time moved up to #16. A lot of big plays happened when the Cards special teams were on the field as they allowed 2 blocks and a KR TD, but recorded 3 TD's on returns and blocked one punt. KR Zek Parker averaged a super 27.3 on returns in 2000 and 25.2 last year. He leaves as UL's & CUSA's career leader in KR yards. The top PR turned out to be Anthony Floyd (12.6). The team was stunned in the preseason of 2001 when Sivori decided to quit the team prior to the year. That left the punting duties to Wade Tydlacka and the team actually had its best net punting in the last 3 years (35.5). Tydlacka got off to a slow start but averaged 43.7 on his last 27 punts. Kicker Nathan Smith hit a solid 13 of 18 with a long of 48. Basically everyone returns with the exception of Parker so naturally they will contend for Top 20 honors again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

John L. Smith inherited a 1-10 team and has now guided them to 4 straight bowl games and 2 straight CUSA Titles. Smith has had just 1 losing season in 13 years of coaching. After achieving a 9-3 season in 2000 the Cards simply got their first 11 win season in school history last year. They were #17 in the polls after beating E Carolina to wrap up the league title and accepted their Liberty Bowl bid, which left them in a flat spot the next week and they lost to TCU. They still finished #17 in the AP poll and #16 in the USA Today Coaches poll which was their highest finish since the 1990 season when they beat Bama in the Fiesta Bowl. They've been much more potent under Smith as in the 78 games prior to him, they topped 30 points just 21 times but in his 49 games here, they have topped 30 points 32 times. Surprisingly, last year's offense despite having 8 starters back including QB Ragone, saw its ypg drop to 375 and its ppg to 30.3. This year the O-line must replace 4 starters and it really struggled in the spring as they had just 1 TD in 3 consecutive scrimmages and managed just 3 yards in the first 19 plays in the spring game. With a QB like Ragone at the helm they should be able to right the ship prior to the season, and keep in mind the OL does have the benefit of taking on one of the toughest D-lines in the NCAA everyday in practice. The defense will be strong for the Cards and I rank them #2 overall in CUSA. They have 10 starters back on that side of the ball from a unit that held a potent Tulane team (which came in averaging 32.1 ppg) to just 7 and held BYU (which averaged 543 ypg) to just 276 total yards. The Cards have 15 returning starters and 41 lettermen back. They also have 7 players that make my 2002 Preseason 1st Team CUSA. Despite the fact that UL was +10 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 295) and they only outgained their foes last year by 40.8 ypg (not that large of an edge when you're 11-2), this team is very talented on both sides of the ball and provided the O-line comes around, has a chance at matching or exceeding last year's 11 win total.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB DAVE RAGONE SR. 6-4 250 **2 time CUSA Off POY**. 2942 yds (61.4%) 29-11 ratio, 492 rush in 2000. Added 30 lbs LY, 3284 yds (61%), 26-8 ratio, 377 rush, 20-5 as a starter.

RB LIONEL GATES SO. 5-11 224 PS#119. 225 bench 19X. 4.4 spd. Took off RS LY, 3 gms until inj, 87 yds (2.9). **TJ Patterson** (6-0 219 Jr) PS#243, #1 w/621 yds (4.5) LY.

WR Keshan Fudge Jr. 5-10 201 PS#62WR & orig signed w/Miss St in '99. Tiger Jones (5-11 178 So) PS#290, 1 st, 6 rec LY. Victor Glenn (6-1 171 Jr) PS#116, 2 rec LY.

WR James Taylor Jr. 6-2 215 PS#32 & orig signed w/**Mich**. **PS#9JC,** 30 rec (19.8) at JC LY. JR Russell (6-3 190 So) PS#274, 2 sts, 14 rec (10.8). Greg Tinch (6-2 211 rFr) PS#148.

WR DAMIEN DORSEY SR. 5-7 171 Speedy. 2 sts, 12 rec (16.0) in 2000. 5 sts LY (inj'd), 19 rec (17.2). Antoine Harris (5-11 184 So) PS#290. 4 sts, 7 rec (12.6). Dontay Spillman (6-0 185 Jr).

TE RONNIE GHENT SR. 6-3 237 **1st Tm CUSA in 2000 & LY**. 7 sts in 2000, 30 rec (13.8). 8 sts LY (inj) 38 rec (10.3). Richard Owens (6-4 268 Jr) PS#90, 8 sts, 4 rec (17.0) 2Y.

C DAN KOONS JR. 6-4 281 Started L/7 at C in 2001 as soph for 1st letter. Will Rabatin (6-1 303 So) **Edrik Contreras** (6-1 317 So) PS#166JC, in for the spring.

RG Antoine Sims Sr. 6-2 291 PS#168OL. Lettered in both 1999 & 2000. 7 sts at RG in 2001 (7 of 1st 8). **Jason Spitz** (6-4 289 rFr) PS#242DL, 1st string RG in spring.

LG Jerry Spencer Jr. 6-3 311 PS#55JUCO & in for spring. **Jason Weathers** (6-7 343 Jr) 11 games 2nd string in 2000. 2nd string in 2001 all 13 games, 2 letters.

RT Travis Leffew rFr. 6-4 284 **PS#82DL.** DL in RS year, moves to OL. Brian Devine (6-4 296 Jr) PS#449OL. Charles "Bubba" Marshall (6-4 292 rFr) PS#351OL.

LT Chris Thigpen Sr. 6-4 316 **PS#5TE in '98 & orig signed w/S Carolina.** JC in '99 & 2000. 2nd string here LY. Jason Hilliard (6-6 340 Jr) 2nd string 2 straight yrs. 2L.

K NATHAN SMITH JR. 5-9 190 6 of 8 FG's as rFr, long of 41, 16 of 16 xp's. Hit 13 of 18 FG's in 2001, long of 48, 43 of 44 xp's, added 25 lbs this year. #7 CUSA career FG %.

DEFENSE

DE DEWAYNE WHITE JR. 6-3 277 PS#167. 8 sts in 2000, 56 tkls, **14 sks**, 6 tfl, 22 hurries. **CUSA Def POY** in 2001, 91 tkls, **16 sks**, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm AA**. Montavious Stanley (6-2 285 rFr) PS#127.

DT BOBBY LEFFEW SO. 6-4 270 PS#152. 12 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl. CUSA Fr Tm. Keeshan Lowe (6-1 281 Sr) PS#247JC, 16 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl here LY. Kraig Shelton is PS#320.

DT SCOTT LOPEZ JR. 6-4 265 2 tkls as rFr. 13 sts LY, 14 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Tyrone Saterfield (6-2 307 So) PS#213OL. Chad Pinkston (6-0 290 Jr) 5 tkls, 1 sk last year.

DE DEVON THOMAS SR. 6-1 254 PS#236. 3 sts in '99 & 2000, 17 tkls, 2 sks. L/8 sts LY, 30 tkls, 2 tfl. Elvis Dumervil is **PS#54**. Marcus Jones (6-2 233 So) 11 tkls, 2 sks LY.

LB CHAD LEE SR. 6-2 254 5 sts as **true**, 13 tkls, CUSA Fr Tm. 3 sts on DL in 2000. 36 tkls, 14 tfl. 12 sts at LB LY, 98 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl. Robert McCune (6-0 228 So) Sp Tms POY LY.

LB Rod Day Jr. 6-1 204 PS#287. MVP Scout Tm in '99. 11 tkls, 1 pbu in 2000. 1 st LY, 27 tkls, 2 tfl. Jon Jackerson (6-1 209 So) PS#292DB, 4 tkls LY. Chad Rimpsey (6-3 225 rFr).

BAN MICHAEL BROWN SR. 5-10 215 12 sts, #1 w/115 tkls, 14 tfl as rFr. 12 sts in 2000, 98 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. 13 sts LY, 52 tkls, 6 tfl. Brent Johnson (5-10 198 So) PS#291WR, 5 tkls as true.

CB CHRIS JOHNSON SR. 6-0 187 7 int at JUCO in 2000. 1 st here LY (bowl). 14 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. **Josh Minkins** (5-10 180 Jr) **11 sts** in 2001, 32 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, PS#269RB.

CB RONNIE GALLISHAW SO. 5-11 202 13 sts as rFr, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 52 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 int, 9 pbu, held Illini WR Lloyd to 3 rec. JT Haskins (5-10 171 So) PS#160, 2 sts, 15 tkls, 5 pbu LY.

SS CURRY BURNS SR. 6-1 215 PS#184. 12 sts in 2000. #1 w/112 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. #1 LY with **119 tkls**, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 5 int, 6 pbu. Jon Gannon (5-11 197 rFr) PS#274. Def Scout MVP.

FS ANTHONY FLOYD SR. 5-10 202 12 sts, **2nd Tm AA** in 2000, 68 tkls, **10 int**, 21 pbu. 13 sts LY, 101 tkls, 5 int, 7 pbu, **1st Tm CUSA**. Kerry Rhodes (6-3 186 So) PS#250QB, 1 int, 2 pbu.

P WADE TYDLACKA JR. 5-11 212 6 of 9 FG's, long of 51, 31 of 31 xp's in 2000. Also does KO's. 69 punts LY, 40.3 average, net of 35.5. Avg **43.7** over his last 27 punts.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	James Taylor 6-2 185 PS#9JC	
DL	Elvis Dumervil 6-0 240 PS#54	
OL	Jerry Spencer 6-3 310 PS#55JC	
DB	Abe Brown 6-3 200 PS#81	
TE	Chad Jorgensen 6-6 220 PS#39	
WR	Dontay Spillman 6-0 185 PS#117JC	
WR	Jimmy Riley 6-1 190 PS#127	
OL	Edrik Contreras 6-1 310 PS#166JC	
QB	Justin Rascati 6-2 210 PS#121	
TE	Brandon Cornell 6-4 242 PS#61	
LB	Matt Sanders 6-2 222 PS#164	
OL	P.J. Tavarczky 6-3 275 PS#223	
TE	Renardo Foster 6-6 250 PS#67	
OL	Kurt Quarterman 6-5 350 PS#304	

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LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN LINE	Final Score UL	Opp	Win / Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 1	Kentucky (Sun)	G					UL is 21-5 SU at home in the renamed Papa John's Stadium. Cardinals are 7-2 SU and 6-3 ATS vs Tulane since 1986. Louisville is 1-9 ATS their last 10 vs the Big 12.
Sep. 7	at Duke	G					The avg combined score in this series is 70 ppg the last 6 years. Cardinals are 2-9 ATS in their first lined home game, but 2-0 the last 2 yrs.
Sep. 14	at Colorado St	G					Louisville is 8-1 ATS vs the ACC since 1988. Should apply: UL is 18-9 ATS off a SU win the last 4 years.
Sep. 21	at Army	A					UL is 5-1 SU and 4-1 ATS in the game before Army since 1983. Including bowls, UL is 2-5 SU and 1-6 ATS their L/7 vs current MWC teams.
Sep. 26	Florida St (Thur)	G					Cardinals are 7-15 ATS their L/22 games on art turf, 14-28 ATS the L/42. UL is 5-3 SU and 3-4 ATS vs Service Academies since 1983.
Oct. 8	at Memphis (Tues)	G					Cardinals are 0-8 SU vs Florida St in the last 8 games, but 3-0 ATS L/3. UL is 4-7 SU & 3-8 ATS on Thursday nights S/'83, but 3-0 SU, 2-1 ATS LY.
Oct. 12							Louisville is 8-14 ATS the last 6 years in the month of October. UL is 12-3 SU vs the Tigers but 9-19 ATS following a SU loss.
Oct. 19	TCU	G					Cardinals are 4-0 ATS their last 4 after a bye. TCU won 37-22 LY, but UL had already clinched a bowl bid & TCU needed a win to get to a bowl.
Oct. 26	E Carolina	G					UL is 2-2 SU & ATS vs the Pirates. The SU winner & visitor are 4-0 ATS. Pending earlier results: Louisville is both 2-0 and 9-5 ATS before a bye.
Nov. 2							UL is 10-2 ATS in their last 12 November games. The favorite is 5-0 ATS the last 5 years in this series.
Nov. 9	Cincinnati (HC)	G					Louisville is 3-7 ATS after Cincinnati since 1989. While winning 5 of 7 SU, Cards are only 5-10 ATS the last 15 vs S Miss.
Nov. 14	at S Miss (Thur)	G					Louisville is 2-0 SU, but 1-1 ATS in the only 2 meetings in this short series. Cardinals are 11-3 ATS the last 7 years in the final 2 games of the season.
Nov. 23	UAB	G					The SU winner is 4-1 ATS in this series the last 5 years. Louisville is 7-3 ATS in season finales.
Nov. 30	at Houston	G					

JOHN L. SMITH (Career 103-54)
5th Year at Louisville

Smith's records AT LOUISVILLE

34-15	Straight Up	9-9	Home Favorite
25-16	Vs The Spread	3-1	Home Dog
4-6	Off A S/U Loss	7-3	Away Favorite
17-9	Vs Conference	6-3	Away Dog
	8-7 Vs Non-Conf		

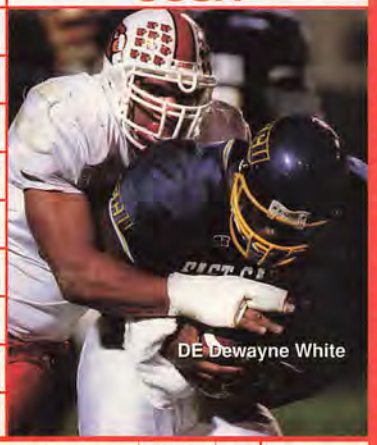
2001 RECORD: **(11-2)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (14,24,3)
Lost: 17 (9,7,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,682

CUSA



STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	5-6	1-10	7-4	7-4	9-2	10-2	46-32
ATS	7-4	4-7	2-9	6-4	5-5	7-3	7-4	38-36
Home Fav	4-1	0-5	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	14-17
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	3-5
Away Fav	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-0	2-2	1-0	3-1	8-7
Away Dog	2-1	4-0	1-3	2-2	0-0	3-0	1-1	13-7
Favorite	5-2	0-7	1-3	3-1	4-5	3-3	6-3	22-24
Dog	2-2	4-0	1-6	3-3	1-0	4-0	1-1	16-12
Grass	2-2	3-0	1-3	4-4	4-4	7-3	5-3	26-19
Artificial	5-2	1-7	1-6	2-0	1-1	0-0	2-1	12-17
vs CUSA	3-0	0-5	1-5	4-2	3-3	5-2	5-2	21-19
vs Non-CUSA	4-4	4-2	1-4	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	17-17
Off SU Win	5-1	2-3	0-1	4-1	3-3	6-1	5-4	25-14
Off SU Loss	2-2	1-4	2-7	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-0	9-19

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
T.J. Patterson	139	675	54	621	7	4.5
Tony Stallings	140	586	62	524	5	3.7
Henry Miller	41	225	3	222	3	5.4
Lionel Gates	30	120	33	87	1	2.9
Dave Ragone	97	377	307	70	3	0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dave Ragone	411	250	60.8	3284	26	8
Stefan LeFors	9	3	33.3	63	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Deion Branch	78	1276	16.4	10	78
Zek Parker	59	789	13.4	3	82
Ronnie Ghent	38	392	10.3	6	28
Damien Dorsey	19	326	17.2	0	42
J.R. Russell	14	151	10.8	2	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Wade Tydlacka	69	2778	40.3	–	36.2	0	14

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nathan Smith	6-6	3-5	4-7	0-0	13-18	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Curry Burns	119	0	0	6	5
Jeromy Freitag	111	1	2	1	0
Anthony Floyd	101	0	4	7	5
Chad Lee	98	3	6	3	0
Dewayne White	91	16	8	5	0
LaRoni Gallishaw	52	0	4	9	5
Michael Brown	52	1	5	3	1
Michael Josiah	45	12	4	1	0
Bobby Leffew	42	7	6	0	1
Brian Gaines	37	0	0	2	0
Josh Minkins	32	0	0	5	1
Devon Thomas	30	0	2	0	0
Rod Day	27	0	2	0	0
Keeshan Lowe	16	2	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Anthony Floyd	16	201	12.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Zek Parker	23	579	25.2	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Liberty	-3	Michigan St	18-7	W
98	Motor City	-3'	Marshall	29-48	L
99	Humanitarian	-1'	Boise St	31-34	L
00	Liberty	+2	Colorado St	17-22	L
01	Liberty	-3	BYU	28-10	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LOUISVILLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	30.3	19	117	3.2	257	60.1	12.4	+10	2001	6	17.2	18	135	3.5	199	49.3	19.5
5	33.8	20	129	3.6	262	60.6	11.6	+11	2000	7	22.3	19	86	2.3	219	51.2	13.7
7*	36.9	26	127	4.0	333	63.5	12.5	-5	1999	8	30.4	21	169	4.2	235	55.5	13.3
8*	39.4	28	147	4.4	403	65.6	13.9	-3	1998	6	36.3	24	237	5.1	256	57.5	13.6
8*	22.3	19	77	2.6	298	58.4	16.8	-5	1997	5	37.0	20	187	4.5	235	57.1	11.4
5	16.5	17	95	2.6	221	53.4	19.1	-17	1996	7	18.6	15	81	2.0	155	48.2	12.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
New Mexico St	18	30-101	3.4	18-32	272	2	28	68-407	6.0	8-16	137	2	+2
at Kentucky	24	35-118	3.4	21-34	368	1	18	28-58	2.1	15-37	155	3	+3
W Carolina	18	32-176	5.5	14-25	218	0	19	52-173	3.3	12-22	104	2	+1
at Illinois	13	25-29	1.2	22-39	309	3	23	42-203	4.8	18-39	301	0	-3
Memphis	20	40-235	5.9	15-27	207	1	24	38-212	5.6	22-41	177	2	-1
Colorado St	15	32-32	1.0	20-28	213	3	11	37-61	1.6	10-23	87	7	0
S Mississippi	17	44-42	1.0	17-32	186	6	10	31-7	0.2	13-29	219	7	+4
at Cincinnati	19	51-222	4.4	12-28	154	2	16	29-78	2.7	19-46	295	4	+2
at Tulane	28	42-328	7.8	20-32	245	3	13	26-19	0.7	20-37	220	3	+1
Houston	17	34-91	2.7	20-30	274	2	16	36-108	3.0	16-30	157	3	-1
at E Carolina	22	44-138	3.1	22-34	292	2	24	37-167	4.5	21-34	284	7	+2
at TCU	20	25-(-47)	-1.9	33-52	381	9	19	42-178	4.2	13-24	256	1	-2
†BYU	17	37-58	1.6	19-28	228	1	17	32-84	2.6	18-38	192	5	+2
TOTALS	248	471-1523	3.2	253-421	3347	35	238	498-1755	3.5	205-416	2584	46	+10
AVERAGES	19.1	36-117	3.2	19-32	257	2.7	18.3	38-135	3.5	16-32	199	3.5	0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kentucky	-3	24-38	L
Utah	-4	21-27	L
Illinois	-6	26-14	W
Penn St	+21	21-57	L
at Oklahoma	+7'	14-35	L
at S Mississippi	+14	24-42	L
Tulane	+1'	33-64	L
Houston	-3	22-36	L
E Carolina	+2'	31-45	L
at Cincinnati	+13'	9-28	L
at Memphis	+10	20-21	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kentucky	+10	34-68	L
at Utah	+16	22-45	L
at Illinois	+6'	35-9	W
Boston College	+6'	52-28	W
Cincinnati	-14	62-19	W
at S Mississippi	+6	21-56	L
at Tulane	+16	22-28	W
Memphis	-13	35-32	L
W Kentucky	NL	63-34	–
at E Carolina	-3	63-45	W
Army	-8	35-23	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kentucky	-3	56-28	W
Tenn-Chatt	NL	58-30	–
Illinois	-12	36-41	L
Oklahoma	-1	21-42	L
E Michigan	-23	45-10	W
at Army (2OT)	-14	52-59	L
at Memphis	-2'	32-31	L
Houston	-4'	39-33	W
UAB	-14	23-14	L
at Cincinnati	-1	23-13	W
S Mississippi	+5	27-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kentucky (2OT)	+5'	40-34	W
Grambling	NL	52-0	–
at Florida St	+33'	0-31	W
Connecticut	-30	41-22	L
at UAB	+1'	38-17	W
Cincinnati	-6	38-24	W
E Carolina	-1	25-28	L
Tulane	-14	35-32	L
at S Mississippi	+13'	49-28	W
Army	-19	38-17	W
at Houston	-11	32-13	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-20'	45-24	W
at Kentucky	-3'	36-10	W
W Carolina	NL	31-7	–
at Illinois	+3'	10-34	L
Memphis	-10'	38-21	W
Colorado St	-8	7-2	L
S Mississippi	-3	24-14	W
at Cincinnati	-3'	28-13	W
at Tulane	-11	52-7	W
Houston	-32'	34-10	L
at E Carolina	E	39-34	W
at TCU	-8	22-37	L

S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

WR LeRoy Handy

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Kelly lacked a powerful arm but could be described as accurate and mobile which was a perfect fit for the offensive system that OC Chris Klenakis brought over from Nevada in 2000 which utilizes the short passing game. Kelly won the starting QB job 2 days before the opener in 1999 as a soph and threw for 2,187 yards (57.2%) with a 21-12 ratio. In the 1st year of Klenakis' scheme, Kelly threw for 2,540 yards (57.4%) with an 18-10 ratio and rushed for 500 gross yards despite getting nailed for 70 sacks due to a sieve-like O-line. Last year in the second year of the system Kelly broke Brett Favre's record for completions in a regular season with 214 and threw for 2,613 yards (59%) with a 15-11 ratio while rushing for 292 yards. His leadership and experience will be missed (#7DC of SEA), and he is the only SM QB to ever top 2000 yards passing in 3 different years although Favre is still the career passing yards leader here. Three QB's figure to battle for the job this year. Micky D'Angelo got in 2 games as a rFr last year. He engineered 3 scoring drives on 3 series against Houston but for the year threw just 8 passes (37.5%) for 44 yards. Zac White got in 6 pass attempts as a true frosh and 6 more last year, missing some time due to back spasms, and was granted a medical RS. Dustin Almond is the best runner, White has the strongest arm and D'Angelo has the best grasp of the offense. Bower probably won't name a starter until a week or so before the opener (like he did with Kelly). There is some decent talent available here, but with the loss of a 3 year starter, the unit clearly looks weaker.

RUNNING BACKS - Derrick Nix (PS#58) topped 1,000 yards in each of his first 2 years and is a big, powerful back. Unfortunately in his third year (2000), the team switched to the finesse passing offense and Nix suffered a season ending injury after just five games and had only 226 total yards offense. Last spring he looked 100% and gained 100 yards on 19 carries in the spring game but complications arose again (kidney problems) and he redshirted. Dawayne Woods was the team's leading rusher in 2000 with 643 yards and last year had 7 starts (injured) and led the team with 594 yards (4.2). James Walley was injured in August but did return and had one start, rushing for 245 yards (3.1). Tim Blackwell was PS#216 and got in 3 starts when Woods was injured. He rushed for 78 and 97 yards in his first two but then missed 5 games due to suspension and finished the year with just 237 yards (3.2). Anthony Harris (5-11 210 rFr) was PS#343DB and made progress this spring, increasing his bench to 425 lbs. Lorenzo Young (5-7 166 Jr) is a JC transfer. They did sign an HT true frosh in Jasper Faulk (PS#68) and also add Wayne Hardy (6-1 215 Fr) who rushed for 1,608 yards and 26 TD's in HS and has 4.5 speed. He was recruited by Ole Miss and Miss St. The only losses this year are Woods and Blackwell, and as long as Nix is healthy (he looked great in the spring), this unit looks to be significantly improved.

RECEIVERS - Last year SM had to replace their leading receiver but returned basically everyone else and looked to be in solid shape. WR Kenneth Johnson was supposed to be a game time decision in the opener due to a knee injury but hauled in 7 rec's. Unfortunately he only finished third on the team and missed 2 games due to suspension. LeRoy Handy (PS#200) stepped to the forefront and led the team with 59 catches (13.9) with over double the yards of the next closest receiver. Overall six different players started at times last year and of the six only one departs in Dannye Fowler (3 sts, 3 rec). The other loss is backup TE Orlando Dantzler (6, 11.5). The TE's get two solid additions in true frosh Jonathan Palmer (PS#47) and Otho Graves (28 rec's, 15.0 at JUCO). This is a very deep unit and not listed below are TE Jon Simmons (6-5 232 So, PS#97), WR Thomas Hosey (6-2 200 rFr, PS#201), and WR Mike King who is PS#148. I list the 2 deep below and this unit is clearly deeper than it was heading into last year, has more experience, and should be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 SM had to replace 2 starters due to graduation. They brought back 5 players with starting experience but lost a starter to injury and another who gave up football prior to the season and the team slipped to 2.8 ypc rushing while allowing an ungodly 70 sacks. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter due to graduation and had 6 players back with starting experience. Despite the experience, the unit paved the way for only 2.6 ypc rushing but they did trim their sack total significantly to 38. This year the only losses are LG Kendrick Key (8 sts) and 2 lightly used backups, but the majority of the players who saw time last year return. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Kendel Wheeler (6-4 285 rFr) PS#314, Adam Gardner (6-6 265 Jr, PS#410), Anthony Jones (6-4 270 So), Daniel Day (6-4 300 rFr, PS#470) and Javar Young (6-4 264 So). Four of the 5 starters are upperclassmen and they add some solid rFr and a JUCO. I look for much better rushing numbers with a good sized OL that averages 6-5, 301 lbs.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1997 SM started a group of frosh on the DL and they allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing and that group stayed together for 4 years, allowing just 2.4 ypc in 1999 and 2.9 in 2000. Last year the losses were substantial as they had to replace 3 starters and a top backup with 3 of those 4 drafted by the NFL. They went the JUCO route to replace them and the D remained solid. While the sack total dropped from 46 to 31, they still gave up just 2.9 ypc. This year the group is far more experienced as the only losses are DE Marchene Hatchett (3 sts, 7 tkls) and DE Brian Evans (8 sts, 29 tkls, 2.5 tfl). They also signed a great crop of true frosh (see Top Newcomers) and even add a couple more JUCO's this year including DeMarcus Barner (PS#270JC). DT Carlos Crusoe was a projected starter that missed the season and JUCO Travaras Comegys (6-3 280 Jr) tore his MCL last August and missed 2001 and both return. This could be one of SM's best DL's ever (and they've had some pretty good ones) and it is extremely deep.

LINEBACKERS - The 2000 LB corps had to replace 5 of their top 6 players, but last year they were in much better shape with only 1 starter departing. Prior to last year DC Nix said this was the fastest set of LB's they'd ever had at SM and Rod Davis won 1st Team CUSA honors. This year they must replace WLB Roy McGee (11 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA, 68 tkls, 11.5 tfl) but 5 of the top 6 are back once again. I list a talented 3 deep below including VHT Kevis Coley who should be an impact player. I think this unit is in even better shape than it was heading into last season and is very experienced, and one of the top 2 LB corps in CUSA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SM's lowest finish in my pass efficiency D rankings in the past 8 years has been #41. They finished #17 in 2000 but had a rather inexperienced group last year as they had to replace 3 full-time starters and a very productive backup. They did bring in 3 top-notch JUCO's to the unit and surprisingly, despite an inexperienced front 7 and having just 1 starter back, SM fell only slightly to #19, allowing 52% with an 8-14 ratio vs a tough slate of opposing QB's. This year the group is far more experienced with the only loss being ROV Chad Williams (#6DC of BAL, 63 tkls, 2nd TM CUSA). CB Greg Brooks set a school record for pbu in a season with 18 and was voted 1st Tm CUSA and 7 of the top 8 are back this year. They even add some top-notch JUCO's plus get Trevis Coley who was PS#123 last year and an interesting addition in Tootie Myers who originally was PS#121WR back in 1997 and spent the last 5 years playing baseball with the Montreal Expos organization. Not even listed below are Pierre Hutchins (5-8 179 So, PS#175), John Eubanks (5-11 160 rFr, PS#205), Jermaine Jones (5-11 180 So, PS#277), Karone Champagne (5-10 192 Jr, PS#304), Corey Hosey (6-1 185 Jr) and Jamie Martin (6-2 210 Sr). This looks like CUSA's best secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coach Bower usually does a good job in this area and they finished #10 in my special teams rankings in 1997 and #23 in 1998. They surprisingly dropped to #80 in 1999 but despite having to replace their top punter, climbed to #56 in 2000. Last year they only had to replace their top KR and moved up to #42. An area of strength was punt blocks as Etric Pruitt had 3 helping SM rank +2 in the TD/Blk category. Punter Mark Haulman is back for his third year and improved his net punting to 36.2. Kenneth Johnson was #1 in CUSA in PR's prior to his 2 game suspension but surprisingly finished averaging just 5.9 (13.4 in 2000). The top KR, Chris Johnson (22.1), returns. Kicker Brant Hanna recovered from his 2000 bowl collapse (missed 4 FG's) and hit 10 of 16 FG's with a long of 46 and his kickoffs were solid, with 40% ending up as touchbacks! Even with the loss of their kicker this unit should continue to improve as it is very experienced and most of the key players are back.

LB Rod Davis

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the first 4 years of CUSA play, S Miss was an outstanding 21-2 SU. Since then the team has stunningly lost 6 of their last 14 league games and are 5-6 in their last 11. USM likes to play the big boys and in Bower's 126 games here, 28 have been against ranked teams but only 3 have been at home. USM was actually in the AP Top 25 for 23 straight weeks from Oct 10th, 1999 through Nov 12th, 2000 but had a streak of 4 straight bowls end with a 6-5 finish in 2001. They blew their chances for a bowl bid by losing their final 2 games, including a tough loss to TCU at home. They won their first 12 CUSA home games but have now gone 3-3 their last 6, but overall the team has achieved 8 straight winning years under Bower. Last year the offense averaged just 17.2 ppg the first five games, but caught fire down the stretch with 32 ppg the last six. They must replace QB Jeff Kelly but the healthy return of RB Derrick Nix as well as 8 starters overall on offense could see them more potent on that side of the ball. Last year's team averaged just 335.3 ypg in conference play, which was only 8th best in the league. The big question mark last year was defense as they had just 4 starters returning, having to replace 12 lettermen. Somehow they managed to allow just 16.9 ppg last year, matching 2000's stop unit. USM also held Louisville to just 6 points into the 4Q but 2 SM turnovers turned into fourteen 4Q points for the Cardinals. This year they are much more experienced with 9 starters back. SM had my top rated defense in the league last year, allowing just 14.4 ppg. The 17 starters that Bower has returning overall are the most ever in his tenure. Tyrone Nix was the youngest DC in the country last year and leads my #1 rated defense in CUSA for the 2nd straight year. I rate SM has having a clear shot at the CUSA crown and the key game could very well be Nov 14th when they host Louisville in a Thursday night game and their home edge will be magnified by the fact that the Cards will have to travel on a short week. I like the looks of this year's team and despite having an inexperienced QB, I will go out on a limb and call for SM to have their first 9 win regular season since 1988.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Micky D'Angelo So. 6-3 212 **PS#67QB**. #2QB LY. 8 passes, 44 yds, 8 yds rush. **Dustin Almond** (6-1 185 rFr) **PS#123**. **Zac White** (6-5 229 So) **PS#138**, 12 passes, 2Y.

RB Derrick Nix Sr. 6-2 232 PS#58, 1302 yds (5.1), **1st Tm CUSA** as true. 1109 yds (4.1) in '99. 226 ttl yds in 2000 until inj, RS LY. James Walley (6-0 195 So) 245 yds as **true**.

WR CHRIS JOHNSON SO. 5-10 185 PS#421. 7 starts as **true** last year, 34 receptions (10.8), 312 return yards. Naton Stewart (6-4 200 rFr) was PS#166. Mike King is PS#148.

WR LeROY HANDY SR. 6-1 196 8 sts in 2000, 45 rec (12.6). 9 sts LY, 59 rec (13.9).

Marvin Young (5-11 158 So) 10 rec (11.4) as true, big spg TY. Karlin Riley (6-2 195 Fr) PS#133DB.

WR ROCKY HARRISON SO. 6-1 192 PS#274. 8 sts as **true**. 21 rec (12.8). **Kenneth Johnson** (5-10 165 Jr) PS#220. 4 sts as **true**, 28 rec (12.1), 336 PR yds. 6 sts LY (susp) 2 28 rec (10.6).

TE BOBBY GARNER SR. 6-2 225 PS#103QB. 12 sts, 22 rec (13.8) in 2000. 11 sts, 27 rec (13.9) LY. Stuart Floyd (6-2 228 So). Terrel Browden (6-3 245 Jr). Otho Graves PS#294JC.

C JIM HICKS JR. 6-3 280 5 sts at C as rFr, 265 plays, CUSA Frosh Team. 11 sts at C in 2001. Addaryl Edwards (6-3 279 So) PS#264, 1 game at DT last year.

RG TORRIN TUCKER SR. 6-6 316 7 sts as rFr, 417 snaps. CUSA Fr Team. 12 sts in 2000, 848 snaps. 11 sts LY, led team in pin blocks. Brad Worthington (6-4 283 rFr) PS#355.

LG Jeremy Parquet So. 6-7 318 PS#108. 3 sts as rFr, 6 games, CUSA Frosh Team. Buck Miciotto (6-3 278 Sr) PS#45TE. 12 sts, 3 rec at TE in '99. 8 sts, 476 plays in 2000.

RT JASON JIMENEZ SR. 6-7 292 7 starts at RT in 2000, 548 snaps. Started all 11 games last year. Myron Powe (6-4 299 So) PS#156OL, CUSA Freshman Team.

LT JEREMY BRIDGES SR. 6-4 300 PS#219OL. 11 sts as rFr, 722 snaps. 12 sts, 874 plays in 2000. 11 sts last year, **2nd Team CUSA**. Neal Mead (6-5 295 rFr) PS#139OL.

K Curtis Jones Sr. 5-9 170 17 of 21 FG's in high school. 2nd Team All Miss at JUCO in '99. RS here in 2000. Hit 48 yd FG, 3-3 xp's LY. Don Urquhart (5-10 195 Sr).

DE SEANTE WILLIAMS JR. 6-6 240 PS#181JC. **4.55** spd, PS#181JC in for spg. **Darris McKenzie** (6-2 245 Jr) 23 tkls, 4 tfl LY. LeVon Pears (6-0 250 So) PS#182. 16 tkls, 2 sks LY.

NT RAYSHUN JONES SR. 6-3 288 PS#188DL in '97. JC. 11 sts LY, 60 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. **Willie Page** (6-4 285 Jr) **PS#83JC**. **Carlos Crusoe** (6-3 285 Sr) PS#58TE in '98. JC. RS, inj LY.

DT SKYLOR MAGEE SO. 6-1 270 PS#79LB. 11 sts as rFr, 34 tkls, 2.5 tfl CUSA Fr Tm. Ronald Jones (6-4 255 Jr) PS#238JC, in for spg. Eric Scott (6-2 275 So) PS#463, 1.5 tfl LY.

DE TERRELL PAUL JR. 6-3 226 PS#299LB. 9 sts as rFr, 13 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 sts LY. 52 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl, **2nd Tm CUSA**. DeMarcus Barner (6-1 230 So). **Joseph Scott** (6-1 240 So) **PS#86LB.**

SLB JOE HENLEY SR. 6-0 216 PS#240. CUSA Frosh Team in 1999. 11 sts last year, 69 tkls, 7.5 tfl. **Kevis Coley** (6-3 200 rFr) PS#46. Chris McNair (6-4 215 rFr) PS#245DL.

MLB ROD DAVIS JR. 6-3 238 10 sts as rFr, 108 tkls, 7 tfl, 7 pbu. 11 sts LY, 100 tkls, 10 tfl, 2 int. Chris Langston (6-2 221 Sr) 4 sts, 3Y, 76 tkls. Dillon Cleckler PS#380, 13 tkls LY.

WLB Chris Vaughn Sr. 6-0 213 PS#194. 2 sts, 34 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 32 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Michael Boley (6-3 207 So) PS#380, 5 tkls LY. Carsha Stromas (6-2 205 So) PS#373, 4 tkls as true.

CB GREG BROOKS JR. 5-11 167 Orig at **Mich.** 1 st, 20 tkls in 2000. **1st Tm CUSA**, school rec 18 pbu, 32 tkls, 3 int LY. Corey Yates (5-10 170 Sr) 1 st, 19 tkls, 1 int in career.

CB LEROY JOHNSON SR. 5-11 180 PS#230RB in '98. JC. 10 sts, 3 int, 8 pbu LY. **Tootie Myers** (5-11 190 Fr) PS#121 in '97. Expos L/5Y. **Chris Porter** (5-11 160 Jr) JC track AA, 4 int LY at JC.

SS Alex Ray Jr. 5-11 198 Top reserve DB last year, 55 tkls, 2 int, 1 pbu. **Trevis Coley** (6-3 200 rFr) PS#123. Darrell Bennett (6-0 190 So) PS#423, WR as true, 4 rec (17.5).

FS ETRIC PRUITT JR. 6-0 181 PS#273. 1 start, 11 tkls in 2000. 11 sarts at FS in 2001, 82 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Antoine Cash (6-1 200 So) 19 tkls, 1 sk, 2 pbu last year.

P MARK HAULMAN SR. 6-0 175 2 punts (36.5) as rFr, 80 punts in 2000. 41.3 average, net of 34.8. 65 punts in 2001, 42.3 average and **improved net to 36.2.**

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TE	Jonathan Palmer 6-4 250 PS#47	
QB	Chris Crumpton 6-1 180 PS#103	
DL	Seante Williams 6-6 240 PS#181JC	
WR	Mike King 6-1 185 PS#148	
DL	Calvin Murray 6-5 200 PS#169	
DL	Greg Casnave 6-3 270 PS#184	
RB	Adam Hurst 5-10 175 PS#178	
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S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Including bowls, S Miss is 2-8 SU and 3-7 ATS vs current Big 12 schools. Golden Eagles are 9-4 ATS in their last 13 lined season openers. S Miss is 27-14 ATS their last 41 and 13-7 ATS the last 5 years as a HF.
Aug. 31	Jackson St	G						S Miss is 8-0 SU in non-lined games S/'88, outscoring opponents 268-99. Jackson St went 7-4 LY as a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conf.
Sep. 7	Illinois	G						S Miss is 1-3 SU, 2-2 ATS vs the Big 10, both ATS losses are to Penn St. SM is 28-14 ATS in their last 42 September games.
Sep. 14	Memphis	G						Eagles have outscored the Tigers 201-63 over the last 8 years. SM has covered 9 out of 10 vs UM and are 11-2 ATS the L/13 in this series.
Sep. 21	at Alabama	G						Eagles are 2-14 SU, but 8-8 ATS vs Bama since 1983, 1-4 ATS L/5. SM is 16-8 ATS their last 24 as an underdog vs SEC teams.
Sep. 28	at Army	A						Golden Eagles are 4-7 ATS the last 11 away vs CUSA teams. Eagles are 15-7 ATS their last 22 on artificial turf.
Oct. 5								
Oct. 12	at S Florida	G						The Eagles have covered 8 of 11 after a bye week under Bower. Strange but true: SM is 5-2 SU but 1-5-1 ATS the game prior to Homecoming.
Oct. 19	Cincinnati (HC)	G						S Miss is 18-7 ATS in their last 25 in sandwiched games at the Rock. SM is 3-2 SU but 1-4 ATS vs Cincinnati.
Oct. 30	at TCU (Wed)	G						Golden Eagles are 0-7 ATS in the state of Texas since 1989. Pending 9/28: USM is 2-5 SU and ATS in games prior to a bye since 1998.
Nov. 2								
Nov. 9	at UAB	G						Eagles are 2-0 SU but 0-2 ATS vs Blazers in this short series. S Miss is 6-11 ATS in November away games since 1995
Nov. 14	Louisville (Thur)	G						S Miss is 11-5 SU and 8-5-1 ATS in November home games since 1985. Brett Favre's alma mater is 11-4 SU & 10-5 ATS their L/15 vs the Cardinals.
Nov. 23	at Tulane	A						SM is 1-6-1 ATS since 1993 in their last 8 sandwiched away games. S Mississippi is 9-3 ATS the last 12 years vs the Green Wave.
Nov. 30	E Carolina	G						SM is 4-3 SU, but only 2-5 ATS in their last 7 season finales. The visiting team is 9-2-1 ATS the last 12 in this series.

JEFF BOWER (Career 73-52-1)

12th Year at S Mississippi

Bower's records AT S MISSISSIPPI

73-52-1	Straight Up	24-14	Home Favorite
62-52-2	Vs The Spread	2-3	Home Dog
26-19-1	Off A S/U Loss	13-15-1	Away Favorite
37-31-1	Vs Conference	23-20	Away Dog
		25-20-1	Vs Non-Conf

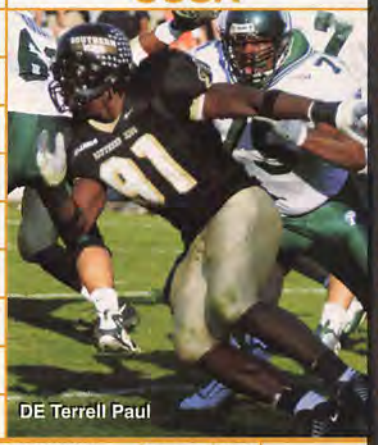
2001 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (20,24,2)
Lost: 16 (9,5,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,649

CUSA


DE Terrell Paul

STADIUM: M.M. ROBERTS STADIUM (33,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-3	8-3	7-4	8-3	7-4	6-5	50-27
ATS	5-6	6-5	8-2-1	6-5	5-5	5-5	4-7	39-35-1
Home Fav	2-2	2-2	4-0	4-0	2-2	1-2	2-3	17-11
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Fav	1-3	0-2	3-0-1	2-2	2-1	2-3	1-1	11-12-1
Away Dog	2-1	4-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-0	1-3	11-11
Favorite	3-5	2-4	7-0-1	6-2	4-3	3-5	3-4	28-23-1
Dog	2-1	4-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-0	1-3	11-12
Grass	3-5	5-3	6-2-1	5-4	4-5	3-4	4-7	30-30-1
Artificial	2-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	9-5
vs CUSA	2-3	3-3	5-0-1	4-2	3-3	2-5	3-4	22-20-1
vs Non-CUSA	3-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-2	3-0	1-3	17-15
Off SU Win	2-3	5-3	4-2-1	4-2	2-4	3-3	2-4	22-21-1
Off SU Loss	2-3	0-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	12-12

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dawayne Woods	140	623	29	594	9	4.2
James Walley	**80**	**281**	**36**	**245**	**3**	**3.1**
Tim Blackwell	75	259	22	237	3	3.2
Jeff Kelly	95	292	260	32	3	0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Kelly	362	214	59.1	2613	15	11

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
LeRoy Handy	**59**	**823**	**13.9**	**3**	**66**
Chris Johnson	**34**	**367**	**10.8**	**2**	**73**
Kenneth Johnson	**28**	**298**	**10.6**	**0**	**35**
Bobby Garner	**27**	**374**	**13.9**	**2**	**60**
Rocky Harrison	**21**	**268**	**12.8**	**1**	**56**
Dawayne Woods	16	192	12.0	3	53
Marvin Young	**10**	**114**	**11.4**	**1**	**29**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Mark Haulman	**65**	**2751**	**42.3**	**–**	**36.2**	**0**	**13**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brant Hanna	5-5	2-3	3-7	0-1	10-16	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rod Davis	**100**	**3**	**7**	**4**	**2**
Etric Pruitt	**82**	**.5**	**1**	**4**	**2**
Joe Henley	**69**	**2.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Roy Magee	68	4.5	7	3	0
Chad Williams	63	2	2	7	1
Rayshun Jones	**60**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Alex Ray	**55**	**.5**	**1**	**1**	**2**
Terrell Paul	**52**	**6**	**5**	**6**	**0**
Skylor Magee	**34**	**.5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Greg Brooks	**32**	**1**	**0**	**18**	**3**
Chris Vaughn	**32**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Brian Evans	**29**	**1.5**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Darris McKenzie	**23**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenneth Johnson	**13**	**77**	**5.9**	**0**
Dannye Fowler	11	138	12.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Johnson	**14**	**309**	**22.1**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	All American	-1	N Carolina St	27-31	L
97	Liberty	-10	Pittsburgh	41-7	W
98	Humanitarian	-17	Idaho	35-42	L
99	Liberty	-5'	Colorado St	23-17	W
00	Mobile Alabama	+7	TCU	28-21	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	25.3	19	96	2.6	245	58.7	13.5	+7	2001	4	16.9	17	102	2.9	200	52.0	17.8
7*	26.2	18	107	2.8	216	56.7	12.4	+2	2000	7	16.9	15	109	2.9	159	50.0	15.8
4	27.8	16	117	3.1	204	54.4	11.6	+11	1999	8	15.8	16	87	2.4	205	51.9	18.5
7*	31.7	20	144	3.9	260	57.3	12.6	-4	1998	5	19.8	18	160	3.8	183	55.6	17.3
9*	28.1	18	119	3.3	207	56.3	11.6	+8	1997	6	17.5	18	111	3.3	206	51.3	18.1
9*	26.1	16	97	2.3	187	51.4	11.1	+14	1996	6	22.5	19	97	2.8	252	56.4	15.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Oklahoma St	20	40-57	1.4	22-36	277	2	16	26-45	1.7	26-38	294	5	+4
at Louisiana-Lft	22	44-104	2.4	21-35	272	6	8	17-7	0.4	10-39	137	4	+1
UAB	13	39-78	2.0	12-25	118	5	14	34-89	2.6	16-26	141	3	+2
at Memphis	13	34-60	1.8	21-37	204	5	10	34-79	2.3	14-30	103	2	-4
at Louisville	10	31-7	0.2	13-29	219	7	17	44-42	1.0	17-32	186	6	-4
Houston	24	35-158	4.5	22-35	311	1	24	29-102	3.5	26-56	254	0	+3
at Penn St	27	36-151	4.2	26-47	252	2	26	37-145	3.9	25-39	298	2	-1
Tulane	23	39-103	2.6	24-36	409	2	14	36-155	4.3	19-34	170	3	+3
at E Carolina	21	48-195	4.1	18-25	167	3	25	41-109	2.7	19-29	250	3	+5
at Alabama	22	37-47	1.3	23-36	239	3	16	40-221	5.5	7-19	90	1	0
TCU	18	30-94	3.1	20-37	224	2	18	42-123	2.9	15-31	274	2	-2
TOTALS	213	413-1054	2.6	222-378	2692	38	188	380-1117	2.9	194-373	2197	31	+7
AVERAGES	19.4	38-96	2.6	20-34	245	3.5	17.1	35-102	2.9	18-34	200	2.8	0.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+25	6-21	W
at Illinois	-4	24-7	W
Nevada	-14	35-19	W
at Alabama	+6'	13-27	L
Louisville	-14	42-24	W
at E Carolina	-10	23-13	T
Tulane	-7	34-13	W
at Cincinnati	-3'	24-17	W
at Tennessee	+19	20-44	L
Houston	-19'	33-0	W
at Memphis	-11	42-18	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+8	6-34	L
Texas A&M	+2'	6-24	L
SW Louisiana	-35	55-0	W
at Tulane	+3	7-21	L
Louisville	-6	56-21	W
at Army	-10	37-13	W
E Carolina	-10	41-7	W
at Alabama	-3	20-30	L
at Houston	-9	21-15	L
Memphis	-19	45-3	W
at Nevada	-10	55-28	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-10	48-14	W
NW Louisiana St	NL	40-6	–
at Nebraska	+27	13-20	W
at Texas A&M	+11	6-23	L
at E Carolina	-2	39-22	W
Army	-24'	24-0	L
Cincinnati	-17'	28-20	L
at Alabama	+1'	14-35	L
at Memphis	-5	20-5	W
Louisiana-Lft	-37	48-0	W
at Louisville	-5	30-27	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+9	16-19	W
at Alabama	+6'	21-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6	28-6	W
Memphis	-16'	24-3	W
S Florida	NL	41-7	–
at Tulane	-14	56-24	W
at Houston	-16'	6-3	L
Louisville	-13'	28-49	L
at UAB (2OT)	-10	33-30	L
at Cincinnati	-5	24-27	L
E Carolina	-6	9-14	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-12'	17-9	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-24'	35-10	W
UAB	-6	3-0	L
at Memphis	-8	17-22	L
at Louisville	+3	14-24	L
Houston	-20'	58-14	W
at Penn St	+1'	20-38	L
Tulane	-18	59-6	W
at E Carolina	+1'	28-21	W
at Alabama	+7	15-28	L
TCU	-10	12-14	L

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QB Paul Troth

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - David Garrard had a great career and leaves (#4DC of JAX) as ECU's all-time career passing and total offense leader, which is impressive considering ECU has had some pretty talented QB's like Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandell in their history. Garrard was a big, powerful runner at 250 lbs but also had a powerful and accurate arm and started in each of his four years. He is one of only 4 QB's in NCAA history to pass for over 9,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in his career. Paul Troth was PS#19 and enrolled early, joining the team last spring at 201 lbs but was up to 226 lbs by August. Logan feels his ideal weight should be 242. ECU's QB position is very complex and they brought Troth along slowly, allowing him to play in just 3 games which is unusual because Logan normally plays the backup for a series or two in each game. Troth (6-4) is even taller than Garrard (6-1). Last year's 3rd string QB was Desmond Robinson (5-10 200 So). Robinson does not have the size of Garrard or Troth but is an excellent athlete. After spring Logan said Robinson would play 1 or 2 series each game at QB with his running ability providing a change of pace for the offense. Sakeen Wright (6-3 200 rFr) was PS#40. He had a 27-6 ratio and was 22-1 as a starter in high school. I like the talent at this position and Garrard did not have quite the numbers I expected last year (55.9% , 13-11 ratio, 486 rush yds). Even so, I still think this unit clearly will be weaker in 2002 with the departure of a very talented four year starter.

RUNNING BACKS - Leonard Henry shared snaps with Jamie Wilson in each of his first three years, with Wilson leading the team in rushing in 1999 and Henry emerging down the stretch in 2000 to lead the team with 803 yards (5.2). Last year Henry worked hard in the weight room, dropping his speed to just under 4.5, and the results were amazing. For most of the season he averaged over 8 ypc and finished the regular season with 1,432 yards (#6 NCAA) and an incredible 7.8 ypc (#3 NCAA) with 16 TD's. He tacked on another 195 yards and 3 TD's in the bowl. Coach Logan said prior to last year that it was the most talent he had to work with at RB overall as a group since he was an assistant at Colorado from 1985-'86. The backups would have clearly merited more time if not for Henry's outstanding season. Henry departs (#7DC of MIA). Art Brown (PS#59) rushed for 164 yards as a true frosh and last year had 313 yards (5.7) and he also was #4 on the team in rec yards with 252. Marvin Townes (5-11 195 So) was PS#48 and had 775 yards in KR's (25.0 ypr), showing his elusiveness. Townes got in just 26 carries for 126 rush yards (4.8) in 2001. Dominique Hatcher (5-11 199 Jr) was PS#169 DB and moves over from defense and Dashaun Stephens (6-1 220 rFr, PS#206) will provide depth. I like the talent of this group and Brown and Townes should form a potent combo but it will be very hard to duplicate Henry's 7.8 ypc so I'll call this unit weaker in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Pirates lost 3 of 4 starters from this group to graduation and their top 4 receivers overall. QB Garrard said during the spring of 2001 that the WR he gained the best rapport with was Derrick Collier, a 2000 JUCO transfer. Collier ended up leading the team with 35 rec's (15.9). The unit did get a boost by moving ex-QB Richard Alston to HB and he took over as a starter in Week 5 and finished #2 on the team with 33 rec's (14.8) while also rushing for 215 yards. Alston also hit 2 of 4 passes for 105 yards and is a dangerous weapon who returns, this year as a SE. They lose Collier this year as well as Arnie Powell who moved from flanker to TE after 5 games. Aaron Harris (7 rec's) and TE Corey Floyd (2 rec) also depart. Everyone else is back and this unit looks pretty solid. I list the two deep below. Marcus White (6-0 190 Jr) won the strongest man competition last year (rare for a skill player) but suffered through an injury plagued year. Wes Herlocker (6-1 199 So) was PS#86. Unfortunately, the team doctor spent some quality time with this unit last year. This unit has more experience and even with the loss of its top receiver, it should be more consistent with better luck in the injury department.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Nine different players earned starts on the O-line in 2000. The team averaged 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and then lost returning starter Chris Nelson in the opener to injury and he missed the majority of the year. The Pirates ended up with four sophs starting the last 8 games and despite the youth, the unit paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing and allowed just 22 sacks on the year, even though they gave up 10 sacks in the last 3 games. Brian Rimpf is the star of this unit and fared quite well against both Syracuse's Dwight Freeney and UNC's Julius Peppers and was named 1st Team CUSA. I list the 2 deep below and all 5 projected starters have starting experience. This group is much more experienced than it was heading into last season and while it will be tough to improve upon last year's stats, this is a more solid front wall.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Pirates had allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing in both 1999 and 2000 and produced 44 sacks in 2000. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters and a part-time starter. Three seniors won starting positions, but they basically split the time with their backups. Naturally, all three starters depart this year in DT Ty Hunt (12 sts, 38 tkls, 5 tfl), NG Chris Howell (12 sts, 41 tkls, 1 sk) and DT Bernard Williams (12 sts, 30 tkls, 2.5 sks). Interestingly, those three combined for just 109 tackles, 3.5 sacks, and 6 tfl. Their backups, Damane Duckett (PS#32), Ronald Pou (JC trans) and Ja'Waren Blair combined for 100 tackles but were more effective at getting to the QB with 8.5 sacks and 12 tfl. On the year they allowed 3.1 ypc rushing but the team's sack total dropped to 33. The three backups return (as starters) and I list the new backups below. Overall, ECU's defense took a step back last year and part of it was a lack of pressure from the defensive front and despite the loss of three starters, this unit could actually be more effective.

LINEBACKERS - ECU had everyone returning to this position last year and was loaded with talent, but the LB corps did not live up to expectations. In both '98 and '99 the team had to replace its star LB and that is the case once again this year as Pernell Griffin (12 sts, 166 tkls, 9 tfl) was 1st Team CUSA and leaves as CUSA's all-time leading tackler. He set a school record versus Wake Forest with 24 tackles, was #6 in the NCAA in tackles per game, and was the team's #1 tackler for the last three seasons. Also departing this year is Griffin's cohort at ILB Greg LeFever (11 sts, 103 tkls, 15 tfl, 2nd Tm CUSA) as well as backups Kevin Ward (1 st, 20 tkls) and Antwaun Cook (14 tkls). This unit is not as experienced as last year and with the loss of the team's top two tacklers it looks weaker in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Pirates were very solid in my pass D rankings in both 1999 and 2000, finishing #40 and #49 respectively. The 2000 finish was surprising as they had to replace 3 starters and two backups. Last year they only had to replace one backup and 7 players returned with starting experience. Surprisingly the group dropped to #89 in my pass D rankings, allowing 58.2% with a 24-10 ratio and 287.3 ypg. Their top CB, Kelly Hardy, missed the Syracuse game (team allowed 312 pass yards) and missed three games altogether. Practically everyone returns this season with the lone losses being CB Charlie Robinson (5 sts, 27 tkls, 2 tfl) and SS Travis Mazyck (13 tkls). Six players return with starting experience, some top-notch rFr and a JUCO have been added into the mix, and it is doubtful that the same four players will end up starting the entire year. This is basically the same group that finished #49 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and I look for solid improvement this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 super punter Andrew Bayes departed and K Kevin Miller, who was a Groza semifinalist in 1999, took over both duties. It affected his FG kicking as he hit just 12 of 19 with a long of 43 and he was average punting the ball. Last year they brought in a JUCO, Jared Preston, to take over the punting duties and he had a great season with a 44.1 average in the regular season (#12 in NCAA). Miller concentrated on FG's, hitting 18 of 21, and was a Groza semifinalist once again. Kick return coverage has always been solid here. They did allow a 91 yard KR TD last year (1st allowed since 1997) but the next longest return was just 29 yards. Last season they wondered who would replace returnman Keith Stokes who was #8 and #12 in the NCAA in punt returns in his two years here. ECU couldn't replicate his numbers, averaging just 7.0 on PR's. The KR's were much stronger as Marvin Townes averaged a super 25.0 on 31 returns. At one point he muffed 3 PR's and that's when Terrance Copper took over those duties. Townes had a 93 yard KR for a TD and Art Brown would have had an 82 yard KR for a TD but the ball was knocked loose from him at the one yard line vs N Car and into the endzone for a touchback. ECU allowed just 15.9 on KR's although they did give up 10.5 on 35 PR's. Keeping in mind that the special teams rankings do not even include FG accuracy, the Pirates ranked a super #21 overall, up significantly from their dismal #72 ranking in 2000. With all of the key components back this year including LS Brandon Howard, this unit should contend for top honors again in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Pirates had arguably the most talented team in CUSA last year and were one of the most dominating teams in the NCAA in the first half of their games. Unfortunately for ECU, they had to play a second half. They suffered 4 losses last year by a combined 13 points and blew some big leads, including against Marshall in the bowl where they led 38-8 at the half. In each of the last 3 years, ECU has tied for 2nd in the league and made it to a bowl. Last year they had the CUSA Title in their hands, but lost to both Louisville and S Miss, and they have not won a Conference Title since 1976 (they were an Independent from 1977 to 1996). Offensively ECU was one of eleven teams in the NCAA to average over 200 yards both rushing and passing in 2001 and were almost perfect in the redzone, converting on 44 of 45 opportunities and their only non-conversion was vs Army when they let the clock expire. Logan likes to score quickly and the average TD drive last year was 1:59. ECU had my #1 rated offense in CUSA led by David Garrard who departs as the school record holder in many categories. I think Paul Troth (PS#19) will do a fine job in his place and he has a great supporting cast to work with. Overall I rate ECU's offense 4th best in CUSA this season. Defensively ECU had perhaps the most athletically talented unit in CUSA but they allowed 409 ypg in the regular season which was just 7th best in CUSA. Despite the fact that they lose 5 starters from that unit, they should be stronger on defense after underachieving last season. Steve Logan said that teams may have finally caught up to DC Tim Rose's schemes and that the lack of a pass rush also hurt them last season. They were ranked #41 in the NCAA in 2000 and dropped to #82 in total defense despite having 9 starters back. Logan is just 3-10 against ranked teams. They are 21-11 in CUSA the last 5 years and unlike last year when 4 of their last 5 games were non-Saturday games, this year all 12 take place on Saturday. A look at conference play shows a couple of winnable road games on the docket so if they take care of business at home, ECU should have another successful season. In 2001, 4 of 5 home game crowds ranked in the Top 12 of all-time attendance records. Last season ECU finished -9 in the turnover category and I look for them to top last year's 6 win total this season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Paul Troth So. 6-4 230 *PS#19. 6835 yds in HS career. 4 passes in 3 games as true LY. Sakeen Wright (6-3 200 rFr) PS#40. Desmond Robinson (5-10 200 So).*

FB Art Brown Jr. 5-9 205 *PS#59. 10 gms as true, 164 yards (4.4), 155 KR yds. 313 rush (5.7), 252 rec LY. Marvin Townes (PS#48) 126 rush (4.8), 875 return yards.*

HB Terrance Copper Jr. 5-11 204 *PS#89. 2 sts as true. 11 rec (18.1). 4 sts LY, 14 rec (15.2), 120 yards rush & ret. Damarcus W. Fox (5-9 170 So) PS#129, 39 yds rush as true.*

SE RICHARD ALSTON SR. 5-11 210 *284 yds pass, 94 rush as QB in '99. 274 ttl yds in 2000. 8 sts at HB LY, 33 rec (14.8), 215 rush, 105 pass. Edwin Rios (5-11 175 So) PS#126.*

FL TOREY MORRIS SR. 6-0 183 *PS#95. 4 rec as true. 4 sts, 13 rec (12.5) in 2000. 5 sts LY (miss 3 w/inj), 15 rec (19.3). Marcus White (PS#113), 14 rec (14.5) in 2 years.*

TE Seth Yates Jr. 6-4 247 *PS#101TE. 2 sts in 2000, 4 games LY (inj), 7 rec (13.9), 2 years. Ben Thomas (6-2 246 Sr) PS#116LB. Mostly special teams in 3 years.*

C DOUG WHITE JR. 6-0 292 *PS#277. 1 start as rFr. 12 starts in 2001 at C. Hagen Mason (6-0 285 So) 11 games last year. Hunter Wood (6-3 285 rFr) is PS#269OL.*

RG Brian Fox Jr. 6-2 284 *PS#165DL in 1999. Moved to OL as a redshirt frosh. 2 starts as sophomore LY. Joseph Parsons (6-6 295 rFr) PS#187, moves from RT.*

LG COREY SCHMIDT JR. 6-4 281 *Some action as rFr. Started last 8 in 2001 (2 at RT, 6 at RG). Charlie Dempsey (6-2 287 So) PS#110, 12 games as a backup last year.*

RT BRANDON POPE JR. 6-4 279 *PS#202. Only 2 yrs of organized football prior to college. Backup in 2000. 10 sts (2 at RG, 8 at RT) LY. Trey Magee (6-7 285 rFr) PS#356.*

LT BRIAN RIMPF JR. 6-5 301 *4 sts as rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. 12 sts in 2001, **1st Tm CUSA**, solid vs Freeney, Peppers. Phoenix Evans (6-3 326 Sr) PS#90, 4 sts, 27 games.*

K KEVIN MILLER SR. 6-0 214 *Groza semifinalist in '99 & last year. 11 of 16 as rFr, **L/52**, P & K in 2000, 12-19 FG's, L/43, 33 punts (39.8), 18-21 on FG's in 2001, L/43.*

DEFENSE

OLB JOHN WILLIAMSON SR. 6-2 234 *11 starts, 41 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. 12 starts, 52 tkls, 6 sks, 8 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 73 tkls, **7.5 sks**, 7 tfl LY. Jemarcus Veal (6-2 240 rFr) PS#297.*

DT Damane Duckett Jr. 6-6 280 ***PS#32!!** 1 st as rFr, 14 tkls, 2 sks. 38 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 2 pbu in 2001. Eric Foushee (6-4 285 Jr) JUCO trans, RS LY. Guy Whimper (PS#33TE).*

NG Ronald Pou Sr. 6-1 270 *47 tkls, 4 sks, 13 tfl at JUCO in 2000. 29 tkls, 2.5 sks, 3 tfl here LY. Derek Helms (6-2 285 Jr) PS#220, Karl Zubeck (6-2 262 Sr) JUCO trans LY.*

DT Ja'Waren Blair Sr. 6-5 256 *13 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl in 2000. 33 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 12 games LY. Hosea James (6-2 262 Sr) PS#76. 10 tkls in 1999 & 2000. 17 tkls, 1 tfl as OLB LY.*

OLB ANTWANE YELVERTON JR. 5-11 202 *PS#298RB. 6 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts in 2000, 78 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl. 8 sts, 45 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Kent Nealy (5-9 219 Jr) PS#95, 44 tkls, 4 tfl, 2Y.*

ILB Vonta Leach Jr. 5-11 254 ***PS#31**. 36 tkls, 6 tfl as true. 35 tkls, 3 sks in 2001. Chris Moore (6-1 215 rFr) PS#411, #1 ILB in spg. Richard Koonce (6-2 219 rFr) PS#387.*

ILB Christshawn Gilliam Sr. 5-11 218 *PS#41RB. Moved to LB in 2000. 45 tkls, 2 tfl, 47 tkls, 2 sks, 2 int, 4 pbu LY. Eric Butler (6-3 215 So) PS#248, #1 ILB in spg. Josh Chilsom (PS#128).*

CB JEROME STEWARD SR. 5-8 182 *PS#162. 24 tkls, 1 int as true. 46 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu, 3 sts in 2000. 8 sts, 67 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu LY. Brandon Rainer (5-10 172 Jr) 4 sts, 32 tkls, 7 pbu, 2Y.*

CB KELLY HARDY SR. 5-11 197 *PS#261, top cover CB here. 15 tkls as true. 12 sts, 3 int, 13 pbu, 49 tkls in 2000. 9 sts (inj), 39 tkls, 6 pbu LY. Donald Whitehead (5-9 170 So) PS#173.*

SS ANTHONY ADAMS SR. 5-11 188 *9 sts, 66 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu as rFr. 11 sts, 42 tkls, 5 pbu in 2000. 10 sts, 63 tkls, 4 pbu in 2001. **Richard Moton** (6-4 190 Jr) 128 tkls at JC LY.*

FS TRAVIS HEATH JR. 6-2 186 *PS#127. 4 sts, 67 tkls, 6 pbu LY. **Antwan Adams** (5-11 176 Sr) 12 sts, 71 tkls, 5 pbu in 2000. 12 sts, 56 tkls, 3 pbu LY. Antoine Nealy was PS#102.*

P JARAD PRESTON SR. 5-11 194 *42.1 avg at JUCO in 2000. #12 in NCAA here LY , (44.1 avg reg season), 43.6 avg foll bowl on 49 punts, net of 36.1. Lee Hunt (5-11 243 Sr).*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Iverick Harris 6-3 195 PS#82	
LB	Lorenza Pickett 6-1 225 PS#83	
DL	Dontré Brown 6-0 240 PS#124	
WR	Kevin Roach 6-5 190 PS#114	
OL	Gary Freeman 6-2 290 PS#180	
WR	Mickey McCoy 6-2 185 PS#155	
QB	James Pinkney 6-3 190 PS#134	
OL	Steve Mercier 6-3 285 PS#238	
OL	Tom Wingenbach 6-6 295 PS#244	
K	Ryan Dougherty 5-11 185 PS#25	
DB	Richard Moton 6-4 190 PS#315JC	
DB	Jared Brogden 5-9 160 PS#269	
DB	Reicko Jones 5-9 165 PS#318	
QB	Kort Shankweiler 6-2 205 PS#212	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score EC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	at Duke	G					
Sep. 7	at Wake Forest	G					
Sep. 14	Tulane	G					
Sep. 21							
Sep. 28	at W Virginia	A					
Oct. 5	Army	G					
Oct. 12							
Oct. 19	S Florida (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	at Louisville	G					
Nov. 2	Cincinnati	G					
Nov. 9	at Houston	G					
Nov. 16	at UAB	G					
Nov. 23	TCU	G					
Nov. 30	at S Mississippi	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

ECU is 2-5 ATS last 7 vs Syracuse.
Pirates are 5-13-1 ATS as a double digit dog since 1992.
ECU is 8-3 ATS their last 11 vs Memphis.

Pirates are 12-4 ATS in the first of 2 or more road games.
E Carolina is 5-2-1 ATS their first road game of the season.

E Carolina is 17-7-1 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
ECU is 11-6-2 ATS since 1990 in September road games.

E Carolina is 4-1 SU, but 2-3 ATS vs the Green Wave since 1983.
Pirates are 1-9 ATS in their 1st lined home game.

Pirates are 2-9 ATS their last 11 games after a bye.
EC is 3-6-1 ATS their last 10 meetings with the Big East.

Pirates are 5-12-1 ATS in their last 18 October home games.
The home team is 0-5 ATS in this series.

Bonus: ECU is 4-13 ATS in the first game of a 2 (+) homestand.

Pending 9/28: Pirates are 7-4 SU, but only 2-9 ATS after a bye since 1990.
Pending earlier results, ECU entered TY 11-4 ATS vs non-conf foes.

EC is 2-2 SU & ATS vs the Cards since '83, but 2-0 SU & ATS at Louisville.
Pirates are 12-6 ATS in their last 18 October away games.

ECU is 8-13 ATS in their last 21 November gms, 4-7 ATS as a favorite.
Home team is 10-1 ATS in this series since 1989.

The Pirates are 3-6 ATS their last 9 November away games.
EC is 3-1 SU and 2-2 ATS in this short series.

The Pirates have been DD favorites in both recent meetings with UAB.
However, they are not only 0-2 ATS, they have lost both gms SU as well.

Only the 2nd meeting between teams in CUSA play, EC winning 37-30 LY.
Pending 11/2: Pirates are 9-4 SU, but 4-7-2 ATS in sandwiched HG's S/'94.

E Carolina has covered 5 of their last 8 road finales.
The visitor is 9-2-1 ATS the last 12 in this series.

STEVE LOGAN (Career 65-50)

11th Year at East Carolina

Logan's records AT East CAROLINA

65-50 Straight Up
48-52-4 Vs The Spread
17-19-2 Off A S/U Loss
24-26-1 Vs Conference
15-19-1 Home Favorite
3-9-1 Home Dog
12-10 Away Favorite
18-14-2 Away Dog
24-26-3 Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (23,22,3)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,375

CUSA

K Kevin Miller

STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (43,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	8-3	5-6	6-5	9-2	7-4	6-5	49-28
ATS	5-4-2	5-4	3-6-2	4-6	9-2	5-6	5-5	36-33-4
Home Fav	2-2-1	1-3	1-2	1-2	4-0	2-3	1-3	12-15-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-0	3-3-1
Away Fav	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	3-1	11-7
Away Dog	2-1-1	2-1	0-3-1	2-2	1-0	2-0	1-1	10-8-2
Favorite	3-3-1	3-3	2-3	2-3	6-1	3-5	4-4	23-22-1
Dog	2-1-1	2-1	1-3-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-1	13-11-3
Grass	3-3-1	4-4	2-4-1	4-5	8-2	5-5	3-3	29-26-2
Artificial	2-1-1	1-0	1-2-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-2	7-7-2
vs CUSA	4-1	1-1	3-2-1	1-5	4-2	3-4	4-3	20-18-1
vs Non-CUSA	1-3-2	4-3	0-4-1	3-1	5-0	2-2	1-2	16-15-3
Off SU Win	4-2-1	3-3	2-3	4-3	6-2	2-4	2-3	23-20-1
Off SU Loss	1-1-1	2-1	1-3-1	0-3	2-0	1-2	3-1	10-11-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Leonard Henry	213	1693	65	1627	19	7.6
Art Brown	**55**	**334**	**21**	**313**	**1**	**5.7**
David Garrard	130	486	252	234	8	1.8
Richard Alston	**17**	**228**	**13**	**215**	**1**	**12.6**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
David Garrard	313	175	55.9	2408	13	11
Richard Alston	**4**	**2**	**50.0**	**105**	**2**	**1**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Derrick Collier	35	556	15.9	0	54	
Richard Alston	**33**	**487**	**14.8**	**3**	**51**	
Leonard Henry	26	210	8.1	2	37	
Arnie Powell	18	238	13.2	2	54	
Art Brown	**16**	**252**	**15.8**	**2**	**66**	
Torey Morris	**15**	**289**	**19.3**	**3**	**56**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jarad Preston	**49**	**2136**	**43.6**	**–**	**36.1**	**0**	**4**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Kevin Miller	**6-6**	**10-10**	**2-5**	**0-0**	**18-21**	**43**	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Pernell Griffin	166	2	7	6	0
Greg LeFever	103	4	11	5	1
John Williamson	**73**	**7.5**	**7**	**2**	**1**
Travis Heath	**67**	**0**	**5**	**6**	**1**
Jerome Steward	**67**	**0**	**2**	**8**	**1**
Anthony Adams	**63**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**1**
Antwan Adams	**56**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Christshawn Gilliam	**47**	**2**	**1**	**4**	**2**
Antwane Yelverton	**45**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Chris Howell	41	1	0	1	0
Kelly Hardy	**39**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**0**
Damane Duckett	**38**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Ty Hunt	38	0	5	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Marvin Townes	**14**	**100**	**7.1**	**0**
Terrance Copper	**10**	**70**	**7.0**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Marvin Townes	**31**	**775**	**25.0**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Liberty	+7	Illinois	0-30	L
95	Liberty	+3'	Stanford	19-13	W
99	Mobile Alabama	-4'	TCU	14-28	L
00	galleryfurniture.com	+1	Texas Tech	40-27	W
01	Mobile	-2	Marshall (2OT)	61-64	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	35.1	21	213	5.4	210	55.5	12.1	-9	2001	9	30.0	24	142	3.1	287	58.2	14.3
9*	30.8	20	169	4.1	225	51.2	12.8	+1	2000	6	21.3	18	137	3.3	212	54.1	16.3
6*	27.8	20	155	4.0	236	57.4	14.1	+3	1999	6	18.8	19	135	3.3	207	52.2	18.2
6	24.9	19	151	3.7	236	62.4	15.5	+10	1998	8	27.0	20	192	4.1	185	55.2	13.9
4	19.5	18	67	2.5	240	58.8	15.8	-2	1997	4	27.1	21	177	3.8	191	56.6	13.6
9*	28.7	23	181	4.8	257	53.8	15.3	+13	1996	6	19.5	19	149	3.6	189	56.6	17.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Wake Forest	17	25-63	2.5	18-35	231	3	24	69-290	4.2	9-16	161	2	-2
at Tulane	21	45-319	7.1	11-22	220	1	28	38-141	3.7	29-53	288	1	+4
William & Mary	18	29-199	6.9	12-24	245	0	26	56-180	3.2	19-33	292	6	0
at Syracuse	19	37-275	7.4	17-34	192	3	22	47-108	2.3	18-29	312	3	-1
at N Carolina	13	37-190	5.1	9-23	109	1	25	48-134	2.8	21-33	278	1	-1
at Army	24	42-263	6.3	13-22	178	0	25	43-153	3.6	21-38	289	1	+1
Memphis	28	57-205	3.6	20-26	268	3	11	31-72	2.3	16-27	159	2	0
at TCU	19	28-130	4.6	15-30	221	0	26	37-27	0.7	31-60	380	5	-2
at Cincinnati	16	39-305	7.8	12-19	159	1	26	56-190	3.4	18-34	253	3	-2
Louisville	24	37-167	4.5	21-34	284	4	22	44-138	3.1	22-34	292	2	-2
S Mississippi	25	41-109	2.7	19-29	250	3	21	48-195	4.1	18-25	167	3	-5
†Marshall	23	53-331	6.2	11-23	161	3	36	34-73	2.1	41-70	576	4	+1
TOTALS	247	470-2556	5.4	178-321	2518	22	292	551-1701	3.1	263-452	3447	33	-9
AVERAGES	20.6	39-213	5.4	15-27	210	1.8	24.3	46-142	3.1	22-38	287	2.8	-0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia	+7	17-24	T
Wake Forest	-12	25-24	L
S Carolina	E/-1	0-26	L
at Syracuse	+14'	0-56	L
S Mississippi	+10	13-23	T
at Tulane	+10	16-33	L
Memphis	-2'	32-10	W
at Louisville	-2'	45-31	W
at Houston	-2	28-27	L
Cincinnati	+3	14-7	W
at NC State	+10	24-37	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+10	3-38	L
UT-Chatt	NL	31-0	–
at Ohio U	-1'	21-14	W
Army	-13	30-25	L
UAB	-15'	26-7	W
at Alabama	+9	22-23	W
at S Mississippi	+10	7-41	L
Houston	-6	31-34	L
at Cincinnati	-14'	24-21	L
Louisville	+3	45-63	L
at Memphis	+2	34-31	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Virginia	+6	30-23	W
Duke	-4	27-9	W
at S Carolina	+1	21-3	W
† Miami (Fla)	+11	27-23	W
at Army	-11'	33-14	W
S Mississippi	+2	22-39	L
Tulane	-10'	52-7	W
at Houston	-4'	19-3	W
at UAB	-13	17-36	L
Cincinnati	-10	48-34	W
NC State	-8	23-6	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-11	38-0	W
Virginia Tech	+5'	28-45	L
Tulane	-21	37-17	L
Syracuse	-5	34-17	W
at Memphis	-6'	10-17	L
Army	-25	42-21	L
at Louisville	+1	28-25	W
UAB	-14	13-16	L
Houston	-15	62-20	W
at W Virginia	-3	24-42	L
at S Mississippi	+6	14-9	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	-16	19-21	L
at Tulane	-9'	51-24	W
William & Mary	NL	38-23	–
at Syracuse	+7	30-44	L
at N Carolina	+6	21-24	W
at Army	-13'	49-26	W
Memphis	-10	32-11	W
at TCU	-6'	37-30	W
at Cincinnati	-7'	28-26	L
Louisville	-1	34-39	L
S Mississippi	-1'	21-28	L

TCU HORNED FROGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Printers (PS#34) started as a true frosh and in his first 2 seasons he attempted just 169 and 198 passes and last year, despite missing 2.5 games due to injury, he threw 282 times. Printers was injured early against Tulane which was one of the main reasons for the loss. Coming off the bench was Sean Stilley who was an option QB in high school. The coaches changed his throwing grip and it took him awhile to adapt but he got in 10 passes his first 2 years. In his 1st start against Army he simply completed 21 of 29 for 273 yards and 3 TD's and was named CUSA Offensive POW. In his 2nd start against E Caro they generated just 57 yards in the first half and trailed by 24. Stilley sprained his ankle on the last play of the half and that brought Printers off the bench. Printers attempted an amazing 50 passes in the 2H, throwing for 319 yards, and almost guided the comeback. The next week against UAB, Printers threw for 310. Unfortunately, after guiding the team to upsets of Louisville and S Miss in the final 2 games, Printers did not have a good bowl game with 4 int's. For the season Printers threw for 1,968 yards (53.5%) with a 13-12 ratio. He then stunned the coaching staff by transferring to a IAA school because he disagreed with the team's run first philosophy on offense and wanted to enhance his NFL status. Stilley is back after throwing for 545 yards and rushing for 122 last year. He will have to hold off a couple of talented youngsters. Tye Gunn (6-3 217 rFr, PS#52) led his team to the Texas high school title in 2000. Brandon Hassell (6-1 196 So, PS#79) saw action in 1 game last year. Zack Moore (6-3 190 So) is also a top-notch athlete. Some of this year's top signees will also contend. With the loss of a talented 3 year starter, I will call this unit weaker.

RUNNING BACKS - LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for over 4,000 yards his last 2 years here and was the 5th pick overall in the NFL draft last year. Ricky Madison had 86 yards rushing (4.3) as a rFr in 2000. He has worked hard since enrolling and last year benched 410 with 4.3 speed. Andrew Hayes-Stoker was the most experienced back returning last year with 324 career rush yards. He did not have the speed of the rest of the TB's and was also limited due to a knee injury in the spring and rushed for just 94 yards in 2001. Madison led the team in rushing in the first 4 games but got injured and Corey Connally simply rushed for 199 yards in his 1st start vs Houston and followed that up with 74 and 151 yard efforts. He was then slowed by a groin injury in the next outing and had just 10 yards on 10 attempts and after 1 rush attempt the next week, suffered a stress fracture in his leg. Tomlinson had said that Connally would be his successor. Madison led the team in rushing in the final 5 games, but finished with just 640 yards (3.5) which paled in comparison to Connally's 4.5 ypc. Frank Montgomery (5-9 185 Sr) was recruited by Texas A&M and had 47 yards rushing as a rFr in 1999, but just 8 net yards rush the last 2 years. FB Reggie Holts (6-0 238 Sr) had 57 yards rushing (2.7) and his backup is Jon Muther (6-3 235 Sr) who had 2 starts and 70 total yards in 2001. They did start a FB 6 times last year but I list a 3 WR set below which they used more often. FB Kenny Boyd (6-0 207 So) was PS#207. The big news this year is the addition of Kenny Hayter (PS#18) who transferred from Texas. Hayter rushed for 333 yards in 23 games for the Longhorns in 1999 and 2000 and is a rare VHT signee here. I expect Hayter to win the starting job and with the healthy return of Connally, I think this unit will put up much better numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Frogs were well stocked at TE last year but did have to replace their top 2 WR's due to graduation. Two players really emerged and ended up leading the team. Adrian Madise, who was a late JUCO signee that didn't even make it into last year's media guide, led the team with 57 rec's (15.5). At one point last year Madise put together four straight 100 yard games after having just 4 rec's at JC the previous 2 years. LaTarence Dunbar was a super returnman who also ran a leg in the 4x400m relay on the TCU track team. Dunbar was #2 on the team with 45 rec (12.6). Each player had 10 against E Car which was only the 2nd time in school history that 2 players had double digit receptions in the same game. Shane Hudnall (6-1 175 Jr), who dropped 30 lbs last offseason, had 12 receptions (6.5) after 6 games. Hudnall was PS#2K and is an accomplished KO specialist. Unfortunately he was injured in practice and lost for the year after the Tulane game. Reggie Harrell (6-3 209 So) was the WAC Indoor Track Frosh of the Year and was injured last year and missed the season. This year the only losses are their 2 top-notch TE's in BJ Roberts (6 sts, 7 rec, 10.4) and Matt Schobel (#3DC of CIN, 6 sts, 21 rec, 15.8). I list their replacements below. This group has more experience and Madise and Dunbar are one of CUSA's best WR combos.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Frogs had one of the most experienced OL's in the country in 2000 and they paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 15 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 starters including three 1st Team WAC performers and 4 of the projected starters did not even letter in 2000, so the group was extremely young and inexperienced. The offense started off slowly in the first 6 games as the team averaged just 280.8 ypg total offense, but in the last 5 regular season games averaged 410.6 ypg. The tough Aggie defense did limit them to just 118 total yards in the bowl game. Overall the unit paved the way for just 2.8 ypc rushing. The sack totals rose as the season went on as they gave up just 11 sacks in the first 6 games but 21 over the last 6. This year the group is in much better shape as four starters return with the only loss being LG Victor Payne (12 sts, 1st Tm CUSA) and all 5 backups return. They average 6-6 305 lbs and this unit is vastly more experienced.

LB LaMarcus McDonald

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Frogs had one of the top DL's in the country in both '99 and 2000 but had to replace 3 starters last year including a pair of NFL DC's. They then lost starting DE Bo Schobel for the season to an injury and also had DT's John Turntine and Chad Pugh banged up at times. After allowing just 2.5 ypc and recording 45 sacks in 2000, the Frogs still finished #10 in the country last year in rush D, yielding just 2.7 ypc while recording 40 sacks. Last year I mentioned that the DL was inexperienced, but yet had top-notch talent, and they did play beyond their years. Surprisingly, there are 3 VHT's in this group if you include true frosh Earl Anderson and a spattering of HT's as well. They must replace DE Chad McCarty (12 sts, 44 tkls, 2 tfl) and DE Joe Hill (8 sts, 41 tkls, 5 sks) but 6 of the top 8 return. This group is much more experienced and should be one of CUSA's top DL's.

LINEBACKERS - TCU runs a 4-2-5 defense and I list the weak safety as an LB. Last year the team had to replace one starter and one backup but they were the #2 and #4 tacklers. I expected a huge impact from Tennessee transfer Devon Davis but he was relegated to backup duties all season. TCU did suffer a loss early when Josh Goolsby, who won the starting MLB job, was injured vs N Texas and lost for the season. LaMarcus McDonald emerged and had a dominating year, finishing #4 in the NCAA in tfl with an amazing 24.5 in the regular season and finished with 8 sacks and 97 tackles. This year they must replace SLB Chad Bayer (12 sts, 82 tkls, 11.5 tfl) and WS Charlie Owens (12 sts, 76 tkls, 7.5 tfl, 5 pbu). They move starting SS Marvin Godbolt to WS and he is a VHT. He had 3 tfl versus Eric Crouch last year. This group is loaded with talent and has 4 of the top 6 back plus Goolsby's return and the addition of SS Godbolt so I think they could be even stronger despite the losses.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 they returned all 4 starters and with an aggressive front 7 moved all the way up to #16 in my pass D rankings, allowing 44.5% with a 13-15 ratio. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups but did have 4 players with starting experience returning. Overall the Frogs plummeted to #91, allowing 225.5 ypg (53%) and a 19-7 ratio. This year they must replace CB Bo Springfield (6 sts, 12 tkls), CB Kendrick Patterson (3 sts, 4 tkls), FS Jason Higham (2 sts, 23 tkls) and Godbolt who moved to WS. Jason Goss had an incredible year with 23 pbu (#3 in NCAA) and Kenneth Hilliard was very effective in his 1st year at FS. This could be the year that the speedy Braziel brothers (Jerrod and Jerome) make an impact as they were both among the nation's top sprinters in high school. I list a talented 2 deep below. This group does have 4 players back with starting experience. I look for a solid rise in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - TCU has been very special in this area for the last couple of years. In 1999 they finished #14 in my rankings but did have to replace super punter Royce Huffman who doubled as a PR. In 2000, Joey Biasatti averaged 41.6 on 26 punts before breaking his leg at midseason. True frosh John Braziel then took over (37.2). They did have LaTarence Dunbar who averaged an amazing 33.5 on KR's and they moved up to #3 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace K Chris Kaylakie who hit 16 of 19 FG's. Nick Browne, who is a member of the TCU soccer team, won the kicking job and a couple of times played in a soccer game, the night before and had to fly to the site of the football game. Browne hit 14 of 20 FG's with a long of 50. The top PR was Jason Goss (9.8) but Dunbar's KR average dropped to 19.5. Shane Hudnall does a great job on KO's. The team has allowed just 18.0, 15.8, 18.8 on KR's the last 3 years. Biasatti improved his average to 43.0 and his net to 39.2. They finished #31 in my rankings last year and with everyone back, TCU is a clear Top 20 contender in my special teams rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I thought TCU had a great shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and they just missed out with a 10-1 regular season. They moved up to a tougher conference last year in CUSA and had the fewest amount of returning starters in the league (8) and the most lettermen lost (27). I said it would be quite an accomplishment for them to make it back to a bowl game, but the Frogs had a miracle finish to the year. They took advantage of a disinterested Louisville team that had just accepted its bowl bid and had clinched the CUSA Title the previous week, then beat S Miss on the road to get to the bowl game. In the bowl they lost to Texas A&M for a final record of 6-6. They have had 4 consecutive non-losing seasons now and 4 consecutive bowls. Last year there were six times where they had 10+ days to prepare for an opponent. I mentioned last year that the Frogs had a talented team with a lot of HT's but it was very young. This year the group is in much better shape as they have 14 starters back and lose just 13 lettermen, (fewest in CUSA). The offense went from averaging 35.9 ppg in 2000 to just 24.1 last year, but should be more potent with 8 starters back, especially if RB Kenny Hayter lives up to his VHT status. The OL looks strong with 4 starters back and last year in league play they averaged 389 ypg, which was 4th best in CUSA. The Frogs also had my #4 rated CUSA defense last year and return 6 starters and look even stronger. The team has 5 players making my Preseason 1st Team CUSA, the second most in the league. Overall, this team has the talent to stand toe-to-toe with anyone in conference play which makes them a contender for the crown, and I'll call for a 5th straight bowl trip for the Frogs.

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2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Sean Stilley Sr. 6-5 236 10 passes in '99-2000. 5 gms LY, 2 sts, 545 yds (63.2%), 3-4 ratio, 122 rush. Tye Gunn (6-3 217 rFr) PS#52. Brandon Hassell (6-1 196 So) PS#79.

TB KENNY HAYTER JR. 6-0 224 PS#18. 333 yards (3.6), 2Y at Texas. Ricky Madison (5-10 200 Jr) PS#152, 726 yds (3.5) 2Y. Corey Connally (5-11 192 Jr) 444 yds (4.5) LY.

WR TERRAN WILLIAMS SR. 5-10 170 Sprinter on track tm. 7 rec in '99 & 2000. 4 sts LY, 20 rec (11.8). **FB Reggie Holts** (6-0 238 Sr) 4 sts here LY after JC trans. 165 total yds.

WR ADRIAN MADISE SR. 6-0 206 JC trans LY. #1 here w/57 rec (15.5), 4 straight 100 yd gms. Reggie Harrell (6-3 209 So) PS#79, WAC Indoor & Outdoor Track Frosh of Yr, inj LY.

WR LaTARENCE DUNBAR SR. 5-11 191 41 rec (15.2) in 1999 & 2000. 12 starts LY, 45 rec (12.6), 545 return yards. Shane Hudnall PS#2K. Orig at Texas. 12 rec here LY (inj).

TE Stanley Moss Jr. 6-2 250 PS#123. 1 st LY, 2 rec (13.5), 4 gms. Quint Ellis (6-4 232 Sr) PS#73, 1 st, 5 rec (15.6), 2Y. Cody McCarty (6-4 256 So) PS#188QB, DE LY.

C JAMAL POWELL SR. 6-4 294 Backup OT as rFr. 6 gms at C in 2000, 10 knockdowns. 11 sts LY. Chase Johnson (6-2 300 So) PS#112DL. 1 st as rFr, also plays G.

RG JT AUGHINBAUGH SR. 6-6 296 8 gms in 2000, 21 KD's, 323 lbs LY & 12 sts. Trimmed 27 lbs! Zach Bray (6-4 315 So) school record 555 bench. Shane Sims (6-2 302 rFr) PS#64.

LG Josh Harbuck Sr. 6-6 302 PS#102. Missed 8 gms in 2000 (inj) 3 KD's. 2nd string last year & 10 gms. Ben Angeley (6-4 292 rFr) PS#349. Stephen Culp is PS#154.

RT BRADY BARRICK SR. 6-6 298 PS#185. 8 gms in 2000, 19 KD's. 11 sts LY & fastest OL here. Jonathan Morgan (6-4 311 Jr) PS#373, 1 st LY. Matt Orlovsky (6-4 305 Jr) PS#99.

LT JOHN GLUD JR. 6-6 334 PS#252. 8 gms in 2000, 19 KD's. 12 sts LY at LT. Anthony Alabi (6-6 325 So) attended Naval Acad in '99.10 gms here LY & 1 of strongest OL's.

K NICK BROWNE JR. 5-10 165 Leading scorer on TCU soccer team. Hit 14 of 20 field goals including 6 of 8 from 40+ with a long of 50. Mike Wynn (5-10 190 rFr) is PS#18.

DEFENSE

DE Bo Schobel Jr. 6-5 267 PS#109DL. 31 tkls, 5 sks, 1 tfl, 6 press in 2000. 1 st LY until inj. Andrew Calovich (6-1 235 So) 2 tkls LY. Anthony Ruiz (6-2 246 Jr) PS#327.

DT JOHN TURNTINE SR. 6-2 275 25 tkls, 2 tfl in 1999. 13 tkls, 2 sks in 2000. 11 sts LY, 41 tkls, 5 sks, 6.5 tfl. Richard Evans (6-3 265 Jr) PS#340. 1 st, 41 tkls, 2 sks, 3.5 tfl in 2001.

NT CHAD PUGH JR. 6-3 305 **PS#36**, 28 tkls, 8 tfl, 12 gms in 2000. 9 sts, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 26 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl LY. Brandon Johnson (6-2 295 So) **PS#46**, 3 sts, 18 tkls, 1 tfl LY.

DE Robert Pollard Jr. 6-2 255 PS#107DL. 22 tkls, 2 sks, 3 press as rFr. 3 sts LY, 55 tkls, 5 sks, 11.5 tfl. Ranorris Ray (6-2 256 rFr) PS#344. Earl Anderson is **PS#21**.

SLB LaMARCUS McDONALD SR. 6-1 230 PS#135. PQ. 33 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 97 tkls, 8 sks, 21.5 tfl (#4 NCAA), 5 pbu. Martin Patterson (6-1 233 So) PS#115, 2 tkls as true.

MLB Devon Davis Jr. 6-1 233 PS#9 in 1999, Tennessee transfer. 23 tkls, 2.5 tfl, 3 pbu here last year. **Josh Goolsby** (6-2 234 Jr) PS#277LB, 1 st. 4 tkls in 2001 until injury.

WS MARVIN GODBOLT SO. 6-0 193 PS#53DB. 11 sts as rFr at SS, CUSA Frosh Team, 64 tkls, 6 sks, 8 tfl, 2 pbu. Jeremy Modkins (5-11 192 rFr) PS#235. QB/FS in high school.

CB JASON GOSS SR. 5-11 189 PS#159. 12 sts as rFr, 36 tkls, 8 pbu. 5 sts 2000 (inj), 16 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 64 tkls, #3 NCAA 23 pbu! 450 lb bench. Jerrod Braziel PS#85.

CB Tyrone Sanders Jr. 5-11 168 PS#352. 1 start as rFr, 3 int, 3 pbu, 11 tkls. 3 sts LY, 19 tkls, 3 pbu. Mark Walker (5-10 189 So) PS#139, 5 tkls as true. Jerome Braziel is PS#80.

SS Jared Smitherman Sr. 6-1 208 2 tkls as rFr until inj. 7 tkls in 2000. 1 st, 11 tkls, 1 sk, 1 pbu LY. Flander Malone (5-11 194 rFr) PS#266. Brandon Williams (6-3 190 Jr) Missouri trans.

FS KENNETH HILLIARD SR. 6-2 205 25 tkls, 5 pbu at ULM in '98. 3 sts @CB here in 2000, 32 tkls, 3 pbu. 10 sts @FS LY, 91 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Chris Peoples (6-1 170 So) PS#169, 10 tkls LY.

P JOEY BIASATTI SR. 5-11 207 PS#29. 26 punts in 2000, 41.6 avg until broken leg. 71 punts LY, 43.0 avg and **net of 39.2!** John Braziel (6-3 205 So) 22 punts (37.2) as true.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL Earl Anderson 6-3 283 PS#21
QB Jeffrey Ballard 6-1 195 PS#45
RB Robert Merrill 5-11 195 PS#104
RB Lonta Hobbs 6-0 210 PS#153
LB Matt Hines 6-3 230 PS#131
TE Maurice Bouldwin 6-4 262 PS#58
RB Reggie La'Mothe 6-1 230 PS#167
OL Herbert Taylor 6-4 245 PS#212
WR Michael DePriest 6-2 175 PS#173
TE Chad Andrus 6-4 220 PS#101
DB Eric Buchanan 5-10 190 PS#401
DB Elvis Gallegos 6-1 175 PS#421
DL Terence James 6-2 260 PS#398
QB Cory Rodgers 6-1 185 PS#297

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TCU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	at Cincinnati (Mon)	A					
Sep. 7	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 14	SMU	G					
Sep. 21	N Texas	G					
Sep. 28							
Oct. 5	Houston (HC)	G					
Oct. 12	at Army	A					
Oct. 19	at Louisville	G					
Oct. 26							
Oct. 30	S Miss (Wed)	G					
Nov. 9	Tulane	G					
Nov. 16							
Nov. 23	at E Carolina	G					
Nov. 30	Memphis	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Frogs are 4-4 SU, but 6-2 ATS in their first lined home game.
TCU is 26-20 ATS in their last 46 away games, but 7-10 ATS the L3Y.
Frogs are 4-9 ATS in sandwiched home games.

TCU is 16-9 ATS their last 25 games on artificial turf.
The Horned Frogs are 7-2 ATS in their last 9 road openers.

This is only the 3rd time TCU will face a Big 10 opp in the L20Y. They are 1-1 SU & ATS.
Frogs are 2-6 ATS since 1996 in their 2nd straight away game.

Could apply: TCU is 5-1 ATS their last 6 as a single digit favorite.
The visitor is 15-5 ATS in the last 20 meetings.

TCU is 7-2 ATS when hosting fellow Texas teams.
Horned Frogs 5-2 ATS the last 4 years in their 2nd straight home game.

TCU is 6-12 ATS in their last 18 October games.
Coming into 2002 Frogs were 11-1 ATS as a home favorite the last 3 yrs.

TCU was 3-1 SU but 2-2 ATS as an AF for Patterson LY & all 3 wins were by DD.
The home team is 5-0 ATS since '87 when TCU faces a Service Academy.

Pending prior results, TCU is 7-4 SU but 4-7 ATS S/'93 when playing current CUSA tms.
Frogs came into 2002 with a 3-5 ATS mark their last 8 as a road dog.

Strange but true: TCU is both 1-4 & 6-13 ATS in their 3rd October gm S/'80.

Pending 10/5: Frogs are 2-4 ATS the last 6 off a bye.
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TCU is 3-2 SU, but 0-5 ATS in their last 5 games vs the Green Wave.
TCU is 7-2 the last 3 years, but 15-28-1 prior to 1999 in November games.

Pending earlier results: TCU is 9-3 SU and ATS in November since 1998.
TCU is 4-18 SU (4-0 L/4) the last 22 but 7-1 ATS the last 8 in road finales.

This is the 1st ever meeting between these two CUSA schools.
Horned Frogs are 8-17 ATS in their last 25 home finales (3-0 L/3).

GARY PATTERSON (Career 6-7)
2nd Year at TCU

Patterson's records AT TCU

6-7 Straight Up	1-0 Home Favorite
6-4 Vs The Spread	1-1 Home Dog
3-2 Off A S/U Loss	2-2 Away Favorite
4-3 Vs Conference	2-1 Away Dog
	2-1 Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (26,20,5)
Lost: 13 (4,9,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,972

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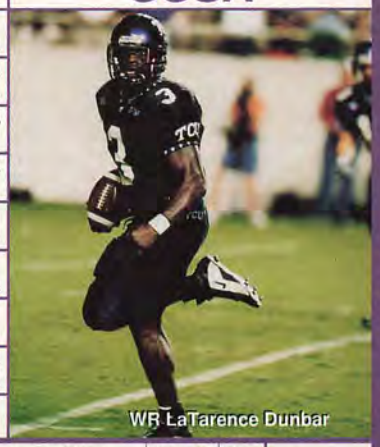
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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-7	1-10	6-5	7-4	10-1	6-5	40-37
ATS	5-6	5-6	5-6	6-5	7-4	7-4	6-4	41-35
Home Fav	1-3	1-1	0-1	1-2	5-0	5-1	1-0	14-8
Home Dog	0-1	0-3	2-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	6-8
Away Fav	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-3	2-3	2-2	9-8
Away Dog	2-2	4-2	3-3	1-2	0-1	0-0	2-1	12-11
Favorite	3-3	1-1	0-1	3-2	6-3	7-4	3-2	23-16
Dog	2-3	4-5	5-5	3-3	1-1	0-0	3-2	18-19
Grass	1-4	4-5	2-4	4-5	6-3	6-3	5-2	28-26
Artificial	4-2	1-1	3-2	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	13-9
vs Conf	3-4	4-4	3-5	4-4	5-2	5-3	4-3	28-25
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	13-10
Off SU Win	2-4	2-2	0-0	3-2	4-2	5-4	2-2	18-16
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-4	4-6	2-3	2-2	1-0	3-2	16-19

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ricky Madison	185	716	76	640	3	3.5
Corey Connally	98	477	33	444	4	4.5
Andrew Hayes-Stoker	28	101	7	94	1	3.4
Sean Stilley	31	122	75	47	1	1.5
Casey Printers	77	279	256	23	3	0.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Casey Printers	282	151	53.5	1968	13	12
Sean Stilley	76	48	63.2	545	3	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Adrian Madise	57	884	15.5	5	80	
LaTarence Dunbar	45	565	12.6	3	36	
Matt Schobel	21	332	15.8	5	67	
Terran Williams	20	236	11.8	1	23	
Reggie Holts	11	108	9.8	1	37	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Joey Biasatti	71	3056	43.0	–	39.2	0	24

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Browne	7-7	1-5	5-7	1-1	14-20	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
LaMarcus McDonald	97	8	21.5	5	0
Kenneth Hilliard	91	0	2	5	2
Chad Bayer	82	1	10.5	2	0
Charlie Owens	76	1	6.5	5	1
Jason Goss	64	0	0.5	23	3
Marvin Godbolt	64	6	8	2	1
Robert Pollard	55	5	11.5	1	0
Chad McCarty	44	1	1	0	0
John Turntine	41	5	6.5	1	0
Joe Hill	41	5	2.5	0	0
Richard Evans	41	2	3.5	0	0
Chad Pugh	26	3	4	0	0
Devon Davis	23	0	2.5	3	0
Jason Higham	23	0	0	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Goss	30	293	9.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
LaTarence Dunbar	28	545	19.5	0

HORNED FROGS

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Independence	+10	Virginia	10-20	T
98	Sun	+16	USC	28-19	W
99	Mobile Alabama	+4'	E Carolina	28-14	W
00	Mobile Alabama	-7	S Mississippi	21-28	L
01	galleryfurniture.com	+5	Texas A&M	9-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TCU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	24.1	18	112	2.8	209	55.4	13.3	-1	2001	4	23.8	16	95	2.7	226	53.0	13.5
10*	35.9	20	265	5.0	143	56.3	11.4	+10	2000	8	11.2	15	91	2.5	161	44.5	22.5
5*	31.0	18	236	5.0	139	57.5	12.1	+3	1999	8	17.7	16	91	2.5	188	52.0	15.7
7*	22.3	17	245	4.9	93	47.7	15.2	-2	1998	5	19.6	16	148	3.7	191	52.0	17.3
4*	15.6	16	110	3.0	162	47.1	17.4	-5	1997	6	29.6	20	158	3.6	195	52.9	12.0
4	19.2	17	155	4.1	169	58.7	17.0	-1	1996	5	27.5	18	177	4.2	203	55.5	14.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Nebraska	6	28-56	2.0	11-22	130	2	16	50-159	3.2	10-18	151	4	+1
at N Texas	15	46-106	2.3	10-16	92	1	7	34-106	3.1	3-12	23	4	-1
at SMU	16	47-171	3.6	13-21	119	1	9	30-39	1.3	14-30	109	6	0
Northwestern St	16	32-77	2.4	18-32	263	3	23	43-121	2.8	18-36	326	6	0
at Houston	19	50-268	5.4	12-22	89	1	15	26-113	4.3	20-40	272	2	+2
at Tulane	21	44-131	3.0	18-36	183	3	21	35-116	3.3	21-31	355	1	-4
Army	24	50-212	4.2	21-29	273	3	13	32-97	3.0	14-27	230	0	+1
E Carolina	26	37-27	0.7	31-60	380	5	19	28-130	4.6	15-30	221	0	+2
at UAB	20	34-20	0.6	22-36	310	4	16	43-104	2.4	9-18	223	1	-2
Louisville	19	42-178	4.2	13-24	256	1	20	25-(-47)	-1.9	33-52	381	11	+2
at S Mississippi	18	42-123	2.9	15-31	274	2	18	30-94	3.1	20-37	224	2	+2
†Texas A&M	11	24-(-26)	-1.1	15-30	144	6	17	49-104	2.1	9-20	191	3	-4
TOTALS	211	476-1343	2.8	199-359	2513	32	194	425-1136	2.7	186-351	2706	40	-1
AVERAGES	17.6	40-112	2.8	17-30	209	2.7	16.2	35-95	2.7	16-29	226	3.3	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	+10'	10-17	W
Utah	+4	18-32	L
at Vanderbilt	+7	16-40	L
N Carolina	+26	10-31	W
at UNLV	+8	19-21	W
Tulsa	-7'	22-33	L
at BYU	+18'	10-31	L
New Mexico	+8	10-40	L
at Rice	+21	19-38	W
at UTEP	+2	17-24	L
SMU	+11'	21-18	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+4	31-21	W
Oklahoma	+5'	9-10	W
Air Force	+9	35-34	W
Vanderbilt (OT)	-10'	19-16	L
Fresno St	-1	21-10	W
at SMU	+3	6-10	L
at Colorado St	+13	21-42	L
Wyoming	+3'	27-34	L
Rice	-2'	12-14	L
at Tulsa	-5'	17-7	W
at UNLV	-7	41-18	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	+13	31-35	W
at Northwestern	-8	7-17	L
at Arkansas St	-16	24-21	L
at Fresno St (OT)	+4'	19-26	L
San Jose St	-5'	42-0	W
Tulsa	-17	56-17	W
at Rice	E	21-42	L
at Hawaii	-4'	34-14	W
N Texas	-22	27-3	W
UTEP	-10'	52-24	W
SMU	-11	21-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nevada	-22'	41-10	W
Northwestern	-11	41-14	W
Arkansas St	-26'	52-3	W
at Navy	-27	24-0	L
Hawaii	-38'	41-21	L
at Tulsa	-27'	17-3	L
Rice	-23'	37-0	W
at San Jose St	-13	24-27	L
Fresno St	-13	24-7	W
UTEP	-12'	47-14	W
at SMU	-23'	62-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+30	7-21	W
at N Texas	-17	19-5	L
at SMU	-13	38-10	W
Northwestern St (OT)	NL	24-27	–
at Houston	-7'	34-17	W
at Tulane	-10	22-48	L
Army	-13'	38-20	W
E Carolina	+6'	30-37	L
at UAB	+6	17-38	L
Louisville	+8	37-22	W
at S Mississippi	+10	14-12	W

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CINCINNATI BEARCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Bearcats had to replace their all-time career leader in total offense in Deontey Kenner. Adam Hoover was the most experienced of the returnees as he had started 2 games and played in 5 in 2000 with 665 yards passing (51.5%) and a 3-6 ratio. In spring of 2001 he battled John Leonard who was a transfer from Arizona St. In 1999 Leonard guided the Sun Devils to a comeback upset of UCLA but overall threw for 340 yards (39%) with a 1-4 ratio in 10 games. He ran the scout team here in 2000. The fans hoped true frosh signee Gino Guidugli (who turned down both ND and Kentucky) would win the starting job. Guidugli may have won it before the opener but was bothered by a sore arm in late August. Leonard threw 3 int's in the final preseason scrimmage, so Hoover started the opener. Unfortunately for Hoover (a great kid), he started just 2 games as he was injured in the 1Q vs Army and lost for the season. Hoover threw for 242 yards (58%) with a 2-3 ratio. Guidugli became the 1st true frosh QB to win the CUSA Offensive POW Award and guided three 4Q comebacks, including his 1st game vs Army where he threw the game winning TD pass with :07 left and a legend was born. Later in the season he threw a TD pass with :04 left to beat Memphis. For the season, Guidugli threw for 2,856 yards (59%) with a 17-9 ratio. Guidugli was injured vs E Carolina and another true frosh gave up his redshirt. George Murray (PS#126, more of an option runner) did throw for 130 yards (57%) in 6 games while rushing for 202. He gives the team a nice change of pace when used and he will see time at QB, RB & WR this season. Leonard suffered a torn ligament in his elbow which caused him to miss the whole 2001 season along with spring 2002 practice. Billy Faulkner (6-5 182 rFr, PS#90) and Kenwood Lattimore (6-4 222 rFr, PS#240) add depth. Everyone is back this year and much is expected of Guidugli and he is already one of CUSA's best QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - The Bearcats' new OC in 2001 was Dave Baldwin, former HC of San Jose St. UC had 2 excellent RB's returning in the "Mack and Jack Attack". DeMarco McCleskey averaged 175 ypg over the final 4 games of '98 but missed all of '99. In 2000 he rushed for 572 yards (4.1). Ray Jackson, a Michigan transfer, was the leading rusher in 2000 with 869 yards (4.0). They struggled in the new offense early but came on down the stretch and McCleskey finished with 783 yards (4.1) while Jackson had 601 (4.0). In 2000 they combined for just 17 rec's but last year they had 42 with a super ypc of 14.9! The 3rd leading rusher was QB George Murray. Jackson must be replaced but McCleskey is back, and they add Richard Hall (PS#41) who originally signed with Ohio St in '99. He was Scout Team Off MVP here last year. He had 7,376 yards rushing and 121 TD's in his HS career. Nathan Wize had 106 yards rushing (5.6) and also departs. I list a talented 2 deep below. Not listed is Jon Zwitt (5-11 203 rFr) who was PS#192, plus this year's true frosh signees. Even with the loss of Jackson, I like the addition of Hall, and this unit could be even stronger in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bearcats had to replace all 3 starters due to graduation and this year look to be in much better shape. LaDaris Vann was the team's top receiver in 2000 until a suspension cost him 3 games. He was 100% last year and started all 12 games and led CUSA in receptions with 81 (12.1). He returns for his senior season along with Tye Keith who has 4.45 speed and had 51 catches (12.6). Jon Olinger (6-3 218 Sr) has good size and was #3 with 30 rec's (17.2). The only losses from the group this year are Tim Walker (#5, 14 rec), Robert Drewery (5 rec) and TE JR Deatherage (4 sts, 6 rec). Everyone else is back and I list the 2 deep below. Last year they also signed an excellent crop of true frosh receivers for the more pass oriented offense and they should have an impact. The team doesn't use a TE often, but when they do the candidates are Russ Owens (6-5 265 Jr) who is PS#400JC, and AJ Lucius (6-3 242 So). As long as Vann stays healthy, this looks like one of CUSA's stronger receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '99 the Bearcats' OL was comprised of 2 juniors and 3 underclassmen and helped pave the way for a school record in total offense and allowed only 8 sacks, the lowest in the NCAA. In 2000 all 5 starters returned but the ypc rushing dropped from 4.5 to 3.4 and the sacks increased to 18. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Team CUSA center and 1 backup. The rush game struggled early and they finished the year with just 3.4 ypc and the line allowed 30 sacks. This year they lose 2 starters in RG DeWayne Johnston (12 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA) and LT Shawn Murphy (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) as well as solid backup LG Ted Forrest (2 sts). Three full-time starters return and they add a couple of JUCO's. Also, LT Kyle Takavitz made the CUSA Frosh Team for his solid contributions as the backup LG and LT last season. Included in the 2 deep are 4 players who made the CUSA All-Frosh Team in their careers. The starters average 6-4 289 lbs. This year's group is a little less experienced, but could put up better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bearcats' defense was horrible in 1998, allowing 5.8 ypc rushing. They went to a less aggressive scheme in 1999 and despite having to replace 4 starters and 2 backups, improved to 4.4 ypc. In 2000 they had 13 lettermen returning on the DL including 9 who had started 2 games or more and improved again to 3.8 ypc. Last year they had to replace 4 players but only 1 starter in DT Mario Monds (#6 DC of WAS). Clearly the star of this group is Antwan Peek, who set a school record last year with 12.5 sacks and is already UC's career sack leader. Peek was suspended for 1 game last year and Andre Frazier (6-5 210 So) had 10 tackles and 3 tfl vs Tulane. The only losses from the front wall this year are DT Kirk Thompson (12 sts, 34 tkls, 2 tfl) and DT Dan Wortman (7 tkls, 2 tfl). Not only are 7 of the top 8 DL's back but they add an HT rFr and 2 more JUCO's who I list in the 2 deep below. Not listed is Ben Piening (6-5 276 Sr), who has 9 career starts and was on the CUSA Frosh Team in '98. The Bearcats' D took a step back last year, allowing 4.7 ypc rushing, but the sack total increased to 34. I look for a good sized improvement from this veteran unit.

LINEBACKERS - In the early 1990's UC used to field one of the top LB's corps in the country on a yearly basis but an inexperienced LB corps was probably the main culprit in 1998's poor defensive showing. Last year they had an inexperienced unit once again, having to replace 4 players who combined for 290 tackles and accounted for 33 of 36 starts. This year the unit is much more experienced. The only losses are MLB Lewis Carter (12 sts, 102 tkls, 16 tfl, 698 plays) and backup Ken Wynne (1 st, 2 tkls, 70 plays). The starters played a lot last year and in the first 3 games LB's Carter and Edwards played all 192 snaps. I list the 2 deep below and although this is not an overwhelming unit, it is clearly more experienced than last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Rick Minter has fielded some top-notch secondaries that have ranked as high as #9 and #24 in '96 and '97. Last year their top 5 CB's were all back but they did lose 3 of their top 4 safeties. They finished at #56, allowing 199.3 ypg (53.2%) and a 16-11 ratio. They moved one of their starting CB's, Ivan Fields, to FS and true frosh SS Doug Monaghan had an amazing season, leading the team with 115 tackles. This year they must replace CB LaVar Glover (#7DC of HOU, 12 sts, 50 tkls, 1 int, 17 pbu) who was the fastest of the CB's, CB Anthony Thomas (1 st, 41 tkls, 4 tfl) and SS Aaron Butler (5 tkls, 26 plays). ECU Coach Logan said last year "They're a little bit young in the secondary and they're playing their kids a little bit off, a soft man to man." This year they add 2 JUCO's who I list in the 2 deep below. Not listed below is Jeremy Jackson (5-10 186 So) and Marvin Allen (5-11 195 Jr, PS#239). I like Zach Norton who has size (6-0 180) and 4.46 speed. With 3 starters back this unit is more experienced and even with the loss of their top cover CB, I think they will move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 FG kicking was a weak area for the Bearcats as they hit just 7 of 20 FG's and Minter called it "the worst I've ever been around." In 2000, with the same two K's back, UC simply had the top FG kicking in the country and Jonathan Ruffin won the Lou Groza Award by hitting 26 of 29 FG's with a long of 42 and Jason Mammarelli hit 3 of 3, all from 40+. Ruffin hit 12 straight FG's to set a school record and they tied an NCAA record with 29 FG's during the regular season. Mammarelli handled the KO's as well but departed last year and Ruffin had to take over the long FG's and KO's. The season did not start out well for Ruffin as he missed 3 of his first 4 FG's but he rebounded strongly, missing just 1 more (15 of 19) with an impressive 5 of 6 from 40-49 and a miss from 50+. P Adam Wulfeck was 2nd Team CUSA in each of his first two years. He averaged a super 44.3 per punt and the team had a net punting average of 41.6 (#2 in NCAA)! He is a big loss. Antwan Peek (37.5" VL, #2 on tm) blocked 3 FG's in 2000 (2 vs Miami, OH) and blocked another last year vs Miami. He returns as does their top PR LaDaris Vann (8.3). Departing is Charles Spencer who led the team in KR's (21.3). The team did allow just 16.4 on KR's and 6.2 on PR's. After finishing #12 in 1997 in my special teams rankings and #29 in 1998, they were surprisingly #59 and #68 the next two years. Last year with the outstanding net punting, UC moved back up to #12. Ruffin is back for his senior season as are most of the returnmen but with the loss of Wulfeck, this unit looks weaker.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Cincinnati has been in CUSA for 6 years and in the 1st 4 managed a grand total of 5 conference victories. The last 2 years however they have gone 5-2 each season and finished in 2nd place. UC plays in the 6th oldest stadium (100 years old) but got an updated scoreboard and 10,000 renovated seats last year. They averaged 23,055 fans per home game last year, 2nd best in Nippert Stadium history. Last year UC had their 1st sellout at Nippert since increasing the capacity to 35,000. Since ending their 46 year bowl drought in 1997, they have been to 3 bowls in the last 5 years. For 3 straight years they've taken on the defending Big 10 champ and pulled 1 upset (almost 2!). This year they play Ohio St at Paul Brown Stadium. In 2000 the team trailed in the 4Q in 5 different games but rebounded to win four. Last year was another season of down to the wire finishes as they needed 2 TD's in the last 12:00 to get past Houston, a TD with :07 left to beat Army, and a TD with :04 left to beat Memphis one play after converting on 4th & 27 for the FD. Five of UC's wins were either in the last minute or by overcoming a double digit deficit. The combined record of the teams that they beat was just 21-57 and they only beat one team that finished with a winning record. Last year they had to replace 26 lettermen, the 2nd most in CUSA, and their 10 returning starters was the 2nd lowest. UC was much better offensively last year and averaged 442.9 ypg in conference play, which was the best of all CUSA teams. They went to the new spread offense that OC Dave Baldwin brought from San Jose St. Baldwin has moved on this year and Rusty Burns (who was at Wyoming the last 3 years) comes in (the 6th OC under Minter). In Minter's 9 seasons he has had 47 assistant coaches including 5 new hires again this year. This team has not topped 30 ppg in Minter's tenure and in fact the last time UC accomplished that was 1968. Despite the switch of coordinators, the offense figures to be more potent with 8 starters back including their star, Gino Guidugli. Defensively they have 8 starters back and should be tougher than last year's unit which allowed 407.7 ypg in CUSA play. I rated them the 6th overall defense in the league last season. They do have to face perhaps the league's top 3 teams, S Miss, E Carolina and Louisville, all on the road but the Bearcats have a very solid shot at a 3rd straight winning season and will make some noise in CUSA play with an even stronger team than they had last year.

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OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB GINO GUIDUGLI SO. 6-3 215 *PS#47. CUSA Fr of Yr. 10 sts as* ***true****. 2856 yds (59%), 17-9 ratio, 110 rush, 2 gm winning TD's in last :10. John Leonard (6-2 199 Sr) PS#143JC.*

RB DeMARCO McCLESKEY SR. 5-11 215 *6 sts as true, 861 yds (5.3). RS in 1999. 5 sts, 572 yds (4.1) in 2000. 8 sts, 783 yds (4.1) last year. David Harris (5-10 214 Jr) PS#163RB.*

RB Richard Hall So. 5-11 198 *PS#41 and orig at* ***Ohio St****. Tedric Harwell (5-11 185 Jr) PS#253, 33 yds last year. 4.49 spd, fastest RB. EJ Lilly (5-8 199 So) PS#85RB.*

WR LaDARIS VANN SR. 5-9 202 *PS#104DB. 8 sts as true, 37 rec (14.8). 26 rec (12.8) in 2000.* ***#1 in CUSA w/81 rec*** *(12.1), #1 career rec here. Daven Holly (5-11 180 So) 4.39 spd.*

WR JON OLINGER SR. 6-3 218 *8 rec in '99 & 2000. 12 sts LY, 30 rec (17.2), good size & spd.* ***Derick Ross*** *(5-10 179 rFr) PS#107. George Murray (6-1 191 So) 355 yds at QB LY.*

WR TYE KEITH SR. 5-8 181 *12 rec (11.8) as rFr. 5 sts in 2000, 35 rec (13.5). 12 starts last year, 51 rec (12.6), 4.45 speed. Justin LaForgia (6-5 215 rFr) PS#127.*

C JOSH SHNEYDEROV JR. 6-2 272 *PS#575. 2nd string as rFr, CUSA Frosh Tm. 12 sts at C LY.* ***Top OL Award****. Matt Mercer (6-3 294 So) PS#249. Sean Cahill (6-2 282 rFr).*

RG Anthony Colton Jr. 6-4 280 *PS#342JUCO. Joel Yakovac (6-3 299 rFr) 2nd string all year but still redshirted. Travis McGee (6-3 294 Jr) All-Conference at* ***JUCO*** *LY.*

LG KIRT DOOLIN SR. 6-4 306 *PS#221. 4 sts as RT as true. 3 sts at LT in '99 until inj. 7 sts in 2000. 10 sts LY, 460 bench, 225 bench 29X. Adam Shorter (6-6 283 So) PS#228.*

RT JOSH GARDNER SR. 6-4 285 *11 sts as* ***true****, CUSA Fr Tm. 12 sts in 2000. 12 sts LY, 420 bench. Jeremy Schlicher (6-6 280 So) 2nd string LY. Ryan Brown (6-2 297 rFr)* ***PS#191.***

LT Kyle Takavitz So. 6-4 303 *Travel squad for bowl as true. 2nd string at LG/LT last year,* ***CUSA Frosh Tm.*** ***Clint Stickdorn*** *(6-6 297 So) 2nd string LT as rFr.*

K JONATHAN RUFFIN SR. 5-10 183 *PS#55. 5 of 12 FG's in '99, long of 46, 26 of 29 FG's in 2000, long of 42,* ***Lou Groza winner****. 15 of 19 FG's LY, long of 46, hit 5 of 6 from 40-49.*

DE ANTWAN PEEK SR. 6-2 244 *12 sts, 40 tkls, 9.5 sks, Top DL in 2000. 9 sts LY,* ***12.5 sks****, 66 tkls, 9 tfl,* ***1st Tm CUSA****. Andre Frazier, 3 sts, 47 tkls, 4.5 sks, 6 tfl, 4.74,* ***CUSA Fr Tm.***

DT DeMARCUS BILLINGS SR. 6-0 263 *PS#227. 12 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 39 tkls, 7 tfl, 364 plays. Ka'son Love (6-2 267 Sr) 24 tkls, 3 tfl LY. DeShawn Gibbs (6-1 270 Jr) PS#401JC.*

DT Matt Tupuola Sr. 6-2 335 *66 tkls, 4.5 sks, 10 tfl at JC in 2000. 232 plays here LY, 14 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Jamie Wimmer (6-4 276 Fr)* ***PS#200****. John Feaster (6-2 280 Jr) PS#242JC.*

DE DERRICK ADAMS SR. 6-0 254 *PS#102LB. 6 sts as rFr. 9 sts in 2000, 40 tkls, 5.5 tfl. 12 sts, 529 plays, 400 bench, 58 tkls, 4.5 sks, 8 tfl. Darryll Ransom (6-1 267 Sr) 6 sts in '99. 15 tkls, 2 tfl.*

OLB Jason Russell Jr. 6-2 206 *PS#187WR. 7 tkls LY. Jermaine Wilson (6-0 209 So) 10 tkls, 39 plays LY. Akanni Turner (6-1 196 So) PS#282, 9 gms sp tms as rFr. 1000 lb leg press.*

MLB WILLIS EDWARDS SR. 5-11 229 *25 tkls in '99, 2 sts, 38 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int in 2000, 12 sts, 715 plays, 86 tkls, 5 sks, 11 tfl LY. Jamar Enzor (6-1 226 So) 11 tkls, 7 gms, 79 plays LY.*

OLB JASON HUNT SR. 6-4 235 *PS#76JC. 11 sts here LY, 36 tkls, 3 tfl, 335 plays.* ***10 tkls in bowl****: Tommy Simpson (6-4 210 Jr) PS#397JC. Jamey Murphy (6-2 233 So).*

CB ZACH NORTON JR. 6-0 180 *4.46 spd. Top DB Awd here LY. 10 tkls, 1 int as true. 9 sts LY, 46 tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu. John Bowie (5-10 180 Fr) PS#285. Monyell Williams (5-8 158) 1 tkl LY.*

CB Blue Adams Sr. 5-10 187 *PS#93. Last 4 sts as true, 4 int, 3 pbu. 26 tkls, 4 pbu in 2000. 3 sts LY, 376 plays, 2 int, 9 pbu.* ***James Julian*** *(5-11 175 Jr) 4.42 is PS#237JC.*

SS DOUG MONAGHAN SO. 6-3 207 *11 sts as* ***true****, #1 w/****115 tkls****, 2 int, 4 pbu, 2 tfl, 699 plays, CUSA Fr Tm. Franklin Callicott (5-11 195 Jr) PS#353JUCO, 90 tkls at JC last year.*

FS IVAN FIELDS SR. 5-11 184 *4.45 spd. 2 sts, 62 tkls, 8 pbu as rFr, 8 sts at LB in 2000, 47 tkls, 1 int. 12 sts at FS LY, 739 plays, 98 tkls, 9 pbu. Frank Lang (5-10 193 Sr) 1 st, 52 tkls, 3Y.*

P Chet Ervin Fr. 6-3 175 *PS#58K. Avgeraged 42.6 on punts as senior in high school, 20 career FG's, long of 53. Must replace Adam Wulfeck #2 in NCAA w/41.6 net.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL	Frank Straub 6-6 305 PS#75	Get my 2002 Frosh Report Just $15.00 1-800-654-3448
WR	Charlie Vample 6-1 180 PS#118	
DB	James Julian 5-11 175 PS#237JC	
DL	John Feaster 6-2 280 PS#242JC	
OL	Anthony Colton 6-4 280 PS#342JC	
DB	Franklin Callicott 5-11 195 PS#353JC	
DB	John Bowie 5-10 180 PS#285	
RB	Derick Eddington 5-8 190 PS#266	
LB	Tommy Simpson 6-4 210 PS#397JC	
DB	Antoine Horton 5-11 180 PS#325	
TE	Russ Owens 6-5 265 PS#400JC	
DL	DeShawn Gibbs 6-1 270 PS#401JC	
DB	Brian Dodd 5-8 175 PS#336	
PK	Chet Ervin 6-3 175 PS#58	

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

Cincinnati, Ohio
Weather (513) 241-1010

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Cincinnati is 13-7 ATS in the state of Ohio since 1999. UC is 4-1 in their last 5 non-lined games, outscoring opponents 158-89.
Sep. 2	TCU (Mon)	A						Bearcats are 3-6 SU and ATS in their last 9 lined openers. UC is 10-6 ATS in their last 16 lined September home games.
Sep. 7								Bonus: UC has never beaten WV, going 0-10-1 SU in the all-time series.
Sep. 14	W Virginia	A						Bearcats are 11-3 ATS their last 14 after a bye. Cincy is 7-3 ATS vs the Big East since 1992.
Sep. 21	Ohio St (Paul Brown Stadium)	G						Bearcats are 1-7 SU, but 4-4 ATS vs the Big 10 under Minter. UC is 9-2 ATS in the final game of a 2 or more game homestand.
Sep. 28	at Temple	A						UC is 4-8-1 SU and 4-9 ATS in sandwiched away games since 1994. Bearcats are 3-9 ATS in their last 12 road openers, but 2-1 the last 3.
Oct. 5	Miami (Oh)	A						UC is 13-12-1 ATS their L/26 games vs current MAC schools, but 5-2 L6Y. The home team has covered 7 of 10 in this series.
Oct. 12	at Tulane	A						Could apply here: UC is 14-7 ATS since 1995 as an away dog. Cats are 1-5 SU, 3-3 ATS when playing in a domed stadium, being outscored 208-126.
Oct. 19	at S Mississippi	G						Pending 9/21: Cincinnati is 8-5 ATS in their last 13 on grass. The road team is 3-2 ATS and the dog is 4-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 26	Memphis (HC)	A						Bearcats are 7-3 ATS in Homecoming games the last 10 years. The visitor has covered 5 of their last 6 in this series.
Nov. 2	at E Carolina	G						Cats are 21-9-1 ATS in November since 1990, 5-1 ATS the last 2 years. Pending 10/12: UC is 9-2 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more away games.
Nov. 9	at Louisville	G						These 2 schools are about 100 miles apart from each other. UC is 0-4 SU & ATS L4Y vs the Cardinals losing by an avg score of 38-17.
Nov. 16	Houston	A						Cincy is 4-0 SU and 3-1 ATS as a favorite in November since 1998. The Bearcats are 4-2 ATS in this series.
Nov. 23	at Hawaii	A						Cincinnati is 3-0 SU, 2-1 ATS in their last 3 meetings vs the WAC. Bearcats are 6-3 ATS in their last lined away game of the year.
Nov. 30	UAB	A						UC is 4-1 SU but 2-2 ATS in this series. Cincy is 7-1-1 ATS in their last 9 home finales.

RICK MINTER (Career 41-49-1)
9th Year at Cincinnati
Minter's records AT CINCINNATI

41-49-1 Straight Up	12-9-1 Home Favorite
44-40-1 Vs The Spread	11-11 Home Dog
24-18 Off A S/U Loss	5-10 Away Favorite
23-21 Vs Conference	16-10 Away Dog
21-19-1 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (7-5)
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (17,22,1)
Lost: 21 (10,10,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,055

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	7-4	2-9	3-8	7-4	7-4	38-39
ATS	8-3	6-3-1	4-7	4-7	6-4	7-4	6-5	41-33-1
Home Fav	1-1	3-2-1	2-3	0-0	1-1	3-1	2-1	12-9-1
Home Dog	3-0	0-0	0-1	2-4	1-2	2-0	2-1	10-8
Away Fav	2-2	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-3	5-9
Away Dog	2-0	3-1	1-0	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-0	14-7
Favorite	3-3	3-2-1	3-6	1-1	1-1	4-1	2-4	17-18-1
Dog	5-0	3-1	1-1	3-6	5-3	3-3	4-1	24-15
Grass	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-2	2-2	12-11
Artificial	7-1	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	2-3	6-2	4-3	29-22-1
vs CUSA	4-0	4-1	1-5	2-4	2-4	4-3	4-3	21-20
vs Non-CUSA	4-3	2-2-1	3-2	2-3	4-0	3-1	2-2	20-13-1
Off SU Win	3-2	3-1-1	1-6	1-0	1-1	5-1	3-3	17-14-1
Off SU Loss	4-1	4-1	3-0	2-5	4-3	2-2	2-2	21-14

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeMarco McCleskey	**190**	**826**	**43**	**783**	**4.1**	**7**
Ray Jackson	152	652	51	601	4.0	7
George Murray	**38**	**202**	**49**	**153**	**4.0**	**2**
Nathan Wize	19	123	17	106	5.6	2
Gino Guidugli	**49**	**110**	**199**	**-89**	**-1.8**	**1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Gino Guidugli	**363**	**214**	**59.0**	**2856**	**17**	**9**
Adam Hoover	38	22	57.9	242	2	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
LaDaris Vann	**81**	**980**	**12.1**	**3**	**43**
Tye Keith	**51**	**641**	**12.6**	**4**	**52**
Jon Olinger	**30**	**516**	**17.2**	**7**	**71**
Ray Jackson	30	493	16.4	3	65
Tim Walker	14	215	15.4	3	43

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Wulfeck	71	3144	44.3	–	41.6	0	22

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jonathan Ruffin	**9-10**	**1-2**	**5-6**	**0-1**	**15-19**	**46**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Doug Monaghan	**115**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**2**
Lewis Carter	102	1	15	5	0
Ivan Fields	**98**	**0**	**5**	**9**	**0**
Willis Edwards	**86**	**5**	**11**	**0**	**0**
Antwan Peek	**66**	**12.5**	**9**	**4**	**0**
Derrick Adams	**58**	**4.5**	**8**	**0**	**0**
LaVar Glover	50	0	0	17	1
Andre Frazier	**47**	**4.5**	**6**	**3**	**0**
Zach Norton	**46**	**1**	**0**	**12**	**3**
Anthony Thomas	41	2	2	2	1
DeMarcus Billings	**39**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Jason Hunt	**36**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Kirk Thompson	34	1	1	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
LaDaris Vann	**35**	**289**	**8.3**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Spencer	13	277	21.3	0
Nathan Wize	15	267	17.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
46	Sun	NL	Virginia Tech	18-16	–
50	Sun	NL	W Texas A&M	13-14	–
97	Humanitarian	-2'	Utah St	35-19	W
00	Motor City	-2'	Marshall	14-25	L
01	Motor City	+4	Toledo	16-23	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CINCINNATI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	28.0	22	135	3.4	271	58.2	14.5	+4	2001	5	24.2	20	189	4.7	199	53.2	16.1
10*	24.1	20	137	3.4	214	51.4	14.6	+12	2000	8	23.8	19	143	3.8	225	58.7	15.5
3*	25.0	23	172	4.5	252	53.0	17.0	+2	1999	3	26.3	20	177	4.4	207	53.4	14.6
6*	23.5	22	174	4.1	244	54.0	17.8	-17	1998	6	41.5	21	240	5.8	240	58.1	11.7
9*	26.8	18	216	3.9	121	47.3	12.6	+7	1997	6	21.0	18	82	2.8	251	50.5	15.9
5	20.7	15	181	3.7	142	50.0	15.6	+1	1996	7	19.3	16	121	2.8	157	42.1	14.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Purdue	18	35-87	2.5	21-36	220	3	14	38-153	4.0	14-25	117	3	-2
at Army	27	43-138	3.2	32-44	333	4	16	31-160	5.2	19-30	203	3	+3
at Miami (Oh)	16	25-77	3.1	22-37	206	1	23	43-199	4.6	20-25	264	5	-1
Tulane	28	50-227	4.5	22-32	312	2	29	41-282	6.9	24-46	253	2	+2
at UAB	10	36-66	1.8	12-20	154	1	19	47-200	4.3	11-30	133	5	+1
at Houston	26	36-142	3.9	20-28	340	2	24	47-157	3.3	16-24	186	4	-2
Louisville	16	29-78	2.7	19-46	295	4	19	51-222	4.4	12-28	154	2	-2
Connecticut	20	52-243	4.7	13-27	245	1	20	25-28	1.1	27-51	382	3	+2
E Carolina	26	56-190	3.4	18-34	253	4	16	39-305	7.8	12-19	159	1	+2
at Memphis	33	54-224	4.1	18-36	348	3	23	32-145	4.5	16-33	295	1	0
UL Monroe	27	45-139	3.1	19-34	262	3	17	36-94	2.6	9-26	111	5	0
†Toledo	19	20-13	0.7	29-47	283	2	24	51-322	6.3	14-28	135	0	+1
TOTALS	266	481-1624	3.4	245-421	3251	30	244	481-2267	4.7	194-365	2392	34	+4
AVERAGES	22.2	40-135	3.4	20-35	271	2.5	20.3	40-189	4.7	16-30	199	2.8	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-10'	34-24	L
at Tulane	-8'	17-31	L
Kansas	-3'	34-7	W
at Boston College	-2	24-6	W
Memphis	-11'	20-17	L
UAB	-19	33-29	L
at Houston (OT)	-7'	38-41	L
at Miami, Oh (OT)	+6'	34-31	W
S Mississippi	+3'	17-24	L
Louisville	-13	28-9	W
at E Carolina	-3	7-14	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	+3	34-52	L
Miami (Fla)	+13'	12-38	L
at Army	-2'	20-37	L
Indiana	+3	14-48	L
at Louisville	+14	19-62	L
at Syracuse	+42'	21-63	W
at Memphis	+10'	23-41	L
Miami (Oh)	+14	0-41	L
E Carolina	+14'	21-24	W
Houston	+10	44-43	W
at Arkansas St	-4	51-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-19	41-3	W
Troy St	NL	24-31	–
Wisconsin	+27	17-12	W
at Ohio St	+33	20-34	W
at Houston	+6'	20-23	W
UAB (OT)	-6	21-24	L
at S Mississippi	+17'	20-28	W
at Miami (Oh)	+4	52-42	W
Louisville	+1	13-23	L
at E Carolina	+10	34-48	L
Memphis	+2	13-21	L

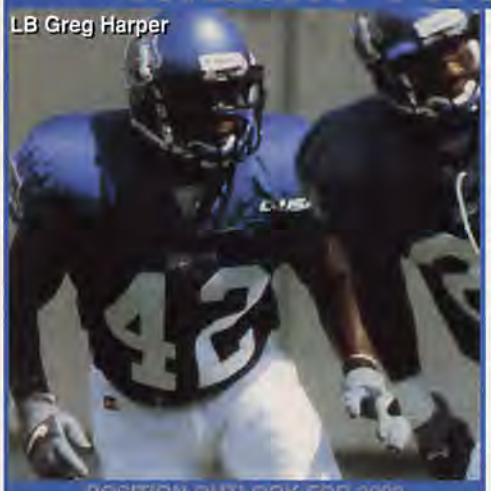
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Army	-14	23-17	L
Syracuse	+7'	12-10	W
at Wisconsin (OT)	+14'	25-28	W
at Indiana	+5	6-42	L
at Tulane	+3'	19-24	L
Houston	-5	48-31	W
at Louisville	+6	24-38	L
Miami (Oh)	-5	45-15	W
UAB	-5'	33-21	W
at Memphis	-2	13-10	W
S Mississippi	+5	27-24	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	+8	14-19	W
at Army	-5	24-21	L
at Miami (Oh)	-2'	14-21	L
Tulane	-10	46-33	W
at UAB	+7'	31-17	W
at Houston	-10'	29-28	L
Louisville	+3'	13-28	L
Connecticut	-25	45-28	L
E Carolina	+7'	26-28	W
at Memphis	+3'	36-34	W
UL Monroe	-26'	42-10	W

MEMPHIS TIGERS


LB Greg Harper

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Neil Suber and Travis Anglin split the starting job in '99. Those two, plus 2000's leading passer Scott Scherer (857 yds), all returned last year but had to learn the brand-new spread offense. In '99 and 2000 Memphis QB's had a poor 16-29 ratio. Anglin (4.37 speed) emerged as the starter in the beginning of 2001 and after 3 games he was #1 in CUSA in pass efficiency. He suffered a shoulder injury vs USF and re-injured the same shoulder the next week. Unfortunately the shoulder injury hampered Anglin's throwing ability and also his ability to tuck and run which is a key element in West's offense. Danny Wimprine, who is a MLB pitching prospect (89 mph fastball), stepped in during the 4Q vs Louisville and had his best game as a Tiger. He's an option QB and led his HS team to a 53-2 record. With Anglin and Suber both injured. Wimprine finished as the team's leading passer with 1,329 yards (52%) and a super 14-4 ratio while also rushing for 366 gross yards. His 14 TD passes are the 2nd most in a single season in school history. Anglin was moved to WR for the final 4 games once Suber became healthy. Suber got the start vs Tenn and had 283 yards passing for the year with a 3-2 ratio while Anglin had a 4-0 ratio, throwing for 403 yards. Suber graduates so the backup figures to be Jeff Hilliard (PS#89) who originally signed at Kansas. He threw for 2,048 yards with 20 TD's and rushed for 854 yards at JUCO in 2001. Scherer (5-10 180 Sr) is also back but will be used mostly as a holder and an upback on the punt team. Matt Adams (6-1 200 rFr) was an option QB in HS who has yet to see action. In the first 8 games of the year the Memphis QB's combined to throw for 159.8 ypg but over the last 3 they finally were healthy and adapted to the new offense, throwing for 269.7. With Wimprine back I look for improved numbers, and he is on pace to become the school's all-time leading passer.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Sugar Sanders led the team with 646 rushing yards (3.9) despite missing a couple of games. Coaches generally like their own recruits and Tommy West originally signed Dante Brown at Clemson and convinced him to sign here as a JC transfer. Brown has nice size (6-2 215) as well as good speed and elusive moves. Last year he led the team with 902 yards (4.9) in 7 starts and was voted 2nd Team CUSA. He also had 13 rec's. He received the tiger's share of the carries with 184 and the #2 and #3 rushers were both QB's. Sanders had just 28 carries for 48 yards (1.7) and opted to transfer. Also gone this year is Aaron Meadows (5 sts, 53 total yds). Backing up Brown for 2002 will be Jeremiah Bonds who had 102 rush yards in 2000 as a true frosh (CUSA Frosh Team) but was mainly used on special teams last year. Bonds has 4.38 speed. Mario Robinson (6-0 205 rFr) was PS#229. Darche' Epting (6-1 244 Sr) had 174 yards rushing and 53 receiving with 2 starts in 2000. Brown was not even in for the spring last year and missed the first week of the fall. As long as he stays healthy, he should easily top 1,000 yards and in doing so would become only the 3rd Tiger RB in history to top that magic number. If Brown were to get injured, either Bonds or true frosh DeAngelo Williams (PS#66) would probably get the call.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Tigers had to replace a 2nd Team CUSA TE and a starting WR who was #4 on the team in receptions. They did return 2 of the top 3 receivers. WR Antoine Harden got off to a slow start after being suspended for the opener but in the last 3 games he had 104, 109 and 97 yards receiving. The receivers combined for just 5 TD rec's in 2000 but were much more productive in 2001 with 18. Harden had 31 rec's and a team high 589 yards with his 19.0 ypc pacing CUSA. I list the 2 deep below and rFr Marcus West could have quite an impact at TE as he would have earned significant playing time last year if he hadn't suffered a broken hip. They also add an HT TE this year! Basically six players return with starting experience. The only losses this year are Bunkie Perkins (9 sts, #1 rec, 46, 12.6) and Ryan Johnson (8 sts, 18, 8.3). The full-time insertion of the athletically gifted Travis Anglin is a big boost and they also add Tavares Gideon who had 54 rec (16.7) at JC in 2001. Last year WR's and TE's accounted for 157 of the team's 177 rec's. Not even listed below are WR's Derrick Harmon (6-1 197 Sr, PS#147) and Von Webb (6-0 184 So, 4.38) along with TE Jason Johnson (6-3 255 So, 1 st). Despite 2 good sized losses, I'll call this unit improved in the 2nd year of the spread offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Memphis had an inexperienced offensive front in 2000 and averaged just 2.6 ypc rushing while allowing 36 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 full-time starters and a backup but did have 7 players returning with starting experience. The unit did suffer some injuries with starter Donald Marshall slowed by an ankle injury in October which caused him to lose his starting job. Joe Gerda started 4 straight but missed the final 2 due to injury. Despite the injuries, the OL played very well down the stretch, allowing just 1 sack in the last 4 games despite facing the outstanding defensive fronts of UAB and Tenn! This year only one starter departs in LG Artis Hicks (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm CUSA) as well as a backup G Josh Eargle (81 snaps). Seven players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. Not even listed are OG Jon Crews (6-4 277 Jr, PS#410), G Travis Tripplett (6-5 327 So), G Andrew Handy (6-2 285 So, PS#260, 30 snaps), T Gene Frederic (6-4 275 So, 4 games), T William Martin (6-5 300 So) and G Baki Celaj (6-6 305 Sr). I think this shapes up as one of CUSA's top OL's in 2002.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers finished #1 in the country in rush D in 2000, allowing just 73 ypg and an outstanding 2.3 ypc. It was a veteran unit with 5 players returning. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 4th round DC and a 1st Team CUSA DE in Andre Arnold, who was expected to start but was suspended and opted to transfer. They also had to replace 3 backups and only 2 of the top 8 returned. They did get an outstanding addition in Alabama transfer Albert Means (PS#3) who ended up starting the last 7 games. This year everyone is back and they have some solid additions in rFr Dierre Carter (6-3 245, PS#68) and true frosh Willie Henderson (PS#19). Also, last year's JUCO transfer, Shakorr Bryant (6-3 265 Sr) missed 5 games with injuries and should have a bigger impact as will DE Jacob Ford who had 20 tackles as a true frosh. They were able to rotate 8 to 10 players on a weekly basis and will do so once again this year. This shapes up as one of CUSA's top DL's again in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 Memphis had an inexperienced LB corps with just 1 starter back as one of their top LB's, DeMorrio Shank, was injured and missed the entire season. Last year they had to replace the school's all-time leading tackler in Kamal Shakir as well as 2 backups. Shank returned and was named 1 of only 2 Superior Tigers on the team with a 440 bench and 4.6 speed. Three players also returned who had started 6 or more games as frosh. This year 2 players depart from the 2 deep in Shank (11 sts, 74 tkls, 8 tfl) and Derrick Ballard, who started 14 games at LB the last 2 years and moves to FS. He split a starting job with Coot Terry the last 2 years and Terry is back with his 11 career starts and the other starting LB, Greg Harper, is also back. Keep your eyes on Shaka Hill (PS#60) who should flourish as the starting MLB. This unit has decent experience and has 4 of the top 6 players back and should come close to the 2001 LB corps in terms of production.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 Memphis finished #26 in my pass D rankings and after returning all 4 starters in 2000, they moved up to #22. Last year they had to replace two starters, both of whom were 2nd round DC's in the NFL, as well as two backups. Memphis finished #26, allowing 52.6% with a 15-15 ratio. Four true frosh were actually in the game at the same time vs Miss St. This year they lose a couple of solid players again in their top cover CB Marcus Smith (11 sts, 55 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu) and FS Glenn Sumter (11 sts, 137 tkls, 6 int's, 13 pbu) who left early for the NFL but was not drafted. This could be the year that Derron Johnson has the impact expected as long as he straightens out his academics. Johnson spent time at WR last year and is now a full-time DB. They move in starting LB Derrick Ballard so basically they have 3 starters returning with experience plus all of the true frosh from last year are now experienced. Not listed below is Sean Garris (5-11 183 So) who had 1 int, and Lionel Pieh (5-10 175 So) who had 6 tackles as a true frosh. Despite the losses, this unit is a little more experienced and should remain near the top of the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tigers have blocked 25 kicks over the last 6 years. The last 2 years they have had some snapping problems. In fact, they had 5 blocked FG's against them in 2000 which is why Ryan White, who had hit 16 of 16 FG's as a rFr in 1998, hit just 12 of 18 with a long of 47 that year. Last season White continued to struggle, hitting 8 of 14 with a long of 45 as they had more snapping problems (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). They were forced to play a lot of frosh on the special teams units last year and should have better coverage this season. Punter James Gaither was very impressive last fall and has a strong leg. He averaged 40.6 per punt (35.2 net). I think Gaither could be one of the better punters in CUSA and he also handled some of the kickoff duties last season. They do lose top PR Ryan Johnson who avg 10.5 and 10.4 the last 2 years. Even though they must replace their starting kicker this unit ranked just #74 last year but has the talent for a higher finish this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Memphis has not had a 7 win season since 1976. Chuck Stobart was let go after three straight 6-5 seasons and since then the team has failed to achieve a winning record. They narrowly missed last year as a 41 yard FG was blocked or they would have sent the UAB game into OT and Cincy scored a TD with :04 left after a 4th & 27 conversion on the previous play. Had either of those passes fallen incomplete Memphis would have achieved a winning season, finishing 6-5. The same thing happened in 2000 (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). Memphis had not averaged over 21.1 ppg since 1993 until they brought in new OC Randy Fichtner and the spread offense last year and averaged 26.7 ppg. The offense still only averaged 326.7 ypg, which was an improvement but still only 9th best in the conference. As an example, they scored 22 points vs S Miss but the first 19 points came on drives which totalled only 16 yards as they were set up by defense and special teams. This year they have 9 starters back on offense and have some weapons like RB Dante Brown and converted QB, now WR Travis Anglin. They should be even more potent in the 2nd year of the offense. Believe it or not, Memphis has not had a player on the CUSA 1st Team on offense since 1996. Last year they had to replace four 1st Team CUSA members from the defensive side of the ball and had just 6 starters back. With the offense taking more chances, I predicted a good step back in the amount of ppg allowed and that is what happened as the team went from yielding 18.1 ppg to 25.5. With the defense being on the field more due to the fast paced offense, they yielded 382.9 ypg which was the most here since 1998. Although Memphis has a pair of SEC teams on the schedule, as well as the tough CUSA slate, they have a good shot at finally breaking through and achieving a winning season or at least having a non-losing year (6-6). This is a team with 17 starters returning and 51 lettermen, both tops in the league. They have my #3 offense in CUSA and #4 defense, so it should be an exciting season. A key game to their year could be October 8th as they should be 2-1 in conference play when they host Louisville and a victory there in the Tuesday night game would have them contending for the CUSA Title. Last year I said they would improve upon the previous year's 4 win total and would flirt with a winning record, and they did just that. That should be the case once again this season.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DANNY WIMPRINE SO. 6-1 220 MLB prospect (89 mph fastball). 5 sts as rFr, 1329 yds (52%), 14-4 ratio, 366 rush. Jeff Hilliard (6-1 190 Jr) PS#89 in '99. 2048 yds at JC LY.

RB DANTE BROWN SR. 6-2 215 PS#123 & orig signed w/**Clemson**. JC in 2000. 7 sts LY, 902 yds (4.9), 13 rec (5.0), **2nd Tm CUSA**. Jeremiah Bonds (5-9 184 Jr), 4.38, CUSA Fr Tm in 2000.

WR DARRON WHITE SO. 6-0 190 PS#292RB. 4 sts as **true**, 34 rec (12.4). 7 rec vs Cincy, **CUSA Fr Tm**. Ladarius Price (6-0 175 Fr) PS#132 LY, DNQ. Tripp Higgins (6-3 202 Sr).

WR Travis Anglin Sr. 6-4 200 **4.37 speed!** 12 sts at QB in 3 years, 1459 pass (55%), 10-12 ratio, 611 yds rush. **Tavares Gideon** (6-3 190 Jr) PS#123JC, in for spg.

WR ANTOINE HARDEN JR. 6-2 170 PS#267. 8 sts LY, 31 rec & **led CUSA** in ypc with 19.0! 25 KR (21.3), #3 CUSA ttl yds. Darren Garcia (6-1 180 Jr) PS#270, 3 sts, 7 rec LY.

TE JEFF CAMERON SR. 6-5 243 PS#105. 1 st, 227 plays in 2000. 8 sts LY, 10 rec (7.1), 385 bench. **John Douchette** is **PS#19**. Marcus West (6-4 225 rFr) PS#99, inj'd LY.

C JIMOND PUGH SR. 6-3 300 Off Scout MVP in '99. 11 sts at C in 2000, 785 plays, every snap! 11 sts LY, 617 snaps, good size for C. Matt Gehrke (6-3 294 Sr) 2 letters.

RG Joe Gerda Sr. 6-6 304 PS#183DL. 5 tkls, 2 tfl in '99. 4 sts, 284 snaps in 2000. **4 sts until inj LY**, 304 snaps. Trey Eyre (6-3 278 Sr), **11 career sts**, 990 plays.

LG DONALD MARSHALL SR. 6-6 285 PS#223OL & orig at S Carolina. JUCO. 7 sts here in 2001 (2 at LG, 5 at LT) until inj. Eric Anderson (6-3 281 Sr) JC. 1 start, 118 snaps LY.

RT WADE SMITH SR. 6-5 266 6 sts at TE in '99 & 2000. 11 sts at RT in 2001, 4.7, **Team OL of Yr**, 686 snaps despite broken hand. James Corder (6-7 305 rFr) PS#234.

LT DOUG WHITTAKER SR. 6-5 295 35 tkls, 3 tfl at U-T Martin trans & RS in 2000. Moved from DT in Oct 2001 and started L/4. 405 bench. David Davis (6-4 285 Jr) is PS#165JC.

K Danny Haynes So. 5-10 185 **PS#7K** & originally at **Alabama**. JC K LY. Strong leg, hit 54 yd'r in HS. Hit 73 yarder in practice. James Gaither 13 of 22 FG's in HS.

DE TONY BROWN SR. 6-3 273 43 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl as rFr. 10 sts, 42 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 68 tkls, **7 sks**, 3 tfl, **DL of Year** here LY. **Dierre Carter** (6-3 245 rFr) **PS#68**.

DT ERIC TAYLOR JR. 6-3 283 8 sts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl, 400 bench in 2001. Kenyun Glover (6-3 275 So) PS#302, 6 sts, 22 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. **Willie Henderson** is **PS#19DL!**

NT ALBERT MEANS JR. 6-4 345 **PS#3DL!** 4 sts at **Bama** as true. 18 tkls. 7 sts here LY, 51 tkls, 4 tfl. Boris Penchion (6-4 269 Sr) 1 st, 26 tkls, 4 tfl LY. **Shakorr Bryant** 16 tkls, 6 tfl LY.

DE MOWBRAY ROWAND SR. 6-4 248 **4.48**. PS#131TE. 9 sts LY (inj'd) 30 tkls, 6 tfl. **Jacob Ford** (6-4 225 So) PS#192, 20 tkls, 1 tfl as true. **Treveco Lucas** (6-1 242 Jr) 47 tkls, **4 sks** last year.

WLB Coot Terry Jr. 6-0 223 PS#303RB. 6 sts as rFr, 58 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu, CUSA Frosh Team. 5 sts LY, 48 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Sheldon Taylor (6-2 220 rFr) PS#287.

MLB Shaka Hill Jr. 6-3 244 **PS#60LB**. Backup LY and 35 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Vincent Brown (6-1 240 So) PS#267RB. 1 tkl as rFr. Charles Wellington (6-0 225 Fr) PS#201 LY.

SLB GREG HARPER JR. 6-1 223 9 sts as rFr, 46 tkls, 3 tfl, 8 pbu. 4.52 speed, 10 sts LY, 73 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl, 1 int, 420 bench, Iron Tiger. Robert Douglas (6-3 216 So) 6 tkls LY.

CB JASON BROWN JR. 5-10 186 PS#299. 4 sts, 28 tkls as rFr. 11 sts at ROV LY, 42 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, 4.44, 340 bench. **Cameron Essex** (5-11 170 So) 3 sts as true, 31 tkls, 4 pbu.

CB ANTHONY HARDEN SR. 5-10 174 PS#267DB. 22,16 in 200m. 8 sts LY, 34 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. **Henry Washington** (5-9 165 So) PS#134, 10.5 in 100m. Bo Arnold (5-10 180 So) PS#321.

ROV Scott Vogel So. 6-1 190 20 tkls, 1 int as **true**. Elijah Bell (6-0 200 Sr) 17 tkls at Utah St in '99. 27 tkls here LY, 5 pbu. Tristan Thomas (6-1 175 So) 20 tkls as true.

FS DERRICK BALLARD JR. 6-2 205 PS#261LB. 7 sts as true at LB, 62 tkls, 3 tfl. 7 sts LY, 60 tkls, 8 tfl, 4 pbu (susp 2). Derron Johnson (6-4 214 So) **PS#22**. 1 st at WR as true, 4.39. ? TY w/acad.

P JAMES GAITHER SO. 6-4 220 PS#69K. Strong leg. 67 punts LY, 40.6 average, net of 35.2 despite 3 blocks! Danny Wimprine had 3 punts in 2001 and a 45.3 average.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL	Willie Henderson	6-7 275 PS#19
TE	John Douchette	6-2 248 PS#19
QB	Maurice Avery	6-1 195 PS#54
RB	DeAngelo Williams	5-10 195 PS#66
WR	Tavares Gideon	6-3 190 PS#123JC
QB	Patrick Byrne	6-1 185 PS#131
DB	O.C. Collins	6-1 175 PS#150
OL	David Davis	6-4 285 PS#165JC
QB	Brian Davis	6-0 195 PS#179
OL	Phillip Walls	6-1 275 PS#196
LB	Tim Goodwell	6-2 210 PS#212
WR	Mario Pratcher	6-4 185 PS#236
QB	Jeff Hilliard	6-1 197 PS#282JC
OL	Edmond Hutt	6-4 270 PS#338

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Murray St	G						Memphis is 3-8 ATS vs East Carolina since 1990. Tigers are 1-14 SU and 6-9 ATS vs Tennessee, covering the last 5 years. UM is 5-0 ATS vs Arkansas, 8-0-1 SU and 3-6 ATS vs Arkansas St.
Sep. 7	at Mississippi	G						Memphis is 9-7-3 SU vs non-lined foes since 1983. Murray St went 4-6 last year as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.
Sep. 14	at S Mississippi	G						Memphis is 8-4 ATS in their road opener the last 12 seasons. UM is 7-11-1 ATS vs Ole Miss since 1979.
Sep. 21	Tulane	G						Memphis is 2-11 ATS vs Southern Miss since 1989. Tigers are 17-25-1 ATS in conference play the last 7 years.
Sep. 28	at UAB	G						Tigers are 7-4 ATS in their last 11 sandwiched home games. UM is 13-3-2 ATS when swimming against the Green Wave.
Oct. 8	Louisville (Tues)	G						The dog has covered each of the last 3 meetings. Tigers are 9-5-1 ATS in sandwiched road games since 1995.
Oct. 12								The dog is 8-1 ATS the L/9 and the visitor is 9-3 ATS in the L/12 meetings. Could apply: Memphis is 8-4 ATS their last 12 as a home dog.
Oct. 19	Miss St (HC)	G						Bonus: Memphis is 12-7 ATS in October the last 5 years.
Oct. 26	at Cincinnati	A						Tigers are 11-6-1 ATS vs the Bulldogs since 1984. Pending Sept 7th Memphis is 17-6 ATS in their last 23 games vs SEC.
Nov. 2	Houston	G						UM is 1-2 ATS as an away dog & 2-1 ATS as an away favorite S/'80 vs Cincy. Memphis is 8-5-1 ATS their last 14 on artificial turf.
Nov. 9	at S Florida	G						Tigers are 2-3 both SU and ATS in this short series. UM is 8-14-1 ATS their last 23 in November.
Nov. 16								Memphis posted an easy cover in their only AF role for West last year. Pending 10/8 outcome, UM is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS in lined gms prior to a bye.
Nov. 23	Army	G						
Nov. 30	at TCU	G						Tigers are 2-11 ATS in their last 13 home finales. Memphis is 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS in CUSA games in this short series.
								First meeting between schools since TCU joined CUSA. Memphis is 1-13 SU and 4-7-1 ATS in their final away game.

TOMMY WEST (Career 40-41)
2nd Year at Memphis

West's records AT MEMPHIS

5-6 Straight Up	2-2 Home Favorite
5-5 Vs The Spread	1-0 Home Dog
3-1 Off A S/U Loss	1-0 Away Favorite
3-4 Vs Conference	1-3 Away Dog
2-1 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (5-6)
RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 9* DEFENSE: 8
LETTERMEN: Returning: 51 (24,25,2) Lost: 16 (8,7,1)
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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	4-7	2-9	5-6	4-7	5-6	27-50
ATS	5-6	4-7	5-5-1	6-5	7-4	4-7	5-5	36-39-1
Home Fav	1-2	1-1	3-2	2-1	0-2	1-1	2-2	10-11
Home Dog	0-2	1-3	0-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	1-0	9-10
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-0	4-3
Away Dog	3-2	2-3	2-2-1	1-4	4-0	0-1	1-3	13-15-1
Favorite	2-2	1-1	3-2	2-1	1-2	2-4	3-2	14-14
Dog	3-4	3-6	2-3-1	4-4	6-2	2-3	2-3	22-25-1
Grass	4-5	3-6	4-4	6-4	5-4	3-6	5-5	30-34
Artificial	1-1	1-1	1-1-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	6-5-1
vs CUSA	1-4	2-4	2-3-1	3-3	4-2	2-5	3-4	17-25-1
vs Non-CUSA	4-2	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-1	19-14
Off SU Win	1-2	1-3	0-3-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	2-3	10-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-3	4-2	4-4	3-3	3-3	3-1	23-20

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dante Brown	184	953	51	902	11	4.9
Danny Wimprine	84	366	96	270	3	3.2
Travis Anglin	66	286	59	227	2	3.4
Sugar Sanders	28	66	18	48	0	1.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Danny Wimprine	196	102	52.0	1329	14	4
Travis Anglin	65	43	66.2	403	4	0
Neil Suber	54	30	55.6	283	3	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bunkie Perkins	46	579	12.6	6	43	
Darron White	34	422	12.4	3	69	
Antoine Harden	31	589	19.0	4	73	
Ryan Johnson	18	150	8.3	1	39	
Dante Brown	13	65	5.0	1	39	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
James Gaither	67	2718	40.6	–	35.2	3	22
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Ryan White	2-3	4-4	2-6	0-1	8-14	45	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Glenn Sumter	137	0	2	13	6
Demorrio Shank	74	2	6	4	1
Greg Harper	73	4	9	1	1
Tony Brown	68	7	3	4	0
Derrick Ballard	60	2	6	4	0
Marcus Smith	55	0	1	6	1
Albert Means	51	1	3	1	1
Coot Terry	48	2	2	2	0
Treveco Lucas	47	4	3	2	0
Jason Brown	42	0	2	8	2
Shaka Hill	35	0	1	1	0
Anthony Harden	34	0	0	6	1
Eric Taylor	32	1	3	2	0
Cameron Essex	31	0	1	4	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ryan Johnson	36	376	10.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Antoine Harden	25	533	21.3	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Burley	NL	E Tenn St	32-12	–
71	Pasadena	NL	San Jose St	28-9	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MEMPHIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.7	17	137	3.6	190	55.7	12.2	+7	2001	5	25.5	21	153	3.8	230	52.6	15.0
5*	16.0	15	105	2.6	151	53.4	16.0	-6	2000	8	18.1	15	73	2.3	203	53.3	15.2
6*	21.1	16	134	3.5	159	50.7	13.9	-2	1999	6	16.5	17	144	3.3	170	52.0	19.0
7	20.5	17	140	3.9	187	45.9	15.9	+1	1998	8	30.9	22	174	4.3	281	60.5	14.7
8	19.8	17	110	2.8	215	52.8	16.4	-7	1997	4	22.1	18	165	4.0	162	58.2	14.8
6	12.8	16	103	2.8	153	48.9	19.9	+4	1996	6	19.9	20	146	3.4	215	57.8	18.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Mississippi St	10	46-86	1.9	10-17	76	4	17	41-179	4.4	12-22	174	2	+2
Tenn-Chatt	22	43-245	5.7	20-29	198	0	20	29-30	1.0	20-46	201	4	+1
S Florida	16	43-161	3.7	15-20	164	6	20	23-124	5.4	25-62	276	1	0
at Louisville	24	38-212	5.6	22-41	177	2	20	40-235	5.9	15-27	207	1	+1
S Mississippi	10	34-79	2.3	14-30	103	3	13	34-60	1.8	21-37	204	6	+4
at Houston	23	51-252	4.9	14-22	216	0	22	28-130	4.6	28-42	331	3	+1
at E Carolina	11	31-72	2.3	16-27	159	2	28	57-205	3.6	20-26	268	4	0
UAB	14	33-94	2.8	19-40	185	0	9	44-114	2.6	7-20	61	0	0
at Tennessee	20	27-23	0.9	18-37	281	0	28	43-218	5.1	24-39	302	3	-3
Army	19	40-138	3.5	13-22	233	0	20	45-167	3.7	16-35	154	0	+1
Cincinnati	23	32-145	4.5	16-33	295	1	33	54-224	4.1	18-36	348	4	0
TOTALS	192	418-1507	3.6	177-318	2087	18	230	438-1686	3.8	206-392	2526	28	+7
AVERAGES	17.5	38-137	3.6	16-29	190	1.6	20.9	40-153	3.8	19-36	230	2.5	0.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+10	10-13	W
UAB	-15	28-7	W
at Michigan St	+19'	21-51	L
Minnesota	-2	17-20	L
at Cincinnati	+11'	17-20	W
Arkansas St	-23	38-9	W
at E Carolina	+2'	10-32	L
Houston	-1'	24-3	W
at Tulane	+12	14-26	T
Louisville	-10	21-20	L
S Mississippi	+11	18-42	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+10	10-30	L
Mississippi St	+10'	6-14	W
at Minnesota	+3'	14-41	L
at Houston	+2	14-35	L
Arkansas	+17'	9-23	W
Cincinnati	-10'	41-23	W
at Louisville	+13	32-35	W
Arkansas St	-12	35-19	W
Tulane	+16	31-41	W
at S Mississippi	+19	3-45	L
E Carolina	-2	31-34	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi	+13	0-3	W
at Mississippi St	+13'	10-13	W
Arkansas St	-18	31-26	L
at Tennessee	+30'	16-17	W
Missouri	+2'	17-27	L
at UAB	+3	38-14	W
Louisville	+2	31-32	W
at Tulane	E	49-7	W
S Mississippi	+5	5-20	L
Army	-12	14-10	L
at Cincinnati	-2	21-13	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi St	+5	3-17	L
UL Monroe	-17'	28-0	W
at Arkansas St	-7	19-17	L
at Army	-6'	26-16	W
at S Mississippi	+16'	3-24	L
E Carolina	+6'	17-10	W
at UAB	-2'	9-13	L
Houston (3OT)	-9	30-33	L
Tennessee	+11	17-19	W
Cincinnati	+2	10-13	L
at Tulane	-2	14-37	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+18'	10-30	L
Tenn-Chatt	NL	43-10	–
S Florida	-7'	17-9	W
at Louisville	+10'	21-38	L
S Mississippi	+8	22-17	W
at Houston	-7'	52-33	W
at E Carolina	+10	11-32	L
UAB	-1	14-17	L
at Tennessee	+24	28-49	W
Army	-16	42-10	W
Cincinnati	-3'	34-36	L

TULANE GREEN WAVE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 Shaun King set a Tulane record for passing yards in a season and took his talents to the NFL. Patrick Ramsey took his place and simply broke King's single season record with 3,410 yards passing (60.4%) with a 25-24 ratio in his 1st year as the starter. He set 20 Tulane records that year. In 2000 Ramsey returned and started 10 games (missing 1 due to injury), and threw for 2,833 yards (58.9%) while improving his ratio to 24-14 and rushing for 120 yards. He was named 2nd Team CUSA. Despite his great stats, he was battling for the starting job all year with JP Losman who originally signed at UCLA. Losman got in 1 start and saw action in 10 games in 2000, throwing for 722 yards (50.4%) with a 4-2 ratio while also rushing for 268. Ramsey took charge of the job down the stretch, however, and Losman did not attempt a pass in the final 3 games. Losman saw significant action last spring as Scelfo made Ramsey off-limits to contact and said Ramsey was the clear #1QB. Ramsey spent a large part of the offseason dissecting game film, and I like that type of work ethic. Last year Ramsey set Tulane's career record for yards passing and TD's, throwing for 2,935 yards (57.1%) with an improved 22-13 ratio. Losman only saw action in 3 games last year, missing most of the year with a knee injury. When Ramsey was injured, Losman started vs Army and hit 25 of 39 for 384 yards with 3 TD's and 1 int. Former WR Derrick Joseph (5-11 187 Sr, PS#23) moved to QB last year to fill in while Losman was injured. He had 116 total yards in 8 games. Dayne Ashley (6-3 213 rFr) was PS#83. Scelfo signed two HT QB's this year including Billy Don Malone (PS#42) who originally committed to Texas. This unit appears to be in very good hands with Losman (as long as he stays healthy) and could come close to matching last year's stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Tulane appeared to be in great shape at this position in 2000 but then lost their top 4 RB's to injury and true frosh Mewelde Moore ended up leading the team in rushing with 890 yards (5.1) while also snagging 33 rec's (10.6). The RB corps was banged up again last year but thankfully, Moore was not. Moore had an incredible season, rushing for 249 yards against Cincy (a school record). He became only the 2nd player ever to top 1,000 yards rushing here and he set a CUSA mark for single season all-purpose yardage for a RB with 2,259 and set the school record for rushing in a year with 1,421 yards (5.4). Moore also was the top receiver with 65 (11.6) and finished #3 in the NCAA in all-purpose running. Brant Hocke missed the final 8 games with an ankle injury and Jeff Sanders (6-0 205 rFr, PS#76) was injured. FB Kris Coleman (6-0 249 Jr, PS#190) had 161 total yards in 9 games and backup Ian Blaker saw action in 4 games. Both of the FB's return. The team also adds Brandt Quick (6-1 235 Jr, PS#324) who transfers from Kansas St where he played in 2 games in 2000. The only losses this year are Gee Reshard (191 total yds) and Sanders. True frosh Jovon Jackson (PS#262) is expected to make an immediate impact behind Moore. Two years ago Tulane averaged just 93.0 ypg rushing but Moore has given them a running game. If he stays healthy, he could come close to matching last year's sensational numbers.

RB Mewelde Moore

RECEIVERS - Last year Tulane had to replace their #1 and #3 receivers, but had an outstanding corps returning including Roydell Williams (PS#24) who had 26 rec's as a true frosh. As expected, Williams was the top WR last year, hauling in 56 (15.8). The #2 WR was Terrell Harris (53, 11.8) and he departs but basically everyone else is back. This unit was also hit hard by losses as TE Eddie Robinson, a projected starter, was ruled academically ineligible prior to the year while Zander Robinson was injured vs UCF and missed the rest of the season after only 8 rec's. Derrick Joseph was moved to QB due to injuries. That forced Tristan Smith (PS#40) to see action in 7 games as a true frosh and he had 22 rec's. I list the 2 deep below. Even with the loss of Harris and the 2 Robinson's, I think this unit is in very good shape as long as Williams stays healthy. Keep in mind the top TE last year, Bobby Hoover, was a true frosh and still had 15 rec's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - After improving to 3.6 in 2000 with 4 starters back, the team had to replace a #5 DC but did have 3 starters returning for 2001. The ypc rushing improved to 3.9 while they allowed 29 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Torie Taulli (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Charles Caldwell (9 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Corey Sewell (12 sts, 4 yr st'r) and LT Chrys Bullock (11 sts, 2 yr st'r). Sewell leaves with 46 career starts, the most ever at Tulane. In the spring, one coach labeled this year's O-line as "young, inexperienced and undersized." I see 16 scholarship OL's on the roster but 5 are true frosh, another 5 are rFr with just 2 seniors and 2 juniors while only 2 players are over 300 lbs in the 2 deep. This group is clearly the main concern for Coach Scelfo this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Tulane's DL was young, inexperienced, small and injury plagued and allowed 5.1 ypc rushing. They had 11 players returning with starting experience in 2000 and despite playing a soft schedule, only improved to 4.5 ypc rushing. Last year they once again had a very experienced group. I expected drastic improvement but after getting pummeled early in the season, Scelfo went to the youngsters and played 3 true frosh in the 2 deep. Overall the Wave allowed 5.2 ypc rushing and the team recorded 25 sacks. Once again it is a very experienced front with the lone loss being DE Glenn Lemoine (1 st, 12 tkls). No less than 8 players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. This unit surely will not conjure up images of the Purple People Eaters, but they have to get better sometime and with outstanding DC Eric Schumann coming in (at SMU the L/5Y), they will improve this season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tulane had to replace all 3 starters and the returning players had a combined 4 starts among them. They also had perhaps their top LB, Nick Simpson an Oklahoma transfer, go down with a torn ACL in the spring and he sat out the year. As I mentioned before, the overall defense was horrible last season and this unit should be much stronger. The only loss in the LB corps is SLB David Dorsey (3 sts, 23 tkls, 2 tfl). The starting lineup last year was made up of 2 soph's and a true frosh. Naturally they all are back along with the backups and Simpson could have an impact this season. This has the makings of one of the most improved LB corps in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '99 Tulane had to replace 3 starters and implemented some new defensive schemes that were aimed at taking away the run and forcing teams to pass. They dropped to #110 in my pass D rankings. The next year they returned 4 starters and managed to move up the rankings to #69. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 25 starts. They did have 6 players back with starting experience including their top player, CB Lynaris Elpheage (PS#30WR). With a less experienced group, they dropped to #87, allowing 241 ypg (58.3%) with a 20-11 ratio. This year the only losses are FS Meldon Barnes (17 tkls) and CB Trey Godfrey (27 tkls, 3 pbu, 1 st). Two players who should be significantly improved this year are Jeff Sanchez (PS#125RB), who moved from RB last year and now has one full year of experience on the defense, and Trawick Boger, who played QB and never saw a snap on defense prior to last season. Seven players return with starting experience and the star of the secondary, Elpheage is back. With the improved defensive front 7, this experienced secondary should move up significantly in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulane has ranked as high as #14 in my special teams rankings (1997) but fell to #64 in their undefeated season of 1998. In Scelfo's first year they were #76 and improved to #36 in his second year. They had two of the best kickers in the country heading into last season in PK Seth Marler and punter Casey Roussel. Roussel averaged 44.2 yards punting with a 40.3 net in 2000 and 43.2 yards punting last year (net of only 36.3). They had to replace their top returnman from 2000 and did struggle in that area. The KR average for the team was just 17.0 and the PR average just 7.0. All of the leading returnmen are back. Marler was a Lou Groza Trophy semifinalist in 2000 and simply took home the hardware in 2001 with an almost perfect season, hitting his first 15 FG's but missing his last one and that included 3 boots from 50+ (ironically his miss was from 28). A new punter must be found and it could be Marler which may hamper his FG accuracy. Remember that FG accuracy does not count in my rankings, and overall the unit finished way down at #104 with breakdowns being commonplace. Even with the loss of a top-notch punter, as long as Marler is on hand and they have some speedy skill players, I think Tulane can improve on their ranking in 2002.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Chris Scelfo stepped into the worst possible situation 4 years ago, taking over a team that was 12-0 the year prior but had massive graduation losses on both sides of the ball. They went from 12-0 to 3-8 but rebounded in 2000 with a 6-5 record as my most improved team in the NCAA. Only one coach since 1982 has had 2 consecutive winning seasons here and Scelfo, despite having one of the more veteran units in CUSA last season, saw his team fall to 3-9 because of a defense that ranked 112th out of 117 teams. Tulane set a record by allowing 495 points, the most ever by a CUSA school. Scelfo has yet to secure a road win in CUSA play (0-10). Despite the loss of 1st round DC Patrick Ramsey, the Tulane offense will be potent once again and I rate them 2nd strongest in the league, even with just 5 starters back. RB Mewelde Moore and WR Roydell Williams will benefit from JP Losman's talent and he could also be a 1st round pick of the NFL when he comes out. I think Tulane will have the most improved defense in the country this year as they have 11 starters back, a good amount of HT's and new DC Eric Schumann from SMU. His SMU defense ranked #1 in the WAC last year and was consistently near the top of the league in his tenure. The season starts off rough as they have 4 road games in the first 6, but have 5 of the final 6 at home. Provided the defense makes the strides I expect, this team could be a surprise contender for the CUSA Title. I give Tulane an excellent shot at a winning season, both in CUSA play and overall.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JP Losman Jr. 6-3 202 PS#6. Orig at UCLA. 722 yds in 2000 (50%), 268 rush. 1 st LY, 487 yds (63%), 4-1 ratio, 38 rush. **Derrick Joseph PS#23**. 457 yds at QB in '99.

RB MEWELDE MOORE JR. 6-1 203 7 sts as true. CUSA Fr of Yr, 890 yds (5.1), 33 rec (10.6). School & CUSA rec w/2259 all-purp yds LY. 1421 rush (5.4) 65 rec (11.6) 5 KR's (16.4).

WR Tristan Smith So. 6-0 185 **PS#40**. 7 gms, 3 sts as **true**, 22 rec (9.5). Nick Narcisse (6-0 181 Jr) 10.5 in 100m. 3 sts, 16 rec (7.9) LY. Cletus McGee (6-1 190 rFr) PS#135DB.

WR ROYDELL WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 171 **PS#24**. 1 st as true, 26 rec (13.0). 12 sts LY, **#1 WR w/56 rec (15.8)**. Chris Bush (6-1 189 So) 3 rec (14.3) in 2001. Bubba Terranova is PS#80.

WR CARL DAVIS SO. 5-11 172 PS#425. 7 sts as **true**, 25 rec (11.1). James Dunn (5-8 166 Jr) PS#174. 1 rec in 2000. 18 rec (9.4) in 2001. Jerome Landry is PS#125.

TE BOBBY HOOVER SO. 6-4 252 PS#86. 3 sts as true, 15 rec (9.1), 3 KR (7.0). Laine Sambrooks (6-5 255 So) 1 st, 1 rec as true, ex-DL. Stephen Hedemann (6-3 231 Jr).

C Brendon Drysdale Jr. 6-1 309 3 gms as rFr, CUSA Frosh Tm. 11 gms LY, 4 sts (2 at LG, 2 at RG), was 2nd string C. Joe Traina (6-3 269 rFr) PS#241. William Blaylock is PS#184.

RG SETH ZAUNBRECHER SR. 6-4 299 PS#413. 2nd string in 2000, 2 gms. 10 sts at LG LY. **Joe Mitchell** (6-3 324 Jr) PS#404. 2nd string as true, 2 gms at G. 2nd string LY and 5 gms.

LG Derick Bugg Sr. 6-3 297 PS#134. 3 gms in '99, 4 in 2000, 7 LY, 2 sts (1 at RT, 1 at RG), 2L. Matt Traina (6-3 267 rFr) PS#236. Kassem Khromachou (6-3 300 rFr) PS#289.

RT Jimmy Kosienski So. 6-7 264 PS#155OL. 2nd string LY as a redshirt frosh and played in all 12 games. Renzi Sandras (6-2 299 Jr). Scott Holt (6-5 280 Fr) is PS#150.

LT Chris McGee rFr. 6-4 255 **PS#210**. 2nd string but still redshirted. Kass Kemper (6-4 283 rFr) PS#168OL. Mark Burgess is PS#160OL. Derek Rogers is PS#165.

K SETH MARLER SR. 6-0 195 15 of 21 FG's as true, long of 51. 16 of 21 FG's in 2000, long of 48. **15 of 16** FG's in 2001, long of 53, **3 of 3 50+, 4-4 from 40+. Lou Groza winner!**

DEFENSE

DE KENAN BLACKMON SR. 6-5 252 8 sts as rFr, 40 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl. 8 sts in 2000. 39 tkls, 8.5 tfl. 10 sts LY, 53 tkls, 8 sks, 6 tfl. Brandon Rottmayer (6-5 257 So) PS#124, 3 sts as true.

DT WALLACE MATEEN SO. 6-0 287 PS#235LB. 7 sts as **true**, 28 tkls. Marlon Tickles (6-1 298 Sr) PS#340, 5 sts, 61 tkls, 5 sks, 3Y. Terrence Tarver (6-1 269 Jr) PS#152, 2 tfl.

DT ROXIE SHELVIN SR. 6-2 289 11 sts, 36 tkls in 2000. 7 sts, 35 tkls LY. **Lonnie Crayton** (6-3 296 Jr) PS#96, 5 sts as true, 18 tkls, 1.5 tfl. 11 sts LY, 32 tkls. Percy Branon (6-1 275 Sr).

DE FLOYD DORSEY SR. 6-0 256 PS#83. 7 sts as true, 39 tkls, 10 tfl. 11 sts in 2000, 54 tkls, 5 sks. 6 sts LY (inj) 30 tkls, 8 tfl. **Jay Ashton** (6-3 252 So) PS#175, 4 sts as **true**, 36 tkls, 5 sks.

SLB WESLEY HEATH JR. 6-0 215 PS#103. 16 tkls as true. 9 sts LY, 67 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 pbu. Terry Fontenot (5-11 210 Sr) PS#225. 5 sts, 76 tkls, 2 tfl L/2Y. Edgar Algere (5-11 240 So) 7 tkls as rFr.

MLB EMMANUEL SEWELL JR. 6-1 230 PS#189. 10 tkls LY. Blake Baker (5-10 220 So) 2 tkls LY. Great spg! **Nick Simpson** (6-3 215 Sr) PS#185. 1 st at **Oklahoma** as true! 19 tkls, 3 tfl.

WLB BRANDON SPINCER SO. 6-2 215 PS#99DB. 7 sts as **true**, 65 tkls, 3 tfl. **Daniel Nevil** (6-1 219 Jr) 1 st, 41 tkls as rFr. 12 sts LY. #2 w/112 tkls. 5 sks, 7 tfl. Antonio Mason (6-0 212 rFr) PS#275.

CB LYNARIS ELPHEAGE JR. 5-9 170 PS#30WR 6 sts as **true**, 44 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu. 12 sts LY, 59 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu. Bruce Youmans (5-10 179 rFr) PS#116. Jeremy Foreman is PS#146.

CB JEFF SANCHEZ SR. 5-10 176 5 sts at RB/DB as true. 2 sts, 101 ttl yds in 2000. 12 sts at CB, 58 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu LY. Darren Sapp (6-0 185 So) 30 tkls, 1 int, 2 sts as **true**.

SS TRA BOGER SO. 6-1 203 PS#89QB, 7 sts as **true**, 60 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Winfred Brown (5-9 183 Jr) PS#110. Gerald Brobbey (5-9 184 So) PS#202.

FS ADRIAN MITCHELL SR. 5-10 193 5 sts in 2000. 89 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. 12 sts LY, #1 w/138 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu. Quentin Brown (5-9 175 Sr) PS#86, 16 sts, 3Y, 50, 62 and 72 tkls.

P Seth Marler Sr. 6-0 195 Strong leg & GREAT K. Only 1 punt in '99. Likely punter TY, strong spg punting. Geraldo Galdamez (5-7 143 Fr). Matt Thompson (5-8 154 Fr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Billy Don Malone 6-2 180 PS#42
WR	Bubba Terranova 6-3 185 PS#80
TE	Robert Hand 6-6 250 PS#40
QB	Nick Cannon 6-3 198 PS#70
OL	Scott Holt 6-5 280 PS#150
OL	Mark Burgess 6-5 290 PS#160
OL	Derek Rogers 6-5 315 PS#165
DB	Jeremy Foreman 6-2 170 PS#146
DL	Taurean Brown 6-6 270 PS#153
DL	William Blaylock 6-3 305 PS#184
WR	Damarcus Davis 6-0 180 PS#142
DL	Kelvin Johnson 6-2 245 PS#216
LB	Demiah Freeman 6-0 220 PS#233
OL	Donald Madlock 6-4 305 PS#290

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TULANE GREEN WAVE

New Orleans, Louisiana
Louisiana Superdome

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Southern (Big Easy Classic)	A						Tulane is 3-11 ATS in their first lined home game. Tulane is 6-2 ATS vs current WAC schools since 1994. TU is 14-23-1 ATS off a SU win since 1991.
Sep. 7	at Houston	G						Tulane is 8-1 SU in non-lined games since 1983. Chris Scelfo's tms have allowed 48, 49, & 70 pts or 55.7 ppg in season openers.
Sep. 14	at E Carolina	G						TU is 4-1 ATS overall vs Houston and has covered the last 4. Tulane is 10-3 ATS in their road opener, but have lost the last 3 years.
Sep. 21	at Memphis	G						Pending LW, TU is 25-34 ATS in September S/'85, but 5-5 last 3 years. Tulane is 1-4 SU, but 3-2 ATS vs E Carolina all-time.
Sep. 28	Texas	A						Tulane is 2-7 SU and 1-7-1 ATS away vs Memphis since 1977. Green Wave is 1-9-2 ATS overall vs Memphis since 1987.
Oct. 5	at UL Monroe	G						Strange but true: Green Wave are 5-12 ATS in last lined game in Sept. This is the 1st meeting for these 2 tms S/'65. TX holds the all-time series edge at 15-1-1 SU.
Oct. 12	Cincinnati	A						Pending LW, Tulane is 2-8 ATS in their last 10 vs non-conference foes. Green Wave is 10-2 SU as an AF since 1997, but 1-3 ATS under Scelfo.
Oct. 19	UAB	A						I have used 2 Late Phone Plays on this series since 1996–both were winners! Tulane is 5-1 ATS vs the Bearcats since 1990, 10-3 SU all-time.
Oct. 26	Navy (HC)*	G						This is their 3rd meeting S/'99. TU has lost each gm by 7 or less pts (1-0-1 ATS). Tulane is 4-0-1 ATS in games prior to Navy their last 5.
Nov. 2								Green Wave is 14-4 ATS the week before a bye since 1988. Tulane has been sunk 8 out of the last 9 times ATS by Navy.
Nov. 9	at TCU	G						*Bonus: This Homecoming game is being played at Tad Gormley Stadium, an outdoor, grass stadium.
Nov. 16	Army	A						Tulane is 3-10-1 ATS the week after a bye. TU is 3-6 SU all-time vs TCU but has covered each of the L/5 meetings.
Nov. 23	S Mississippi	A						Greenies are 3-8 ATS their last 11 before playing S Mississippi. Green Wave is 3-12 ATS their last 15 vs Service Academies.
Nov. 30								The home team is 6-1 ATS the last 7 years. Tulane is 5-17 SU and 7-15 ATS vs S Mississippi since 1980.
								Bonus: TU is 7-12 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.

CHRIS SCELFO (Career 13-22)

4th Year at Tulane

Scelfo's records AT TULANE

13-22	Straight Up	4-3	Home Favorite
13-19-1	Vs The Spread	2-4-1	Home Dog
9-9-1	Off A S/U Loss	1-3	Away Favorite
9-10-1	Vs Conference	6-9	Away Dog
		4-9	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 11

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (17,25,1)
Lost: 15 (9,5,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,198

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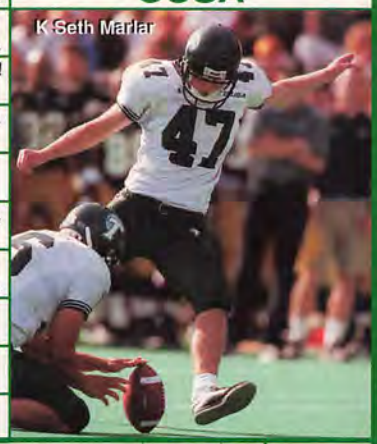
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STADIUM: LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (69,767)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	2-9	7-4	11-0	3-8	6-5	3-9	34-44
ATS	4-7	5-5-1	7-3-1	7-4	4-6-1	6-5	3-8	36-38-3
Home Fav	1-0	1-2	2-0-1	4-2	2-2	2-1	0-0	12-7-1
Home Dog	0-4	2-0-1	1-2	0-0	0-0-1	1-1	1-3	5-10-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-2	0-0	0-2	1-1	7-5
Away Dog	3-3	2-3	1-1	0-0	2-4	3-1	1-4	12-16
Favorite	1-0	1-2	5-0-1	7-4	2-2	2-3	1-1	19-12-1
Dog	3-7	4-3-1	2-3	0-0	2-4-1	4-2	2-7	17-26-2
Grass	2-2	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-3	3-2	2-3	13-14
Artificial	2-5	4-3-1	6-2-1	5-3	2-3-1	3-3	1-5	23-24-3
vs CUSA	0-3	3-2	4-1-1	3-3	2-3-1	5-2	2-5	19-19-2
vs Non-CUSA	4-4	2-3-1	3-2	4-1	2-3	1-3	1-3	17-19-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-1	2-3-1	6-4	1-2	2-3	1-2	14-16-1
Off SU Loss	3-5	3-4-1	4-0	0-0	3-3-1	4-1	2-5	19-18-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mewelde Moore	262	1462	41	1421	8	5.4
Kris Coleman	32	103	2	101	2	3.2
Gee Reshard	28	106	14	92	0	3.3
Patrick Ramsey	45	53	168	-115	1	-2.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Patrick Ramsey	448	256	57.1	2935	22	13
J.P. Losman	49	31	63.3	487	4	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Mewelde Moore	65	756	11.6	7	52	
Roydell Williams	56	886	15.8	11	62	
Terrell Harris	53	623	11.8	3	46	
Carl Davis	25	277	11.1	1	23	
Tristan Smith	22	210	9.5	1	43	
James Dunn	18	169	9.4	0	22	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Casey Roussel	64	2764	43.2	–	36.3	0	11
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Seth Marler	4-5	4-4	4-4	3-3	15-16	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Adrian Mitchell	138	1	4	10	2
Daniel Nevil	112	5	7	4	0
Quentin Brown	72	0	0	2	1
Wesley Heath	67	1	5	3	0
Brandon Spincer	65	1	2	1	0
Tra Boger	60	1	2	3	1
Lynaris Elpheage	59	0	1	14	3
Jeff Sanchez	58	0	1	8	2
Kenan Blackmon	53	8	6	3	0
Darlvon Bracy	37	0	2	0	0
Jay Ashton	36	5	3	0	0
Terry Fontenot	36	0	0	1	0
Roxie Shelvin	35	3	6	0	0
Lonnie Crayton	32	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Lynaris Elpheage	19	133	7.0	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Lynaris Elpheage	17	374	22.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
73	Bluebonnet	NL	Houston	7-47	–
79	Liberty	+2'	Penn St	6-9	L
80	All-American	+2'	Arkansas	15-34	L
87	Independence	+6	Washington	12-24	L
98	Liberty	-7	BYU	41-27	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TULANE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	28.7	22	134	3.9	292	57.5	14.8	+2	2001	6	41.3	25	249	5.2	241	58.3	11.9
7*	29.9	25	129	3.6	324	56.9	15.2	-2	2000	11	31.5	22	178	4.5	256	54.0	13.8
8	25.4	23	93	2.9	327	58.6	16.6	-10	1999	3	36.3	21	244	5.1	206	60.0	12.4
10*	45.0	27	207	4.8	302	67.1	11.3	+17	1998	6	24.6	21	160	4.2	261	57.6	17.1
3*	34.1	21	183	4.7	236	55.0	12.3	+12	1997	7	20.5	19	148	3.8	208	53.5	17.4
10*	19.4	16	127	3.4	162	48.7	14.9	+5	1996	8	24.4	21	200	4.1	178	60.3	15.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at BYU	27	43 - 219	5.1	23 - 49	289	3	30	49 - 437	8.9	27 - 33	297	0	0
at LSU	21	26 - 48	1.8	25 - 47	343	1	25	50 - 232	4.6	21 - 31	262	1	-1
E Carolina	28	37 - 141	3.8	29 - 52	288	1	21	45 - 319	7.1	11 - 22	220	1	-4
UCF	22	31 - 126	4.1	30 - 47	280	3	27	44 - 184	4.2	20 - 29	338	2	+3
Southern	26	45 - 216	4.8	19 - 40	277	5	20	32 - 143	4.5	20 - 38	212	5	+5
at Cincinnati	29	41 - 282	6.9	24 - 46	253	2	28	50 - 227	4.5	22 - 32	312	2	-2
TCU	21	35 - 116	3.3	21 - 31	355	1	21	44 - 131	3.0	18 - 36	183	3	+4
at UAB	14	22 - 8	0.4	23 - 40	197	4	21	68 - 307	4.5	6 - 18	76	2	+3
at Army	27	46 - 135	2.9	25 - 39	384	2	29	52 - 278	5.3	18 - 31	228	0	-2
Louisville	13	26 - 19	0.7	20 - 37	220	3	28	42 - 328	7.8	20 - 32	245	3	-1
at Navy	26	27 - 137	5.1	36 - 49	442	1	24	56 - 300	5.4	10 - 34	113	4	0
at S Mississippi	14	36 - 155	4.3	19 - 34	170	3	23	39 - 103	2.6	24 - 36	409	2	-3
TOTALS	268	415 - 1602	3.9	294 - 511	3498	29	297	571 - 2989	5.2	217 - 372	2895	25	+2
AVERAGES	22.3	35 - 134	3.9	25 - 43	292	2.4	24.8	48 - 249	5.2	18 - 31	241	2.1	0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cincinnati	+8'	31-17	W
Rice	+3'	24-30	L
at Syracuse	+23	19-30	W
Army	-6	41-0	W
at Louisville	-1'	64-33	W
E Carolina	-10	33-16	W
at S Mississippi	+7	13-34	L
at SW Louisiana	-25'	56-0	W
Memphis	-12	26-14	T
Mississippi	E	24-41	L
at Houston	-10	44-10	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	-3	52-34	W
at SMU	-7	31-21	W
Navy	-22	42-24	L
S Mississippi	-3	21-7	W
Louisville	-16'	28-22	L
at Rutgers	-19	52-24	W
SW Louisiana	-36'	72-20	W
at Memphis	-16	41-31	L
at Army	-16	49-35	L
Houston	-16	48-20	W
Louisiana Tech	-12	63-30	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Mississippi	+10	14-48	L
SMU	-3'	53-19	W
Army	-14	48-28	W
at Syracuse	+14'	17-47	L
at Mississippi	+12	13-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-27'	48-32	L
at E Carolina	+10'	7-52	L
Memphis	E	7-49	L
at Houston	+13'	31-36	W
at Navy	+8'	21-45	L
UAB (OT)	+3	20-23	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+19	20-49	L
at E Carolina	+21	17-37	W
at SMU	+1	29-17	W
Cincinnati	-3'	24-19	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-20'	38-37	L
S Mississippi	+14	24-56	L
at Army	-4	17-21	L
at Louisville	+14	32-35	W
Houston	-2	41-23	W
Navy	-13'	50-38	L
Memphis	+2	37-14	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+11	35-70	L
at LSU	+21'	17-48	L
E Carolina	+9'	24-51	L
UCF	+5'	29-36	L
Southern	NL	41-7	–
at Cincinnati	+10	33-46	L
TCU	+10	48-22	W
at UAB	+9	27-34	W
at Army	-1'	35-42	L
Louisville	+11	7-52	L
at Navy	-2'	42-28	W
at S Mississippi	+18	6-59	L

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Army went through a drastic change on offense, going from the wishbone to a passing attack. In the 16 years of the wishbone the average number of completions for a season was 45 and in 2000 they set an Army single season record for pass completions with 195. Curtis Zervic (PS#199) was clearly the best passer of the unit and threw for 617 yards (62.5%) with a 4-6 ratio. He returned last year as did Chad Jenkins who was originally recruited as a wishbone QB. Surprisingly Jenkins won the starting job and threw for 1,773 yards (54.5%) but with a poor 8-16 ratio while also rushing for 262 yards. Jenkins sprained his knee in the 3Q vs Buffalo and Zervic led 3 scoring drives. There was a question whether Reggie Nevels (6-0 188 So) or Zervic would take over as starter but it was Zervic who started vs Memphis prior to Jenkins returning vs Navy. Nevels is mobile but only knew 75% of the offense at the time and was also bothered by a bad shoulder. He did get in vs Memphis but he threw just 2 passes and they were both intercepted. He does have a strong arm and hit 4 of 10 for 74 yards with 100 yards rushing on 20 carries in 2001. Cory Sherk (6-5 214 So) was PS#156 and has great size. The only other QB's on the roster are Christian Montagliani (6-3 223 So) who moved to TE and Matt Silva (6-1 211 So). The team made some strides in the second year of the offense and once again set a single season record for completions (196) and also for passing yards (2,218). The team allowed six interception returns for TD's in 2000 and only two last year. True frosh Zac Dahman (PS#56) is a rare HT. They could better the completions record once again, but I'll call the unit a little weaker as it is less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Despite the drastic switch to the passing offense in 2000, Army surprisingly saw Michael Wallace become just the 8th player in Army history to top 1,000 yards rushing. He had to be replaced last year. Their most effective rusher was Josh Holden. After rushing for 127 yards in 2000 (4.5) he rushed for 515 yards last year with a team high 6.2 ypc and also had 15 rec's (8.0). Holden was benched at one point after numerous dropped passes and fumbles and then missed the final two games due to an injury. CJ Young led the team in rushing with 556 yards but only averaged 3.5 ypc. He had 39 attempts vs Tulane and 192 yards, the 13th best effort ever for an Army RB. True frosh Ardell Daniels had 212 yards rushing (4.4), with most of his action at the end of the year (he is the game breaker of the returnees). Others in the mix are Scott Eden (5-10 186 So), Marcellus Chapman (5-9 193 Jr, PS#434), DJ Blackledge (6-0 188 So), La'Berrick Williams (5-11 188 So) and Lamar Mason (5-7 161 So). Berry says some of this year's frosh will upgrade the speed and talent of the RB corps. With everyone back this unit can only be improved.

WR Aris Comeaux

RECEIVERS - In 2000, with the big change from the wishbone to the passing attack, Army had some converted RB's as their top WR's and they performed surprisingly well. Omari Thompson led the team in receiving in 2000 with 40 and TE Clint Dodson, who has NFL potential, was #2 with 37. They both returned, and were among the top receivers again last year as Dodson led the team with 42 (11.0) and Thompson was #3 with 22 (9.9). Both depart as does Brian Bruenton (11 sts, 19, 16.6). They also tragically lost Cadet Anthony Miller (1 st, 16 rec) who died in the offseason. Aris Comeaux led the team in receiving yards with 505 (14.4) and figures to be the key man, and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed below are TE Doug Horaist (6-4 230 So) and TE Brandon Johnson (6-3 239 Jr). I expect several frosh to end up in the two deep this year. With the loss of 2 of their top 3 players, this group is less experienced and should be weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Army usually has to replace the majority of the OL each season. In 2000 they switched from the wishbone to the new pass blocking schemes but did have 4 starters returning. They actually trimmed the sack total from 29 to 21 but they averaged just 3.8 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace 3 full-time starters. The 2001 OL had good size, averaging 292 lbs (very big for a service academy) and Berry said that they had the potential to be a more athletic line despite the losses. Despite putting the ball up 361 times, they led CUSA by only allowing 9 sacks and also paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing, an outstanding performance. This year they have a veteran group once again as the only losses are LT Paul Henderson (10 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA, 2 yr st'r), C Dustin Plumadore (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), OT Jared Churchill (2 sts), C Nolan Gordon (1 game), OT Mark Riegel (1 st, 11 games) and OT Nick Wybaczynsky (1 game). I list the 3 starters returning below and with a majority of the unit back and adjusted to the offense, they should be a solid group once again.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Army had a very experienced defensive front and limited opponents to just 3.9 ypc. In 2000 they had to replace players who combined for 29 starts and the unit slipped, allowing 4.6 ypc and recording just 11 sacks. Last year they had to replace their career sack leader in DE Zac Hurst and 3 other players who combined for 12 starts but 4 players were back with starting experience. Army trimmed the ypc allowed to 4.0 and increased its sack total to 17. This year they must replace DE David McCracken (8 sts, 23 tkls, 3 sks), DE Brandon Perdue (11 sts, 65 tkls, 12 tfl) and DT Douglas Larsen (2 sts, 15 tkls, 2 tfl). Overall 5 of the top 8 DL's are back including 3 with starting experience. I list the 2 deep below and this group could even be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Todd Berry shifted the defense to a 4-4-3 and I list one of the OLB's (sniper) as the safety. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had a lot of experience returning. ILB Brian Zickefoose was 2nd Team CUSA, leading the team in tackles for the 2nd straight year. He will be missed. Also gone this year are OLB Ben Edgar (42 tkls) and ILB BJ Wiley (1 st, 18 tkls). Two full-time starters return and the other ILB spot is very experienced as both Michael Lennox and Warren Stewart had over 30 tackles in 2000. Not listed below are Robert Horton (6-2 221 Sr), Matt Maimone (6-2 211 So), Tom Farrington (6-0 230 Jr) and Karl Davis (6-1 211 So). Surprisingly, there are a few HT's in the 2 deep I list below. This unit is even more experienced and I look for it to make solid strides this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Army had traditionally struggled vs the pass because their defense faced the wishbone every day in practice. Things have not improved much since they've switched offenses, as the Cadets finished #100 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and last year they had to replace 2 starters and a backup and dropped to #112, allowing 63.1% and a 21-6 ratio. This year they must replace S Ben Woodruff (11 sts, 71 tkls, 5 tfl), FS Brent Dial (11 sts, 84 tkls, 7 pbu) and CB Thomas Roberts (1 st, 21 tkls). Four players return with starting experience including 3 with six or more career starts. The Cadets' pass defense was weak last year and this is a fairly experienced secondary (for Army), so I expect them to improve in the rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - They had to replace a star punter in 2000, which was Berry's first year. Dan MacElroy averaged just 38.2 with a net of only 31.4 and the unit dropped to #84 in my special teams rankings, blocking 3 punts but having 4 blocked. Berry coached the special teams himself last year and benefitted from a huge improvement by punter MacElroy who was 1st Team CUSA with a 44.4 average which was 8th best nationally. He also had 16 punts inside the 20 and narrowly missed Army's best single season punting average of 44.7 set by Graham White (MacElroy's predecessor). They also had a record breaking returnman in Omari Thompson who is the #1 all-time KR here with 83 returns and 1,827 yards, both school records. His 26.4 KR average last year was the best in CUSA (#20 NCAA) and he averaged 7.1 on PR's. He will be missed as will LS Reid Finn. True frosh K Derek Jacobs (PS#48) had a great year, hitting 8 of 11 with a long of 41, and he returns. The special teams moved up to #36 last year. The keys will be replacing Thompson's KR's and MacElroy's punting and while this looks like an adequate group, it clearly is weaker without its top guys.

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4★ N Mexico -2'	over UTEP	26-6 WIN!
5★ SMU +13	over TCU	10-38 loss
4★ Baylor +4'	over N Mexico	16-13 WIN!
5★ Mich St +7'	over N'western	26-27 WIN!
4★ Rice +4'	over Boise St	45-14 WIN!
4★ Missouri +2'	over Iowa St	14-20 loss
4★ Arizona St -3	over Oregon St	41-24 WIN!
5★ Arkansas +1	over Auburn	42-17 WIN!
4★ Penn St -1'	over S Miss	38-20 WIN!
5★ N Mexico -2'	over UNLV	27-17 WIN!
4★ Georgia +3	over Mississippi	35-15 WIN!
4★ Pittsburgh -3'	over W Virg	23-17 WIN!
4★ Virg Tech +14	over Miami, Fl	24-26 WIN!

TOP PLAYS UPDATED SAT & SUN at 11:15 am ET

PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to be one of the most dominant teams in college football, winning 3 National Titles from 1944 to 1946, and they have notched 14 Top 25 finishes in their history. Those years have long since passed. They have not beaten a Top 20 team since 1972! They have been to only 4 bowls in the last 20 years but did go 10-2 in 1996. Todd Berry came over from Illinois St and has drastically changed the offense from the wishbone to a passing attack. In his first 2 years at Illinois St the team went 5-17 and 0-11 in Gateway Conference play but then improved to 19-7 his last two years. While Army won just 2 conference games last year, that tied them for the most in their 4 years in CUSA. Cincinnati did get a 12 yard TD pass with :07 left to beat them or they would have had a 3rd league win. Last year's freshmen class brought much needed speed to the program as 26 of the team's top 50 forty times belonged to freshmen. This year the team is dominated by sophomores as 50 of the 103 players on the spring roster were sophomores. Last season Army finished -16 in turnovers which means good things are in the offing if you check out my Turnovers=Turnaround article on page 295. This year they must replace 32 lettermen, the most in CUSA, but that is status quo for a service academy. While just 5 starters return offensively and they must replace their QB, I like the talent they have on hand and give them a shot at surpassing last year's 20.8 ppg. In CUSA play Army actually averaged 374.7 ypg which was 6th best. Last year the defense played well at times, holding BC's William Green to 115 yards and Tulane's Mewelde Moore to just 80. Defensively they have 6 starters back and appear decent in all 3 areas (DL, LB, DB's). Army is a stronger and much more confident team this year and should continue to show improvement in the 3rd year of the Berry regime.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Reggie Nevels So. 6-0 188 PS#105DB. 4 of 10 passes in 2001, 74 yds, 1 TD 2 int, 100 yards rushiing (5.0). Cory Sherk (6-5 214 So) **PS#156QB**. Added 17 lbs.

RB JOSH HOLDEN SR. 6-1 215 127 yds (4.5) in 2000. 2 sts LY, 515 yds (6.2), 15 rec (8.0). CJ Young (5-10 201 Jr) 7 sts LY, 556 yds (3.5). Ardell Daniels PS#333. 212 yds, 1 st.

WR Chris Pestel Sr. 5-10 184 **PS#231WR.** Sprinter in HS. JV in 1999. 4 gms in 2000. 11 gms LY, 5 rec (14.8). John McFarland (6-2 187 Jr). Austin Wilson (5-9 172 So)

WR Aaron Alexander So. 6-5 198 PS#352WR. Good fall camp as frosh, but broken jaw. Clint Woody (6-5 225 Jr) 1 rec, 2 gms as true. James Vreeland (6-2 225 Sr).

WR ARIS COMEAUX SR. 6-0 200 JV in '99. 1 st, 12 rec (9.5), 3 KR (14.3) in 2000. 10 sts LY, #2 w/35 rec (14.4). Won 55m high hurdles. Lamar Mason (5-7 161 So) PS#650RB.

TE Michael Schwartz Sr. 6-4 275 PS#100. Orig signed w/Rice. 1 rec in 2000. 2 rec LY. Wade Greenlee (6-4 228 So) PS#108. **Alton McCallum** (6-2 260 Sr) **489 rush yds** in '99 & 2000.

C Michael Hastings Sr. 6-0 280 2 gms at center in 2000. 3 gms as bkup C last year. Josh Davis (6-2 315 Jr) JV team in 2000. 2 gms in 2001. Derek Oliver (6-4 263 So).

RG ALEX MOORE SR. 6-2 280 JV team in 1999. 4 gms in 2000. 10 sts in 2001. 1 letter. Adam Wojcik (6-4 283 Jr). Jake Holly (6-3 277 So) PS#581OL. 1 gm as true.

LG AARON BURGER SR. 6-2 290 PS#256DL. 1 gm as true. 5 gms in 2000. 11 sts LY. Seth Nieman (6-4 320 So) PS#539. Steve Schmidt (6-2 267 Sr) 10 gms 2nd string at LG LY.

RT Jon Green Sr. 6-5 300 PS#405OL. Junior Varsity team in 2000. 9 games as second string in 2001. Mark Conliffe (6-4 280 Jr) was PS#255OL.

LT CRAIG CUNNINGHAM SR. 6-3 320 2nd string in '99 & 2000. 10 sts at RT LY. Moved to LT in spg. Regan Tatford (6-4 300 So). Brad Waudby (6-5 320 Jr). Brian Burns (6-6 281 So).

K DEREK JACOBS SO. 6-0 195 PS#48K in 2001. Hit 8 of 11 as true, long of 41, only 1 from 40+. 1st frosh K since 1982. Anthony Zurisko (5-11 200 Jr). Paul Stelzer (6-4 195 Jr).

DE Keenan Beasley So. 6-3 222 PS#165DL. 5 gms as true. Will Sullivan (6-3 241 So) 5 tkls, 9 gms as true. Doug Meyer (6-5 241 So) PS#479. 4 tkls, 3 gms in 2001 as true.

DT PADDY HEILIGER SR. 6-4 272 PS#322. 8 sts in 2000, 38 tkls, 2 tfl. 10 sts LY, 42 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Seth Langston (6-4 280 Sr) 2 sts, 27 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Brian Horvath (6-3 283 Sr).

DT CLARENCE HOLMES SR. 6-4 266 3 sts in 2000, 19 tkls, 2 sks (missed 5 w/inj). 10 sts LY, 49 tkls, 7 sks, 5 tfl. **Travis Pendleton** (6-5 253 Jr) **PS#163**. Trey Landry (6-3 278 So) PS#352.

DE Odene Brathwaite Jr. 6-4 274 Added 40 lbs. 10 tkls, 7 gms as **true. CUSA Fr Tm.** Alan Maszarose (6-2 243 Sr) PS#99TE. JV team in 1999. 2 tkls in 2000. 13 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

OLB RYAN KENT JR. 6-0 203 PS#352DB. 9 sts LY, 80 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu after move from QB. Joe Martinez (6-1 230 Jr) PS#299RB. 12 tkls LY. Britt Cleveland (5-11 212 So) PS#142.

ILB JASON FRAZIER SR. 6-0 243 5 sts as **true**, **CUSA Frosh**, 31 tkls, 5 tfl. 10 sts, 88 tkls, 6 tfl in 2000. 8 sts, 99 tkls. 3 tfl LY. Jay Thomas (6-2 220 Jr) PS#158DB. 6 tkls as true.

ILB Michael Lennox Sr. 6-2 233 PS#156. JV in '99. 3 sts, 38 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu in 2000. 16 tkls LY. Greg Washington (6-0 218 So) PS#464. Warren Stewart (6-2 221 Sr) 30 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000.

SNIP Mikel Resncik So. 6-0 205 PS#443LB. 12 tkls, 3 pbu as **true**. Brian Todd (6-0 186 Sr) PS#460RB. 1 st at RB in 2000, 38 yds. 2 tkls last year. Shane Radtke (5-11 190 Sr).

CB Delente Brewer So. 5-11 185 PS#525. 11 tackles at CB as true, 11 games. Moved from WR. Michael Sehzue (5-10 182 Sr) 6 sts last year, 28 tackles, 1 int, 3 pbu.

CB JONATHAN LEWIS SO. 5-11 194 PS#423DB. 3 sts as true, 18 tkls, 2 pbu, 11 gms. Added 14 lbs. Emiko Terry (5-8 171 Sr) 6 tkls in 2000. 8 sts in 2001, 31 tkls, 3 pbu.

FS MAURIO SMITH SR. 5-9 177 5 tackles in 2000. 6 sts last year, 31 tackles, 1 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Lucius Weaver (6-3 218 So) PS#464LB. 23 tackles as **true**.

P Chris Castelli Sr. 6-2 224 JV punter in 1999. JV punter in 2000. No punts on varsity in 2001. Alex Bradford (6-0 185 So). Kurt Cheeseman (5-10 182 So) PS#135K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Zac Dahman 6-0 170 PS#56
QB	Matt Bowerman 6-2 185 PS#84
OL	Bo Lockhart 6-3 270 PS#190
OL	Pete Bier 6-4 270 PS#257
RB	Recardo Evans 5-7 185 PS#264
DB	Raymond Stith 5-8 175 PS#271
RB	Mario Price 5-10 175 PS#353
QB	Ben Barton 5-9 175 PS#254
TE	Phil Edmondson 6-4 237 PS#131
WR	Bruce Brown 5-11 175 PS#364
RB	Carlton Jones 5-10 190 PS#423
OL	Seth Lotts 6-3 245 PS#565
QB	Laron Bybee 6-2 198 PS#297
TE	Donnie Bowen 6-5 215 PS#146

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ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ARMY	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Army is 3-9 SU, 5-7 ATS in their last 12 games vs the Big East. Black Knights are 8-4 ATS their last 12 vs current MAC teams. Army is 8-4 ATS in their first lined home game of the season.
Sep. 7	Holy Cross	A						Army leads this series 17-5-1 SU. Last meeting was in 1994. Black Knights are 9-18-3 SU in their opener and have lost 5 straight.
Sep. 14	at Rutgers	G						Knights have lost 29 of 31 SU on grass (11-24 ATS) since 1986!! Army is 9-17 ATS vs non-conference foes the last 5 years.
Sep. 21	Louisville	A						Knights are 6-20 SU last 4 years vs CUSA teams. The straight up winner is 5-0 ATS in this series.
Sep. 28	S Mississippi	A						Army is 10-5 ATS in their 2nd straight home game, but 0-3 ATS the last 3. Pending last week: Army is 30-18 ATS as a home dog since 1984.
Oct. 5	at E Carolina	G						Coming into 2002 Army was 0-7 SU and 4-3 ATS in sandwiched AG's. Knights are 21-11 ATS in their last 32 October games.
Oct. 12	TCU (HC)	A						May apply: Army was 2-4 ATS as a DD dog LY (16-12 ATS since 1995). Knights are 2-6 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1998.
Oct. 19	at Houston	G						Black Knights are 5-3 SU & 5-2 ATS in the state of Texas since 1983. Army is 3-1 ATS & 2-2 SU the last 4 years vs Houston, all as dogs.
Oct. 26	UAB	A						Knights are 0-2 SU and ATS in this short series, being outscored 10-82. Army is 2-9 SU and 4-7 ATS prior to a bye since 1996.
Nov. 2								Bonus: Army is 15-30 ATS in games played in Nov and Dec since 1989.
Nov. 9	Air Force	A						Army is 1-10 ATS their last 11 games after a bye week(s). The home team is 14-4 ATS in this series.
Nov. 16	at Tulane	A						Army is 3-3 SU & 4-2 ATS vs the Green Wave, but 0-2 SU & ATS at the Superdome. The home team is 6-0 ATS and 5-1 SU in this series.
Nov. 23	at Memphis	G						Excluding Navy games, Army is 2-8 ATS in road finales. Army is 4-0 ATS in the 2nd of back to back away games.
Nov. 30								Bonus: This will be the 103rd Army/Navy game.
Dec. 7	† Navy (E. Rutherford, NJ)	A						The favorite has covered just 5 of the last 14 meetings. Army is 9-5 SU but 4-10 ATS in this rivalry.

TODD BERRY (Career 28-42)
3rd Year at Army

Berry's records AT ARMY

4-18	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
10-12	Vs The Spread	4-5	Home Underdog
7-10	Off A S/U Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
7-7	Vs Conference	5-5	Away Underdog
		3-5	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (15,21,3)
Lost: 32 (17,13,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,048

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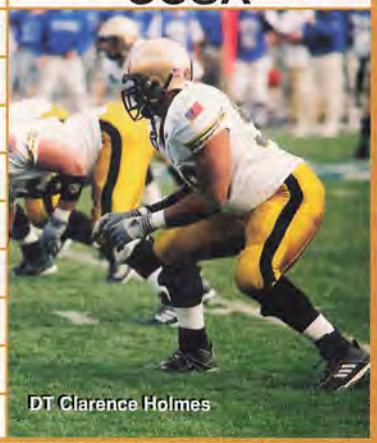
DT Clarence Holmes

STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (39,929)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-5-1	10-1	4-7	3-8	3-8	1-10	3-8	29-47-1
ATS	5-3	7-2-1	2-7	6-5	5-6	4-7	6-5	35-35-1
Home Fav	0-0	3-1	1-3	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	6-5
Home Dog	3-1	1-0	0-0	3-2	1-3	1-4	3-1	12-11
Away Fav	0-1	2-0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	3-5-1
Away Dog	2-1	1-1	1-3	3-1	2-3	3-2	2-3	14-14
Favorite	0-1	5-1-1	1-4	0-2	2-0	0-1	1-1	9-10-1
Dog	5-2	2-1	1-3	6-3	3-6	4-6	5-4	26-25
Grass	0-1	1-0	0-2	3-2	2-1	2-3	1-3	9-12
Artificial	5-2	6-2-1	2-5	3-3	3-5	2-4	5-2	26-23-1
vs CUSA	1-2	1-0	0-1	4-2	3-3	4-3	3-4	16-15
vs Non-CUSA	4-1	6-2-1	2-6	2-3	2-3	0-4	3-1	19-20-1
Off SU Win	2-1	5-2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-1	10-11-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-0	1-4	5-3	4-3	3-6	4-4	21-21

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
C.J. Young	**158**	**594**	**38**	**556**	**9**	**3.5**
Josh Holden	**83**	**531**	**16**	**515**	**4**	**6.2**
Ardell Daniels	**48**	**222**	**10**	**212**	**1**	**4.4**
Chad Jenkins	63	262	86	176	4	2.8
D.J. Stancil	42	166	11	155	0	3.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chad Jenkins	286	156	54.5	1773	8	16
Curtis Zervic	64	36	56.3	371	1	3
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Clint Dodson		42	463	11.0	2	45
Aris Comeaux		**35**	**505**	**14.4**	**5**	**57**
Omari Thompson		22	217	9.9	1	39
Brian Bruenton		19	315	16.6	1	42
Anthony Miller		16	217	13.6	0	26
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Dan MacElroy	51	2264	44.4	–	38.4	2	16
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Derek Jacobs	**3-4**	**4-6**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**8-11**	**41**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brian Zickefoose	108	1	4	5	1
Jason Frazier	**99**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Brent Dial	84	0	0	7	1
Ryan Kent	**80**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Ben Woodruff	71	0	5	1	0
Brandon Perdue	65	3	9	3	1
Clarence Holmes	**49**	**7**	**5**	**5**	**0**
Paddy Heiliger	**42**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Ben Edgar	42	0	0	1	0
Emiko Terry	**31**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Maurio Smith	**31**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Mike Sehzue	**28**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**
Seth Langston	**27**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Lucius Weaver	**23**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Omari Thompson	14	99	7.1	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Omari Thompson	28	739	26.4	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Cherry	+4	Michigan St	10-6	W
85	Peach	+6'	Illinois	31-29	W
88	Sun	+14	Alabama	28-29	W
96	Independence	+7'	Auburn	29-32	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARMY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	20.8	19	165	4.2	202	54.3	17.6	-16	2001	5	33.2	22	169	4.0	241	63.1	12.3
6*	20.4	18	143	3.8	176	51.0	15.7	-6	2000	6	33.8	22	216	4.6	223	61.1	13.0
2	20.5	18	265	4.6	73	40.6	16.5	-4	1999	7	28.8	20	172	3.9	205	63.8	13.1
4*	23.4	19	294	5.3	76	45.9	15.8	-3	1998	4	29.5	20	174	4.2	243	57.2	14.1
5	20.1	18	295	4.8	35	30.4	16.5	-3	1997	2	28.3	19	175	4.5	211	57.9	13.7
5*	31.6	23	339	5.1	108	64.1	14.1	+6	1996	6	18.7	15	95	3.2	184	51.0	15.0

	OFFENSE						2001 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Cincinnati	16	31 - 160	5.2	19 - 30	203	4	27	43 - 138	3.2	32 - 44	333	5	-3
at UAB	13	21 - 46	2.2	21 - 36	191	3	21	49 - 239	4.9	19 - 25	220	2	-6
at Boston College	13	36 - 154	4.3	11 - 29	108	0	21	43 - 192	4.5	21 - 28	204	0	0
Houston	23	46 - 259	5.6	15 - 28	168	0	24	25 - 141	5.6	27 - 41	367	1	+2
E Carolina	25	43 - 153	3.6	21 - 38	289	0	24	42 - 263	6.3	13 - 22	178	0	-1
at TCU	13	32 - 97	3.0	14 - 27	230	0	24	50 - 212	4.2	21 - 29	273	3	0
Tulane	29	52 - 278	5.3	18 - 31	228	0	27	46 - 135	2.9	25 - 39	384	3	+2
at Air Force	26	45 - 180	4.0	26 - 43	256	1	16	47 - 150	3.2	10 - 17	132	0	-3
Buffalo	21	27 - 96	3.6	27 - 45	272	1	23	46 - 150	3.3	17 - 30	185	1.0	-3
at Memphis	20	45 - 167	3.7	16 - 35	154	0	19	40 - 138	3.5	13 - 22	233	0.0	-1
†Navy	15	52 - 222	4.3	8 - 19	119	0	17	37 - 97	2.6	12 - 36	142	2.0	-3
TOTALS	214	430 - 1812	4.2	196 - 361	2218	9	243	468 - 1855	4.0	210 - 333	2651	17	-16
AVERAGES	19.5	39 - 165	4.2	18 - 33	202	0.8	22.1	43 - 169	4.0	19 - 30	241	1.5	-1.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-3	25-35	L
Lafayette	NL	41-14	–
at Duke	-6	17-20	L
Miami (Oh)	-4	14-38	L
at Tulane	+6	0-41	L
Rutgers	-16'	37-35	L
Colgate	NL	35-27	–
at Air Force	+14	0-24	L
N Texas	-6'	25-14	W
at Boston College	+13'	20-24	W
† Navy	+12'	7-39	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Oh)	+7	13-14	W
Cincinnati	+2'	37-20	W
at Rutgers	-10	15-27	L
at E Carolina	+13	25-30	W
at Houston	+7	38-28	W
S Mississippi	+10	13-37	L
at Notre Dame	+25	17-20	W
Air Force	+13	7-35	L
Tulane	+16	35-49	W
at Louisville	+8'	23-35	L
† Navy	-6'	34-30	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+2'	15-34	L
at Tulane	+14	28-48	L
Ball St	-9'	41-21	W
E Carolina	+11'	14-33	L
Louisville (OT)	+14	59-52	W
at S Mississippi	+24'	0-24	W
New Mexico St	-6'	35-18	W
at Air Force	+15	0-28	L
at Memphis	+12	10-14	W
Houston	+4'	14-26	L
† Navy	+7	9-19	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+14	17-23	W
Boston College	+6'	17-55	L
at Houston	+16'	30-31	W
Memphis	+6'	16-26	L
at New Mexico St	+4	23-42	L
at E Carolina	+25	21-42	W
Tulane	+4	21-17	W
Air Force	+7'	27-41	L
at Louisville	+19	17-38	L
UAB	+8	7-27	L
† Navy	-2	28-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cincinnati	+5	21-24	W
at UAB	+16	3-55	L
at Boston College	+23'	10-31	W
Houston	+1	28-14	W
E Carolina	+13'	26-49	L
at TCU	+13'	20-38	L
Tulane	+1'	42-35	W
at Air Force	+13	24-34	W
Buffalo	-15	19-26	L
at Memphis	+16	10-42	L
† Navy	-1'	26-17	W

HOUSTON COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Cougars had to replace Jason McKinley, who was the first four year starting QB in UH history. He left as the #2 all-time total offense leader and was #1 in attempts and completions. That is impressive considering UH has had some fine QB's including Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware and David Klingler. Bubba Teague was the #2 QB in 2000 and was expected to start in 2001, but the strong-armed Teague was ruled academically ineligible, leaving this group with scant experience. Kelly Robertson fought off five other QB contenders for the job. Robertson (6-4 220) had last played football in 1996 in HS and had pursued baseball in college. In the opener vs Rice, nine dropped passes hurt him, but Robertson had a great game vs Texas, throwing for 364 yards with 3 TD's. He was 7th in the NCAA in total offense when he broke his right wrist vs Army and missed the next four games. Nick Eddy (6-4 240 Jr), who threw for 2,500+ yards at JUCO in 2000, started the next four games. He threw for 1,023 yards (54.4%) with a 6-8 ratio. Robertson finished the season as the starter but departs after throwing for 1,704 yards (55.8%) with a 9-6 ratio. Two of Dimel's signees last year will challenge. Barrick Nealy was PS#73 and passed for 1,667 yards while rushing for 796 as a senior in HS. Blade Bassler, who was PS#46, and Torrence Botts (6-2 200 Sr) are also in the mix at QB. Dimel raved about the strength and athleticism of all 4 candidates, but it seems that Eddy is the frontrunner. This group has a lot more experience than it did last year and should have better health, so I'll call it improved in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cougars were very inexperienced at RB in 2000, but Dimel was very high on Joffrey Reynolds and projected at least 800 yards from him and another 400 or 500 from backup Leif Penn. However, the running game really struggled and Houston actually had the fifth worst rush offense in the NCAA that season with Reynolds leading the team with 534 yards (3.9) and Penn adding 348 (3.7). Last year I expected Chris Robertson (PS#105), a Texas transfer, to take over the starting job and while he played in 11 games, he finished with just 165 yards rushing (3.4) but was bothered by hamstring injuries. They also opted to use a FB more often and the team was much more effective running the ball. Reynolds led the way with 818 yards (4.5) and those totals probably would have been higher if not for a late season injury which limited him to 53 yards in the final two. This year they lose Penn (118 total yards offense), FB/TE Tommie Baldwin (4 sts, 10 rec) and FB Kairon Hill (27 yards rushing). They also were stunned when Robertson tore his ACL and MCL in spring practice, which is likely a career ending injury. I expect the feature back this year to be Anthony Evans, who was PS#28 last year and was heavily recruited by Oklahoma, and was quite a signing coup for Dimel. He redshirted last year. Dimel (who does lavish praise on his players) called true frosh Jackie Battle a 220 lb Emmitt Smith. Tim Feathers (6-0 240 Jr) will be the FB when they use one and is backed by Carl Francis (5-10 230 So). This unit has more talent than it did heading into last season and should be solidly improved.

RECEIVERS - It was no wonder that Dimel wanted to bring in a pass offense in his first year here as he inherited a tremendous group of receivers which I ranked #22 in the country in 2000. Unfortunately that group was decimated by injuries and departures with the four projected starters playing a total of just 3 games. Last year the majority of the injured players were back and they returned their top 2 receivers from 2000. The #2 returning receiver, KeyKowa Bell, got injured early and opted to redshirt. Surprisingly Brian Robinson (PS#82), after hauling in 81 passes (11.1) in 2000, had just 23 rec's (11.9) last year. Orlando Iglesias was the go-to man and leaves as Houston's all-time leading receiver with 222 rec's, breaking the school record set by Manny Hazard (220) in 1990. He had 63 rec's last year which was more than double the #2 WR. Their TE position got down to 6th and 7th stringers by the end of 2001 due to injuries, and 6 TE's missed a combined 31 games and most were forced to apply for medical redshirts. I list the 2 deep below and there is plenty of experience returning. Besides Iglesias the team must also replace converted QB Alvin Lee (11, 6.9) and 3 backup TE's who combined for 25 rec's. This looks to be a solid, experienced group and they get a couple of super JC transfers in TE Jon Clark (PS#28JC) who I list as a WR and TE Matt Mattox (PS#51JC) as well as the return of Bell, Choni Francis (5-7 170 So, 7 rec's as true) and Mark Hopkins (6 rec as true). Despite the loss of their top guy, this unit is clearly stronger at TE and very solid at WR, and I'll call them improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Ex-head coach Kim Helton made his mark coaching the offensive line in the NFL, and the UH OL's were always solid under him. In 1999 they had one of the nation's best and they paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. In 2000 they had to replace 3 players who were 3 and 4 year starters and also changed their schemes and managed just 2.2 ypc rushing while allowing 49 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters. One of the returning starters, Jabari Beauford, went down to injury after 6 games and Chris Wheeler started the last 5 in his place. Houston improved to 3.1 ypc rushing while trimming the sack total to 32. This year the group looks in even better shape. Gone are RG Darnerius Watson (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Josh DeMarr (10 sts) and RT Beauford (6 sts, 3 yr st'r). However, counting Wheeler as a starter, 3 return and they also bring over a starting DL in Rufus Williams. The last starting spot should be filled by JUCO transfer Tyrone Green (PS#118) who was 2nd string last year. They also add a couple of JUCO's this year and 4 rFr from last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Helton's final defense allowed just 2.9 ypc but in 2000 Dimel had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups and had just 1 player return with starting experience. They were still respectable allowing just 3.4 ypc, and the team recorded 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups, once again having just one returning starter, but they did get 3 JUCO transfers who came in and took over starting jobs. Houston's defensive front managed just 5 sacks with the team recording 11 overall and the team allowed 4.8 ypc rushing. This year they must replace DE Lee Ingersoll (10 sts, 44 tkls, 4 tfl), DT Robin Tremblay (8 sts, 23 tkls), DT Donald Mayo (10 tkls) and DT Rufus Williams (7 sts, 26 tkls, 6 tfl) who moves to the OL. They have 3 players returning who started 5 or more games last year, a couple of top-notch rFr, and once again they bring in some solid JUCO's. This is Dimel's most experienced DL at Houston and clearly they should perform better than the pitiful numbers posted by last year's defense.

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars play a 4-2-5 defense but I will list the STUD safety as a LB, giving them a 3 man LB corps. Houston's defense played well in 2000 despite losing a lot of players because of the presence of Wayne Rogers, who was co-Def POY in CUSA. Last year they lost Rogers plus another starter and as mentioned in the DL, went from allowing 3.4 ypc rushing to 4.8 ypc. This year they must replace 2 starters once again in WLB Arthur Gissendanner (11 sts, 98 tkls, 8 tfl) and STUD Jermain Woodard who moves to WS. Also gone are backup STUD Heard Robinson (2 sts, 27 tkls, 2 tfl) and MLB Waymond Ervin (7 tkls). Despite the losses, this unit should see significant improvement as they actually have 2 VHT's who are both soph's in the lineup and plenty of HT's as well. Damien West (PS#35) was a transfer from Texas A&M who had to sit out last year and Bryant Brown (PS#31) had 18 tackles as a true frosh. Cody Thibodeaux (PS#52DB) is plugged in as a backup at STUD. Last year's defense was nothing spectacular but this has the makings of one of CUSA's best LB corps if the VHT's live up to their potential.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 the Cougars had 6 of their top 7 back and finished #56 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace 2 full-time starters and a part-time starter in 2000 and then lost a projected starter prior to the year but still finished #43 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had 2 starters returning including their top cover corner, Jason Parker, who simply departs as the career pbu leader in Cougar history. Not much went right for Houston last year and a somewhat experienced secondary plummeted to #103 in my pass D rankings, allowing 59.9% and a 22-7 ratio. This year they must replace Parker (9 sts, 39 tkls, 1 int), FS Hamin Milligan (9 sts, 70 tkls, 2 int's, 3 pbu), FS Clint deGroot (10 tkls) and CB Bachie McGruder (11 tkls). The star of last year's group was Hanik Milligan who had an amazing 174 tackles which was just 3 off the all-time school record and he is the leading returning tackler in the NCAA. Not only is Hanik Milligan back but also returning are 2 CB's who combined for 13 starts last year, one as a true frosh. They also bring in WS Jermain Woodard from STUD, add 2 HT JUCO's in Delenell Reid (PS#78) and Roland Cola (PS#95), plus two super true frosh CB's who Dimel says could become 4 year starters in Roshawn Pope (PS#66WR) and Willie Gaston (PS#169). They also add a couple of HT rFr at safety and I list them below. This will probably be one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Dimel's Wyoming special teams usually fared well in my rankings, including a #38 finish in 1998 and #33 in 1999. Here at UH he inherited a group that was #81 in my rankings in 1999 and returned both kickers for 2000, but had to replace their returnmen. The team ended up suffering 8 blocked kicks (including 2 punts) but did block 4 and dropped to #95. Last year they had to replace their K and P but with the numbers so poor the previous year, I expected improvement. Last year they only blocked one punt but at least did not allow any. Overall the unit dropped even further to #116 due to a pitiful return game which averaged just 3.9 on PR's and 17.3 on KR's. Their net punting was also poor at 31.7. This is the second year for their punter, Jimmy McClary (PS#43), a Hofstra transfer, and he should fare better (as should the returnmen) who are almost all back. They must replace FG man Jeff Patterson but he was used very little, hitting just 2 of 4 FG's. They also hired a full-time special teams coach for the first time here under Dimel in Joe Robinson (was S Miss/Louis Tech special teams/defense coach). Dimel is emphasizing speed and using some starters on the unit this year. There is really only one way for this unit to go, and it should improve.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Houston used to have a run and shoot offense with Jack Pardee and John Jenkins at the helm. When they hired Kim Helton they wanted anything but the run and shoot. Helton did a great job and after having just 45 scholarship players in his 2nd year, he led the team to the CUSA Co-Championship in 1996 and the Liberty Bowl. In his final season the team went 7-4 with 3 losses to bowl squads but he was surprisingly given the ax. His "boring" run oriented offense avg 370 yds and 23.1 ppg. Dana Dimel was brought in and they reverted to a pure passing offense and avg just 19.2 and 17.3 ppg. The consequences have been a 3-8 record in his first season and last year UH suffered their first winless season in the 56 years of the football program. They have a school record 15 consecutive losses. Last year Dimel bit the bullet, and despite their poor season he redshirted the majority of his freshmen class. That will pay dividends down the road. This team did lead Cincinnati 28-17 in the 4Q, but on the season UH was outscored by an average of 22 ppg!!! Last year the Cougars were -11 in turnovers, so make sure you check out my Turnovers=Turnaround article on page 295. Last year's team had to replace 26 lettermen (2nd most in CUSA) and they lose 26 again this year. Although they have just 6 starters back on offense, they look more potent and QB Nick Eddy has a fine receiving corps and some solid RB's to work with. Defensively the Cougars added of some VHT LB's and solid JUCO's in the secondary and should be much tougher. UH will end its losing streak this year and in fact should be favored in at least 3 games but they still may be a year or so away from flirting with a winning record. Call them a stronger team, but they have a huge amount of ground to make up after being outscored by an average of 22 ppg.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Nick Eddy Jr. 6-4 240 PS#307JC. 4 sts LY, 1023 yds (54%), 6-8 ratio, 42 yds rush. **Blade Bassler** (6-4 225 rFr) PS#46. **Barrick Nealy** (6-4 210 rFr) PS#73.

RB ANTHONY EVANS rFr. 5-10 205 **PS#28.** Joffrey Reynolds (5-10 215 Sr) 8 starts in 2000, 534 yds (3.9), 24 rec's (8.0). 11 starts last year, 818 yds (4.5), 37 grabs (9.4).

WR KeyKowa Bell Jr. 5-10 185 11 sts, **54 rec**, (13.4) in 2000. RS LY. **Jon Clark** (6-5 215 Jr) PS#28JC, 55 rec at JC LY. Jeremy McCardell (6-0 225 Sr) 6 sts, 20 rec, 3Y.

WR BRIAN ROBINSON SR. 6-4 208 PS#82. 8 sts, **81 rec** (11.1), 2nd Tm CUSA in 2000, 6 sts, 23 rec (11.9) LY. Mark Hopkins (6-4 200 So) 6 rec as true. Chad McCullar is PS#153.

WR BRANDON MIDDLETON JR. 5-11 180 Deep threat. 7 sts, 18 rec as true. 16 rec, 3 gms in 2000, inj RS. 20 rec LY, super **24.3** ypc. 482 KR yds. John Tyson (6-0 168 So) 5 rec, 4.3 spd.

TE Matt Mattox Jr. 6-4 250 PS#51JC. **Stephen Cucci** (6-4 240 Jr) PS#56TE. 6 sts in 2000, 16 rec (9.6). RS LY. Jonathan Pritchett (6-4 255 Jr) 9 sts in '98 & '99, 11 rec.

C AL JAMES JR. 6-0 300 PS#286. 11 sts as rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. 66 pancakes, 95 KD's. 11 sts LY, 0 sks allowed, 425 bench, every snap for 2Y. Roy Swan (6-2 320 rFr) PS#147.

RG CHRIS WHEELER SR. 6-2 295 PS#118. 3 gms as rFr. L/5 sts LY after Jabari Beauford's inj. Joshua Veal (6-5 295 Jr) PS#265JC. Willie Thomas III (6-3 335 So). RS in 2000.

LG REX HADNOT JR. 6-1 310 11 games as rFr & lettered. 11 sts LY, 0 sks allowed. 86% blk grade. 104 KD's, 46 pancakes. Jesse Bryant (6-3 290 rFr) PS#365DL.

RT Rufus Williams Sr. 6-5 300 PS#51DL. 4 tkls, 9 games in 1999 & 2000. 7 sts at DE LY, 26 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. Moves to OL. John McGilvray (6-5 250 rFr) PS#274.

LT Tyrone Green Sr. 6-2 295 PS#118JC. 2nd string in 2000 but still RS. 2nd string LY & 1L. David Douglas (6-3 295 rFr) PS#471. Phil Hawkins PS#171 & orig signed w/Missouri.

K Dustin Bell So. 6-2 210 Walk-on in 2000. 10 games last year & handled kickoffs all year. Good leg. Justin Laird (6-2 175 Fr) PS#72K, Texas Top 100.

DEFENSE

DE QUANTAA JACKSON SR. 6-2 255 PS#213RB & orig signed w/Baylor. RB at JC. RS here in 2000, L/5 sts LY. 15 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. **Ryan Huffman** PS#161JC. Joe Clay (6-1 255 So).

DT Sharod McGowan rFr. 6-2 280 **PS#135DL. Farouk Adelekan** (6-2 260 Jr) PS#184JC, 23.5 sks, 5 blk'd FG at JC. Kendrick Goss (6-4 270 So) 12 tkls, 1 tfl in 5 games LY.

DT Bryan Hill Jr. 6-1 285 PS#149JC in 2000, redshirt. 7 sts here last year. 26 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Jeff Mayhew (6-4 275 rFr) PS#239DL Patrick Howard (6-6 288 Jr) JUCO.

DE ADRIAN LEE JR. 6-2 235 66 tkls, 9 sks at JC in '99. 2 sts here in 2000, 6 tkls but RS. 7 sts LY, 45 tkls, 4 tfl. David Midyett (6-2 250 Jr). 19 tkls, 4 tfl, 2Y. LC Kirkpatrick PS#144.

WLB JUSTIN DAVIS JR. 6-2 226 PS#317. 10 sts LY, 53 tkls, 3 tfl. **Bryant Brown (6-2 220 So) PS#31LB**, 18 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Ronnie Braxton (6-0 210 Sr) PS#292JC. 34 tkls, 2Y.

MLB Damien West So. 6-2 246 **PS#35.** 3 tkls in 8 gms at Texas A&M in 2000. Trans. Matt Schirmer (6-0 225 So) PS#153RB, 62 all-purp yds at RB LY. Travis Griffith (6-4 240 So) PS#247DL.

STUD Jesse Sowells Sr. 5-11 200 PS#292JC, 25 tkls LY. **Cody Thibodeaux** (6-1 205 So) **PS#52DB,** PQ LY. Tristen Robertson (6-0 190 rFr) PS#189. Chad Davis (5-11 195 So).

CB VICTOR MALONE SR. 5-11 175 PS#218JC. 9 sts, 42 tkls, 6 pbu here LY. **Delenell Reid** (5-10 180 Jr) PS#133RB orig signed w/Ark. **PS#78JC.** Willie Gaston (5-10 170) is PS#169.

CB Stanford Routt So. 6-1 180 Track team. 4 sts as true, 26 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. **Roland Cola** (5-10 170 Jr) **PS#95JC**, 8 int's at JC in 2000. **Roshawn Pope** is **PS#66WR.**

WS JERMAIN WOODARD SO. 5-11 195 PS#315RB. 9 sts at SS LY, 78 tkls, 7 tfl, CUSA Fr Tm. Carlos Jones (5-10 190 rFr) PS#122. Reggie Medlock (5-10 190 Sr) 2 sts, 22 tkls LY.

FS HANIK MILLIGAN SR. 6-3 215 JC. 11 sts at FS, 89 tkls, 5 int, 8 pbu in 2000. 11 sts LY. **174 tkls** (#1 returning tkl'r NCAA), 2nd Tm CUSA, 1 int, 4 pbu. Levi Gaston (6-1 180 rFr) PS#159.

P JIMMY McCLARY JR. 6-6 214 PS#43K. Trans from Hofstra. 63 punts in 2001 here, 38.1 average, net of 31.7. JJ Wyatt (5-11 190 So) 40 yard punt average in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

TE	Jon Clark 6-5 215 PS#28JC
TE	Matt Mattox 6-5 250 PS#51JC
WR	Roshawn Pope 5-10 180 PS#66
CB	Delenell Reid 5-10 190 PS#78JC
WR	William Gulley 6-4 195 PS#128
DL	Ryan Huffman 6-6 255 PS#161JC
DL	L.C. Kirkpatrick 6-2 250 PS#144
DL	Farouk Adelekan 6-2 260 PS#184JC
DB	Willie Gaston 5-10 170 PS#169
WR	Chad McCullar 5-10 160 PS#153
OL	Joshua Veal 6-5 295 PS#265JC
QB	Shang Moore 6-2 190 PS#153
DL	Albert Martinez 6-3 240 PS#225
DL	Josh Szepieniec 6-5 220 PS#365

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HOUSTON COUGARS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	at Rice	A					
Sep. 7	Tulane	G					
Sep. 14	Louisiana-Lft	G					
Sep. 21	at Texas	G					
Sep. 28							
Oct. 5	at TCU	G					
Oct. 12	at UAB	G					
Oct. 19	Army	G					
Oct. 26							
Nov. 2	at Memphis	G					
Nov. 9	E Carolina (HC)	G					
Nov. 16	at Cincinnati	A					
Nov. 23	S Florida	G					
Nov. 30	Louisville	G					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Houston is 1-5 SU and ATS L2Y outside Robertson Stadium in the state of TX.
The dog in the SMU series is 5-1 ATS last 6 meetings.
The home team is 3-2 SU, but 5-0 ATS since 1996 in the S Miss series.

UH is 2-4 SU and ATS vs in this Bayou Bucket battle since 1993.
Houston is 2-7 ATS the last 9 and 16-26 the last 42 on artificial turf.

Cougars are 2-3 SU and 1-4 ATS vs Tulane in this short series.
Houston is 4-17 ATS in home openers since 1979.

The Cougars are 1-5 SU and 2-4 ATS since 1997 vs the Sun Belt Conf.
UH is 3-0 SU and ATS in the last 3 meetings vs Louisiana-Lft.

UH is 0-5 SU and ATS with Texas winning by an average score of 47-15.
The Cougars have dropped 7 straight games the week before a bye.

Cougars are 8-2 ATS after a bye the last 7 years.
UH is 4-12 ATS their last 16 vs the Frogs.

Could apply: UH came into 2002 with a 7-15 ATS mark last 22 as a DD dog.
Houston is 5-10-1 ATS last 16 in the 2nd of back to back road games.

Pending earlier results: Cougars are 4-7 ATS in October the last 3 years.
UH is 1-3 ATS vs the Knights in this short series.

Bonus: Cougars are 5-14 ATS in sandwiched away games since 1992.

The favorite is 4-1 SU and ATS in this short series.
UH is 11-24 ATS in November their last 35 games.

Cougars are 8-18 ATS as November dogs & 1-3 ATS as November HD.
Houston is 4-2 SU but 2-4 ATS their last 6 sandwiched home games.

Cougars are 2-5 SU and ATS vs the Bearcats since 1993.
Houston is 4-8 ATS their last 12 road finales.

Houston is 3-7 ATS since 1997 in their last 2 games of the season.
Could apply: Coming into 2002 the Cougars are 5-13 ATS the L5Y as a fav.

The SU winner is 4-1 ATS in the last 5 winning by an average of 19 pts.
Cougars are 7-18 ATS in their last 25 home finales.

DANA DIMEL (Career 26-31)

3rd Year at Houston

Dimel's records AT HOUSTON

3-19 Straight Up	0-3 Home Favorite
6-16 Vs The Spread	3-4 Home Dog
5-12 Off A S/U Loss	0-2 Away Favorite
4-10 Vs Conference	3-7 Away Dog
2-6 Vs Non-Conf	

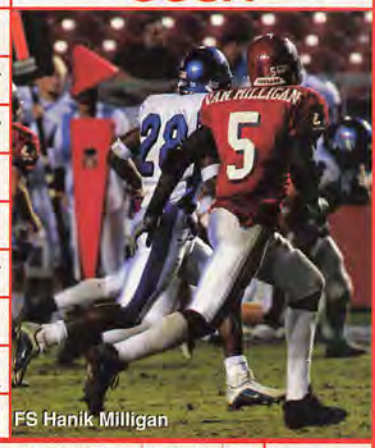
2001 RECORD: (0-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,19,4)
Lost: 26 (14,10,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,457

CUSA


FS Hanik Milligan

STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	7-4	3-8	3-8	7-4	3-8	0-11	25-52
ATS	8-3	8-2	4-7	6-5	5-6	2-9	4-7	37-39
Home Fav	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-2	0-1	5-10
Home Dog	1-2	3-1	2-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	2-3	11-9
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-4
Away Dog	6-0	4-1	2-4	2-2	2-2	1-5	2-2	19-16
Favorite	1-1	1-0	0-2	2-3	3-3	0-3	0-2	7-14
Dog	7-2	7-2	4-5	4-2	2-3	2-6	4-5	30-25
Grass	3-1	3-0	2-5	5-3	4-6	2-6	4-6	23-27
Artificial	5-2	5-2	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-1	14-12
vs Conf	5-2	4-1	3-3	3-3	1-5	2-5	2-5	20-24
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-1	1-4	3-2	4-1	0-4	2-2	17-15
Off SU Win	1-0	5-1	1-2	2-2	3-3	1-2	0-0	13-10
Off SU Loss	6-3	3-1	3-4	2-4	1-3	1-6	4-6	20-27

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joffrey Reynolds	**181**	**884**	**66**	**818**	**7**	**4.5**
Chris Robertson	**49**	**173**	**8**	**165**	**3**	**3.4**
Leif Penn	20	59	5	54	0	2.7
Kelly Robertson	28	29	122	-93	0	-3.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kelly Robertson	267	149	55.8	1704	9	6
Nick Eddy	**182**	**99**	**54.4**	**1023**	**6**	**8**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Orlando Iglesias	63	710	11.3	5	38
Joffrey Reynolds	**37**	**349**	**9.4**	**1**	**43**
Brian Robinson	**23**	**274**	**11.9**	**3**	**42**
Brandon Middleton	**20**	**486**	**24.3**	**1**	**80**
Grover Thompson	14	116	8.3	3	24
Ethan Ross	**12**	**116**	**9.7**	**0**	**31**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmy McClary	**63**	**2403**	**38.1**	**–**	**31.7**	**0**	**9**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeff Patterson	0-1	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-4	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Hanik Milligan	**174**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Arthur Gissendanner	98	2	6	3	1
Jermain Woodard	**78**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**0**
Hamin Milligan	70	0	4	3	2
Justin Davis	**53**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Adrian Lee	**45**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Lee Ingersoll	44	1	3	2	0
Victor Malone	**42**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**0**
Jason Parker	39	2	0	2	1
Heard Robinson	27	1	1	4	0
Rufus Williams	26	1	5	2	0
Bryan Hill	**26**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Stanford Routt	**26**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gerard Daniels	**3**	**20**	**6.7**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Middleton	**25**	**482**	**19.3**	**0**
Leif Penn	12	209	17.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
80	Garden	-5'	Navy	35-0	W
81	Sun	+2'	Oklahoma	14-40	L
85	Cotton	+7	Boston College	28-45	L
88	Aloha	-4'	Washington St	22-24	L
96	Liberty	+17	Syracuse	17-30	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

HOUSTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	17.3	19	93	3.1	249	55.3	19.8	-11	2001	5	39.3	22	211	4.8	224	59.9	11.1
6*	19.2	19	71	2.2	269	57.7	17.7	-5	2000	3	33.6	20	137	3.4	224	49.7	10.7
9*	23.1	18	210	5.0	160	55.2	16.0	+9	1999	9	19.0	18	109	2.9	210	46.8	16.8
7*	23.1	20	143	3.8	225	55.6	15.9	-7	1998	3	28.8	20	142	3.6	226	56.6	12.8
5	19.6	18	121	3.3	208	51.1	16.8	-1	1997	9	37.3	21	153	3.9	260	62.4	11.1
8*	30.1	21	176	5.0	223	62.0	13.3	-3	1996	7	28.4	21	188	4.4	213	53.1	14.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Rice	13	21-7	0.3	22-47	192	6	21	69-354	5.1	6-12	42	1	-1
Texas	17	30-68	2.3	20-33	364	3	27	39-193	4.9	22-37	341	2	-1
TCU	15	26-113	4.3	20-40	272	2	19	50-268	5.4	12-22	89	1	-2
at Army	24	25-141	5.6	27-41	367	1	23	46-259	5.6	15-28	168	0	-2
Memphis	22	28-130	4.6	28-42	331	1	23	51-252	4.9	14-22	216	0	-1
Cincinnati	24	47-157	3.3	16-24	186	4	26	36-142	3.9	20-28	340	2	+2
at S Mississippi	24	29-102	3.5	26-56	254	0	24	35-158	4.5	22-35	311	1	-3
at S Florida	20	45-161	3.6	16-37	151	5	19	29-144	5.0	25-39	301	0	0
at Louisville	16	36-108	3.0	16-30	157	3	17	34-91	2.7	20-30	274	2	+1
UAB	18	16-(-6)	-0.4	32-58	276	3	22	54-252	4.7	8-15	128	2	-3
at Georgia	14	25-46	1.8	28-46	191	4	23	45-213	4.7	14-29	256	0	-1
TOTALS	207	328-1027	3.1	251-454	2741	32	244	488-2326	4.8	178-297	2466	11	-11
AVERAGES	18.8	30-93	3.1	23-41	249	2.9	22.2	44-211	4.8	16-27	224	1.0	-1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+14'	17-42	L
California	-2'	3-35	L
Pittsburgh	-3	24-35	L
at Minnesota	+8'	45-43	W
at UCLA	+26	10-66	L
Cincinnati (OT)	+7'	41-38	W
at Louisville	+3	36-22	W
at Memphis	+1'	3-24	L
E Carolina	+2	27-28	W
at S Mississippi	+19'	0-33	L
Tulane	+10	10-44	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+14'	10-14	W
Minnesota	-3	7-14	L
UCLA	+27'	24-42	W
at Tennessee	+27'	7-42	L
Memphis	-2	35-14	W
Army	-7	28-38	L
at N Texas	-3'	31-9	W
at E Carolina	+6	34-31	W
S Mississippi	+9	15-21	W
at Cincinnati	-10	43-44	L
at Tulane	+16	20-48	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-2'	28-3	W
at Alabama	+13'	10-37	L
Louisiana-Lft	-21	45-0	W
at UAB	-7	10-29	L
Cincinnati	-6'	23-20	L
at N Carolina	+6'	20-12	W
at Louisville	+4'	33-39	L
E Carolina	+4'	3-19	L
Tulane	-13'	36-31	L
at LSU	+3	20-7	W
at Army	-4'	26-14	W

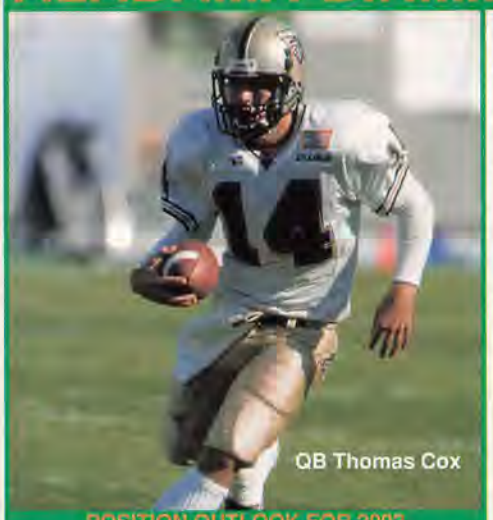
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice (OT)	E	27-30	L
at LSU	+13	13-28	L
Army	-16'	31-30	L
at Texas	+24	0-48	L
SMU	-10'	17-15	L
at Cincinnati	+5	31-48	L
at Memphis (3OT)	+9	33-30	W
S Mississippi	+16'	3-6	W
at Tulane	+2	23-41	L
at E Carolina	+15	20-62	L
Louisville	+11	13-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-1'	14-21	L
Texas	+31	26-53	W
TCU	+7'	17-34	L
at Army	-1	14-28	L
Memphis	+7'	33-52	L
Cincinnati	+10'	28-29	W
at S Mississippi	+20'	14-58	L
at S Florida	+11	6-45	L
at Louisville	+32'	10-34	W
UAB	+15'	21-43	L
at Georgia	+31'	7-35	W

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM BLAZERS


QB Thomas Cox

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Daniel Dixon returned for his third year as a starter, running mostly the option offense the previous 2 years. Watson Brown said he was moving to the spread offense but as they were hit hard by injuries, he was forced to revert back to the option as the season went on. Dixon began the year as starter. Thomas Cox replaced him early and he started on the road against LSU (a tough place for visitors) and missed his first 5 passes but they pulled the big upset. In Cox's other previous start they had upset E Carolina in 1999 as a 13 point dog. Jeff Aaron (PS#24JC) started the final six games. He had a powerful arm and was the best athlete of the group. Aaron threw for 1,135 yards (55%) with a 5-3 ratio and was the uncontested starting QB at the beginning of 2001. Aaron struggled and vs Cincinnati he sprained his ankle which opened the door for Cox. Aaron finished 6-6 as a starter in 2 years. Cox rushed for 177 yards against Tulane (school QB record) and won his first 4 starts to boost his record to 6-0 before a loss to Pitt. Cox, who had his best passing game (223 yds) vs TCU, finished with 727 yards passing (43.5%) with a 4-5 ratio while also rushing for 533 gross yards. Cox is back and is well suited to the option offense but Brown will likely try to pass more again. Darrell Hackney threw for over 4,000 yards and 50 TD's in his HS career and also has 4.7 speed and great size. It was tough for Brown to redshirt him. Matt Johnson (6-8 215 Jr, PS#199) is another QB with great size but he sat out last season due to a shoulder injury. Johnson also missed the spring and they moved TE Jeff Tippetts (6-3 215 Jr, PS#92) to 3rd string QB. One of the true frosh signees I list below could end up with the #3 job and Anthony Johnson was recruited by Georgia and Tennessee. Also in the mix is Danny Simms (6-2 195 rFr) who originally signed with Tennessee-Martin (PS#117). Even with the loss of Aaron I look for improved QB play.

RUNNING BACKS - This team has not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1996. The Blazers ran a TB-by-committee until the last 2 years when Jegil Dugger took command. Dugger rushed for over 100 yards in 4 straight games early in the 2000 season when the top RB's were banged up but as they got healthier, his carries decreased and he finished the year with 852 yards (4.8). Last year all of the other experienced backs departed but Dugger returned and rushed for 839 yards but his ypc dropped to 3.8. The #2 and #3 rushers last year were both QB's. Theron Dudley (PS#84) played well as a true frosh (164 yds, 4.1) and will likely be the feature back. Bernard Anderson (6-1 230 Sr) bulked up last offseason with a 400 lb bench but hurt his hamstring in August and got in just six carries for 5 yards. Kendal Gibson (PS#167) had 80 yards rushing (2.5). Gibson did have 6 TD's on his last 22 carries of the year. Justin Colbert (6-0 215 rFr) was PS#199 and is probably the fastest back with 4.4 speed. Michael Pittman (6-3 230 rFr, PS#170TE) and Adrian Brown (5-11 185 So) could also contribute. I do expect some of this year's true frosh to contend immediately and Coach Brown is also talking about using more 2 back sets in the offense this year. When using the 2 back set they would probably eliminate the TE position. I think this group has decent talent but with the loss of its top rusher from the last 2 years, I'll call it down a notch.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 UAB had a very inexperienced group and their most talented WR, Willie Quinnie, played in just 5 games due to injury but still was the #2 receiver with 18 grabs and a super 17.1 ypc. They had to replace their #1 and #3 receivers last year but with Quinnie back full-time they looked to be improved. Quinnie, who has 4.32 speed as well as solid size (6-2 180), went through a couple of games with the dropsies but still finished #1 on the team with 36 rec's (12.8). Leron Little (PS#120LB) was another returning starter and he hauled in 17 rec's (12.2). Chico Cleveland became the top TE with 10 rec's (14.0) as a true frosh and he moves to WR this year. VHT rFr TE Cedric Hampton (PS#24) should play as will Jeff Tippetts who spent the spring as the #3 QB. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Roddy White (6-2 190 So, 14 rec, 16.9) has 4.3 speed and played as a true frosh. The only losses this year are WR Maurice Gallery (4 rec, 9.2), WR Travis Johnson (6 rec, 13.0), WR Royd Williams (4 rec, 8.5), Little, and Jason Southall (11 sts, 14 rec's) who moves to the secondary. Some of this year's frosh should play right away. I look for a big year out of Quinnie and this group is in better shape in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 UAB averaged 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace 6 players who combined for 36 starts. Early on in the season the OL struggled due to injuries, youth and poor play. The first time all year that they were healthy on the OL was late in the season and it showed, as they allowed zero sacks against the TCU blitz. This year only 2 players depart in LG Preston Fray and backup G Allen Branch. Eight of the top 10 return including 5 with starting experience. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Taylor Britt (6-4 270 rFr, PS#429DL), Richie Patton (6-6 300 Jr), Corey Whitaker (6-4 295 Jr, PS#444JC) and LS Mark Pettus (6-2 225 Jr). Since the unit got much better down the stretch last year, I think it will continue to make strides and is clearly much more experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Practically everyone was back in 2000 and they had 34 sacks while trimming the ypc rushing allowed to 2.4. The line earned the nickname the "Steel Shield" and last year they only had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups with 5 seniors on the line. They even improved upon the 2000 numbers as they simply led the NCAA in rush defense, giving up a miserly 1.9 ypc while the defense recorded 28 sacks. This year 5 big players depart. Gone are DE Bryan Thomas (11 sts, 46 tkls, 14 sks, 7 tfl, CUSA all-time sack leader, #1DC of NYJ), DE Marlon Bush (11 sts, 37 tkls, 5 tfl), NG Eddie Freeman (11 sts, 55 tkls, 10 tfl. #2DC of KC), DT Rodney Jones (11 sts, 38 tkls, 8 tfl, 540 bench) and DE Ryan Meeks (13 tkls, 1 sk), phew!! The most experienced DL returning is James Malone who had 8 starts in 2000. There are a couple of HT's listed in the 2 deep below and this group probably would have had more stats if not for the outstanding players in front of them, but clearly this line is a lot weaker in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - As usual with the 4-2-5 defense I will discuss the WS here with the LB's. The unit was very inexperienced in 2000 but just the opposite last year as they only had to replace 1 backup and 5 players returned with starting experience. Unfortunately, starting LB Adrian Abrams was lost prior to the year and WS Wes Foss tore his ACL in August so 3 players were back with starting experience. This year all 3 starters depart. Gone are MLB Rod Taylor (11 sts, 110 tkls, 12 tfl, 1st Tm CUSA), Nick Stewart (11 sts, 84 tkls, 7 tfl) and WS Avery Warner (11 sts, 92 tkls, 9 tfl) as well as backup John Humphries (10 tkls). You can see that, unlike the DL, none of the departures were NFL draft picks (Taylor was signed as a FA), so while they of course will be missed, the talent level dropoff is not as large as it is on the DL. I list the 2 deep below, and there are a couple of HT's in the mix, but this group is very lightly experienced and naturally will be weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UAB ranked a solid #44 in my pass D rankings in 2000 (#15 in '99) and in 2001 returned their top 8 DB's. As expected the unit rose in my rankings to #23, allowing just 54.7% with a 13-15 ratio. This year they must replace SS Torrey Hale (11 sts, 81 tkls, 7 tfl), FS Adrian Singleton (11 sts, 68 tkls, 3 tfl), CB Patrick Burchfield (5 sts, 19 tkls, 2 int), backup SS Andrew Kopecky (20 tkls) and CB Mario Stanley (who moves to RB). CB Dio Hill took over Burchfield's starting job and they move in starting WR Jason Southall (5-11 170 Jr). Out of all the defensive units, this one has the most experience, but it is still less experienced than 2001, so I expect a significant drop in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - A couple of years ago Watson Brown visited with Frank Beamer and took his special teams and defensive philosophies to heart. UAB finished #102 in my special teams rankings in 1998 but Brown, who coaches the special teams himself, saw that ranking move up to #38 in 1999 with 4 blocked punts, led by Rodregis Brooks. With the loss of Brooks the next year they dropped to #51 but still blocked 4 punts. Last year they had to replace their top KR but had everyone else back including super kicker Rhett Gallego, who was 2nd Team CUSA, hitting 19 of 24 FG's in 2000. Unfortunately, Gallego suffered a huge slump hitting just 4 of 10 FG's and lost his job to the strong legged Nick Hayes (PS#37). Hayes, who had been handling the KO's, hit 10 of 15 with FOUR of his misses from 50+ and he had a long of 50 which set a UAB Div IA record. Ross Stewart had a solid year punting and at one point was #6 in the country but in a game played in horrible weather vs Cincinnati he averaged just 29.5 on 8 punts so his average dropped to 42.5 with a net of 36.2. UAB blocked 3 punts. KR Jason Southall averaged 25.4 on 23 returns with Willie Quinnie averaging 12.1 on 17 PR's. This is a very solid special teams unit. Surprisingly they only ranked #43 in 2001, and to me this is a clear Top 20 contender this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not even have a football team until 1991, they joined Div IAA in 1993 and stepped up to IA ball in 1996. When Watson Brown showed up in January 1995, they had only filled half of their allotted scholarships, had no offices and no locker room. They joined CUSA 3 years ago and have an amazing (for such a young program) record of 12-8 in conference play. They play in storied Legion Field but play at less than half capacity. The Blazers have had two consecutive winning seasons but have not yet been able to land a bowl bid. Last year they seemed destined to contend for the top honors in CUSA as they had a veteran team including 10 senior starters on defense led by their Steel Shield D-line. I pegged them 2nd in CUSA and that is exactly where they finished at 5-2 in conference play. With word coming in that they were not going to land a bowl bid, they were flat in the season finale vs Pitt and finished just 6-5. They had some advantages with 16 starters returning, the most in the conference, and they avoided both E Carolina and Louisville in conference play but amazingly opened up just 1-4 overall before rattling off 4 straight wins. In their 2 CUSA losses they outgained S Miss 230-196 and Cincinnati 333-220 but came up short on the scoreboard. This year looks like a different story for the Blazers. The offense is a veteran unit with 8 starters back including QB Thomas Cox so they should be more potent than last year's group which ranked dead last in the conference at 326.7 ypg. Their "Steel Shield" defense is what delivered the wins the last 2 years. This year they have some big losses including 1st and 2nd round NFL DC's from their DL. The defense also has a streak of not allowing a RB to gain 100 yards against them in 24 straight games, but odds are that streak will be snapped this year. They have only 2 starters returning on that side of the ball and last year they were #21 overall in my defensive rankings, allowing 265.9 ypg overall, but will be much weaker this season on defense. This spring the UAB Board of Trustees voted to dissolve the athletic program if it does not become self sufficient by 2004 as athletics lost $7 million last year. That puts the future of UAB football in question and may have an effect on players' psyche as well as future recruits. UAB has the fewest amount of returning starters in the league. I really like what Watson Brown is doing with this program, but this appears to be a rebuilding year, and it will be very tough for UAB to notch its 3rd consecutive winning season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB THOMAS COX SR. 6-2 190 PS#92. 2 sts in '99-2000. Upset LSU & ECU. 5 sts LY, 727 yds (44%) 4-5 ratio, 533 rush yds, 6-1 as a st'r. **Darrell Hackney** (6-2 230 rFr) PS#158, 4.7.

RB Theron Dudley So. 6-1 230 PS#84. 164 yds (4.1) as true. Kendal Gibson (5-11 240 So) PS#167. 80 yds (2.5) as true. Mario Stanley (5-10 185 Jr) PS#172. 5 tkls at CB LY.

WR Chico Cleveland So. 6-2 210 PS#159TE. 10 rec (14.0) as true. Trimmed 16 lbs. Moved from TE. Kenny Borders (6-3 190 Sr) 2 sts, 5 rec (13.2) in 2000. 4 rec (10.2) LY.

WR WILLIE QUINNIE SR. 6-2 180 **4.32 spd.** Best athlete on tm. 2 sts, 18 rec (17.1) in 2000. 11 sts LY, 36 rec (12.8), 17 PR (12.1). TJ Simmons (6-3 205 Sr) 9 rec (16.4) 2 yrs.

WR RODDY WHITE SO. 6-2 190 4.3 spd. 9 gm as **true**, 14 rec (16.9). Lance Rhodes (5-11 180 So) PS#105WR. Orig signed w/**Ariz St**. Charles Griffin (6-2 180 Jr) 1 rec in 2001.

TE SAM DUDLEY SO. 6-3 265 PS#65 TE. 340 bench. 4.75 spd. **10 sts** at FB last year. **Cedric Hampton** (6-4 270 rFr) **PS#24TE**. Lynorse Garrett (6-5 215 Jr) PS#49. 4.5.

C KIRK TUCK SR. 6-2 300 Played in 4 games in 1999. 8 sts in 2000. 11 starts at C in 2001, 3 letters. Matt Batusic (6-2 275 rFr) PS#340DL. Kenny Rush (6-2 285 rFr).

RG LARRY COACHMAN SR. 6-1 340 PS#410. PQ in '99. 2nd string in 2000. 11 sts LY, bench 420, 655 squat. Jimmy Joynt (6-3 285 So) 2nd string LY. Eddie LaFavour (6-4 290 Jr).

LG Andy Galloway So. 6-5 310 PS#199. 2nd string as true, but RS. Inj'd LY but 4 sts, 39 KD's, CUSA Fr Tm. Paul Linskey (6-4 290 rFr) PS#535. Anthony Larry (6-3 290 rFr).

RT ARTAVIOUS WILLIAMS JR. 6-5 340 PS#575OL. 2nd string as a sophomore. Barker White (6-4 290 Jr) PS#261DL. 2nd string in 2001. Al Cummings (6-0 310 Jr) JUCO transfer.

LT BRAD SPENCER SR. 6-5 305 PS#220JUCO. 2nd string in 2000. 11 sts at RT in 2001. **Wilbert Hamilton** (6-4 295 Jr) 8 tkls @DT in 2000. **11 sts at LT in 2001.**

K NICK HAYES SO. 6-1 180 PS#37K. 27 of 35 FG's in HS, long 52. Hit 10 of 15 here LY & FOUR misses from 50+!! Will Morthland (5-8 165 Jr). Jacob Hayes (6-2 250 Sr).

DEFENSE

DE Hassan McKeithan Sr. 6-2 265 2 sts as rFr, 18 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. 7 tkls in 2000. 25 tkls, 2 sks, 1 pbu LY. Earnest Respress (6-5 275 rFr) PS#466DL. Kenneth Harris (6-3 245 Jr).

DT James Malone Sr. 6-3 285 **PS#144. 8 sts**, 26 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 26 tkls, 1 sk LY. Tanner Allen (6-5 250 Sr). Justin Schrimsher (6-4 260 rFr). Shane Pearson (6-7 260 Jr).

DT Shamar Abrams So. 6-2 330 **PS#103DL**. 4 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. Randal Gibson (6-0 285 So) 3 tkls as true. Sam Williamson (6-5 280 rFr) PS#575. Tony Williams (6-2 350 So).

DE Marvin Nickson Sr. 6-5 270 PS#181JC. 7 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl here LY. **Deijon Hart** (6-2 215 Sr) **PS#151JC**. 3 tkls, 1 sk here LY. Anthony Garrett (6-5 215 So) PS#425WR.

MLB Darrius Taylor Jr. 6-0 230 PS#371DB. 19 tkls as true, CUSA Fr Team. Chris Mason (6-3 230 rFr) PS#281LB. Nigel Eldrige (6-2 220 So) 10 tkls in 8 gms in 2001.

LB Zach Woodfin So. 6-2 225 **PS#221**, 7 tkls LY. **Gaylon Black** (6-1 215 So) 2nd string as rFr, 9 tkls. **DeMarcus Rodgers** (6-2 220 So) **PS#141**. Starlin Ridley (6-0 225 Jr).

WS Derrick Bush Sr. 6-4 215 PS#450JC. 11 tkls, 2 tfl here in 2000. Julius Wainwright (6-0 180 rFr) PS#451. Gentrell Eatman (6-0 195 Jr) PS#349. Blake Prime (5-11 190 rFr).

CB Carlos Hendricks So. 5-10 175 PS#315. 4.4 spd. 17 tkls, 2 pbu as true. **Jason Southall, 11 sts at WR,** 14 rec (13.8), 23 KR (25.4). Ernest Vinson (5-8 170 rFr) PS#278WR.

CB DIO HILL JR. 5-11 185 PS#137DB. Started 6 gms LY, 19 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. Leroy Harris (6-2 205 Jr) 3 tkls in 2000. Warren Butler (5-11 185 Fr) PS#410JUCO.

SS Thurman Pearson Jr. 6-1 185 PS#290WR. 9 tkls as true. 12 tkls, 1 int in 6 gms LY. Thomas Arnold (6-0 195 So) 7 tkls, 9 gms in 2001. Allen West (6-2 190 rFr) PS#386LB.

FS CHRIS BROWN SR. 6-2 190 PS#292. 9 sts in '99, 57 tkls, 6 pbu. 11 sts in 2000, 51 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu. 11 sts at CB LY, 51 tkls, 2 int, 13 pbu. Sentell Winston (6-2 197 Sr) 3 sts, 53 tkls L/2Y.

P ROSS STEWART SR. 6-0 180 58 punts in 2000, 40.1 avg, 21 inside 20, net 34.6. 57 punts LY, was #6 NCAA poor weather vs Cincy, 42.5 avg, 13 inside 20, **net of 36.2.**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Derrick Rogers 6-1 190 PS#92
OL	Joey Horne 6-7 300 PS#98
QB	Anthony Johnson 6-3 220 PS#79
OL	Quinton Harris 6-6 330 PS#164
RB	Dan Burks 6-0 198 PS#149
RB	Marculus Elliott 5-8 190 PS#168
DL	Sam Kendrick 6-5 245 PS#211
DL	Berry Cryer 6-4 255 PS#276
DB	Norris Drinkard 6-1 175 PS#294
OL	Cornelius Rogers 6-3 310 PS#381
LB	David Miller 6-4 230 PS#318
DB	Warren Butler 5-11 185 PS#410JC
DB	Brandon Register 5-11 185 PS#350
OL	Corey Whitaker 6-4 295 PS#444JC

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ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM BLAZERS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UAB	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 31	at Florida	G					
Sep. 7	Troy St	G					
Sep. 14	Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 21	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Sep. 28	Memphis	G					
Oct. 5							
Oct. 12	Houston (HC)	G					
Oct. 19	at Tulane	A					
Oct. 26	at Army	A					
Nov. 2							
Nov. 9	S Mississippi	G					
Nov. 16	E Carolina	G					
Nov. 23	at Louisville	G					
Nov. 30	at Cincinnati	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

UAB is 4-1 ATS in lined season openers since 1997.

This is the first time that UAB will be facing Florida.
UAB is 1-3 SU vs SEC schools, but 2-0 ATS.

This is the first meeting between these two teams in a lined game.
UAB is 5-0 ATS in their first lined home game of the season.

Blazers are 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS vs teams in the Big East.
This is only the 2nd time these 2 teams have played w/Pitt winning 24-6 LY.

The last time UAB went to Lafayette they won 42-7 in a sandwiched AG.
UAB is 4-1 SU & 2-1 ATS with 4 SU wins in a row over Louisiana-Lft.

Tigers went 6-5 SU and 6-4 ATS in 2001.
This is the 5th series meeting with the teams splitting the 1st 4 SU & ATS.

This is the 3rd meeting of these 2 schools. UAB is 2-0 SU and ATS.
Alabama-Birmingham is 6-12 ATS in their last 18 October games.

The Blazers are 5-2-1 ATS on artificial turf.
UAB is 2-0 SU, but 0-1-1 ATS vs TU since they joined Div IA in 1997.

UAB is 1-11 SU and 3-6 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.
Blazers are 2-3 SU but 5-0 ATS prior to a bye week.

This will be the third meeting between these 2 teams.
S Mississippi is 2-0 SU but 0-2 ATS, winning both games by 3 points.

May apply: UAB is 4-0 as a home dog vs conference USA opponents.
Alabama-Birmingham is 2-1 SU and ATS vs E Carolina since 1998.

In their only trip to Louisville, UAB lost 14-23 but did cover as a 14 pt dog.
UL is 2-0 SU but the home team is 0-2 ATS in this series.

UAB is 1-4 SU vs Cincinnati since 1996, SU winner is 3-1 ATS.
Blazers are 7-4 SU and 2-2-1 ATS in road finales.

WATSON BROWN (Career 74-117-1)
8th Year at UAB

Brown's records AT UAB

37-40	Straight Up	4-6	Home Favorite
27-19-1	Vs The Spread	6-2	Home Underdog
13-9-1	Off A S/U Loss	3-2-1	Away Favorite
15-9-1	Vs Conference	14-9	Away Underdog
12-10	Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (21,24,2)
Lost: 21 (6,14,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,536

CUSA

WR Willie Quinnie

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	5-6	4-7	5-6	7-4	6-5	37-40
ATS	0-0	0-0	4-4	3-5	7-3-1	7-3	6-4	27-19-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	2-2	4-6
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-0	6-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0-1	1-0	1-1	3-2-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	2-3	2-3	4-1	3-1	3-1	14-9
Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1-1	2-2	3-3	7-8-1
Dog	0-0	0-0	3-3	3-4	6-2	5-1	3-1	20-11
Grass	0-0	0-0	3-3	2-5	6-3	5-2	6-4	22-17
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0-1	2-1	0-0	5-2-1
vs CUSA	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-3	4-1-1	4-2	5-2	15-9-1
vs Non-CUSA	0-0	0-0	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-1	1-2	12-10
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-3	3-3	5-1	12-9
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-4	5-0-1	4-0	1-3	13-9-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jegil Dugger	218	930	91	839	6	3.8
Thomas Cox	**101**	**533**	**88**	**445**	**5**	**4.4**
Jeff Aaron	62	310	107	203	3	3.3
Theron Dudley	**40**	**178**	**14**	**164**	**0**	**4.1**
Kendal Gibson	**32**	**83**	**3**	**80**	**6**	**2.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Aaron	148	77	52.0	828	4	6
Thomas Cox	**115**	**50**	**43.5**	**727**	**4**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Willie Quinnie	**36**	**460**	**12.8**	**3**	**49**
Leron Little	**17**	**207**	**12.2**	**0**	**34**
Roddy White	**14**	**236**	**16.9**	**2**	**52**
Jason Southall	**14**	**193**	**13.8**	**1**	**31**
Chico Cleveland	**10**	**140**	**14.0**	**0**	**30**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Ross Stewart	**57**	**2420**	**42.5**	**–**	**36.2**	**1**	**13**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Hayes	**2-2**	**1-1**	**6-7**	**1-5**	**10-15**	**50**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rod Taylor	110	3	9	5	2
Avery Warner	92	1	8	5	1
Nick Stewart	84	0	7	5	1
Torrey Hale	81	1	6	6	3
Adrian Singleton	68	0	3	2	0
Eddie Freeman	55	3	7	3	0
Chris Brown	**51**	**0**	**0**	**13**	**2**
Bryan Thomas	46	14	7	4	0
Rodney Jones	38	1	7	0	0
Marlon Bush	37	0	5	2	0
James Malone	**26**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Hassan McKeithan	**25**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Andrew Kopecky	20	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Quinnie	**17**	**205**	**12.1**	**0**
Torrey Hale	14	89	6.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Southall	**23**	**584**	**25.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ALABAMA-BIRM'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	24.1	17	161	3.7	142	48.3	12.6	+3	2001	9	18.7	16	57	1.9	209	54.7	14.2
8*	21.6	17	164	3.8	153	49.7	14.6	+1	2000	7	17.5	18	84	2.4	207	52.8	16.7
8*	22.5	16	140	3.4	138	50.2	12.4	+3	1999	6	25.4	21	142	3.7	226	52.9	14.5
7*	21.5	18	173	3.8	128	46.7	13.9	-5	1998	7	28.0	19	131	3.3	218	56.9	12.5
7	20.2	15	137	3.7	172	47.6	15.3	+4	1997	9	21.6	20	180	4.2	174	47.2	16.3
8	25.2	20	228	4.8	140	41.9	15.2	-7	1996	8	25.4	17	142	3.5	194	51.6	13.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Montana St	22	51 - 267	5.2	10 - 24	161	2	13	17 - (-1)	-0.1	19 - 42	156	2	0
at Florida St	18	29 - 83	2.9	13 - 27	149	2	21	41 - 135	3.3	15 - 23	246	2	-2
Army	21	49 - 239	4.9	19 - 25	220	2	13	21 - 46	2.2	21 - 36	191	3	+6
at S Mississippi	14	34 - 89	2.6	16 - 26	141	3	13	39 - 78	2.0	12 - 25	118	5	-2
at UCF	11	27 - 35	1.3	13 - 26	76	3	17	33 - 38	1.2	21 - 37	290	3	0
Cincinnati	19	47 - 200	4.3	11 - 30	133	4	10	36 - 66	1.8	12 - 20	154	1	-1
Tulane	21	68 - 307	4.5	6 - 18	76	2	14	22 - 8	0.4	23 - 40	197	4	-3
at Memphis	9	44 - 114	2.6	7 - 20	61	0	14	33 - 94	2.8	19 - 40	185	0	0
TCU	16	43 - 104	2.4	9 - 18	223	0	20	34 - 20	0.6	22 - 36	310	4	+2
at Houston	22	54 - 252	4.7	8 - 15	128	2	18	16 - (-6)	-0.4	32 - 58	276	3	+3
at Pittsburgh	13	32 - 76	2.4	16 - 36	198	2	18	41 - 152	3.7	15 - 29	172	1	0
TOTALS	186	478 - 1766	3.7	128 - 265	1566	22	171	333 - 630	1.9	211 - 386	2295	28	+3
AVERAGES	16.9	44 - 161	3.7	12 - 24	142	2.0	15.5	30 - 57	1.9	19 - 35	209	2.5	0

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	+23'	0-24	L
at Memphis	+15'	7-28	L
at Arizona	+32'	10-24	W
Jacksonville St	NL	34-16	–
at SW Louisiana	-6	42-7	W
W Kentucky	NL	20-16	–
at Cincinnati	+19	29-33	W
at Virginia Tech	+23	0-37	L
Louisiana Tech	+8'	29-32	W
Tennessee Tech	NL	38-14	–
at Arkansas St	-11	13-7	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+46'	7-38	W
Tennessee Tech	NL	38-6	–
Kansas	+7	37-39	W
SW Louisiana	-19	24-13	L
at E Carolina	+15'	7-26	L
at Louisiana Tech	+17'	23-54	L
Virginia Tech	+21	0-41	L
at NE Louisiana	+2'	14-20	L
at Tennessee	+42	13-37	W
Mid Tenn St	NL	26-27	–
Tenn-Martin	NL	48-17	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+22	28-31	W
at Virginia Tech	+24	10-31	W
Houston	+7	29-10	W
UL Monroe	-13'	47-0	W
Memphis	-3	14-38	L
at Cincinnati (OT)	+6	24-21	W
at Wake Forest	+6'	3-47	L
at Louisville	+14	14-23	W
E Carolina	+13	36-17	W
Louisiana Tech	+8	20-41	L
at Tulane (OT)	-3	23-20	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn-Chat	NL	20-15	–
at Kansas	+9	20-23	W
at LSU	+16'	13-10	W
Louisiana-Lft	-19	47-2	W
Louisville	-1'	17-38	L
Memphis	+2'	13-9	W
Mid Tenn St	-10	14-9	L
at E Carolina	+14	16-13	W
at Cincinnati	+5'	21-33	L
S Miss (2OT)	+10	30-33	W
at Army	-8	27-7	W

2001 RESULTS

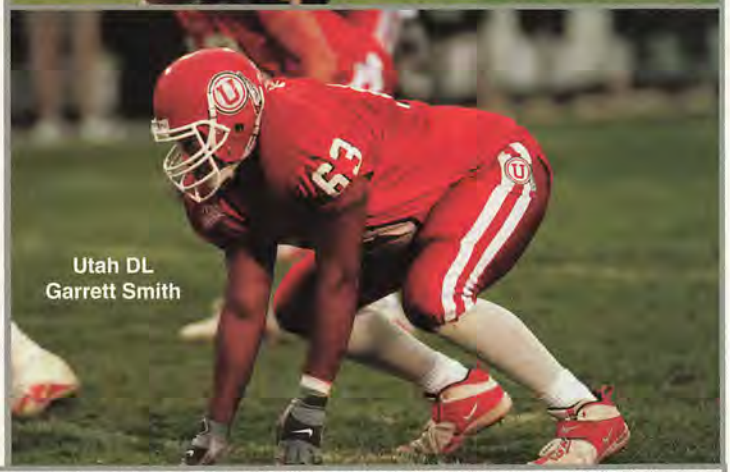
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	41-13	–
at Florida St	+29	7-29	W
Army	-16	55-3	W
at S Mississippi	+6	0-3	W
at UCF	-2'	7-24	L
Cincinnati	-7'	17-31	L
Tulane	-9	34-27	L
at Memphis	+1	17-14	W
TCU	-6'	38-17	W
at Houston	-15'	43-21	W
at Pittsburgh	+6'	6-24	L

MT WEST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 MT WEST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Jason Thomas, UNLV	Bret Engemann, BYU	Casey Bramlet, Wyoming
RB	Joe Haro, UNLV	Henri Childs, Colo St	Marcus Whalen, BYU
RB	Cecil Sapp, Colo St	Deon Burnett, UNLV	Marty Johnson, Utah
WR	Reno Mahe, BYU	Ryan McGuffey, Wyoming	Andrew Ord, BYU
WR	Earvin Johnson, UNLV	Lynzell Jackson, Utah	Kassim Osgood, SD St
TE	Spencer Nead, BYU	Marshall Schaap, Wyoming	Joel Dreessen, Colo St
C	Johnathan Ingram, SD St	Dustin McQuivey, Utah	Mark Dreyer, Colo St
G	Tony Terrell, UNLV	Brett Huyser, Air Force	Scott Jackson, BYU
G	Morgan Pears, Colo St	Chris Kemoeatu, Utah	Isaac Morales, Wyoming
T	Dustin Rykert, BYU	Erik Pears, Colo St	Rob Kellerman, Wyoming
T	Jordan Gross, Utah	Adam Goldberg, Wyoming	Ben Archibald, BYU
DL	Lauvale Sape, Utah	Peter Hogan, Colo St	Ahmad Briggs, UNLV
DL	Garrett, Smith, Utah	Ifo Pili, BYU	DJ Renteria, N Mex
DL	Sagan Atuatasi, SD St	Dietrich Canterberry, UNLV	Ryan Gunderson, BYU
DL	Jason Kaufusi, Utah	Brandon Stephens, BYU	Akbar Gbaja-Biamila, SD St
LB	Eric Pauly, Colo St	Adam Seward, UNLV	David Vickers, Colo St
LB	Sheldon Deckart, Utah	Marchello Graddy, Air Force	Ryan Claridge, UNLV
LB	Paul Walkenhorst, BYU	Herman White, Wyoming	Charles Moss, N Mex
CB	Ricky Sharpe, SD St	Steven "Vic" Smith, Utah	Dexter Wynn, Colo St
CB	Jernaro Gilford, BYU	D'Shaun Crockett, Utah	Jamal Wynn, UNLV
SS	Arnold Parker, Utah	Guy Tuell, Wyoming	Brandon Heaney, BYU
FS	Antwoine Sanders, Utah	Connie Brown, UNLV	Jeff Overstreet, Air Force
K	Jarvis Wallum, Wyoming	Matt Payne, BYU	Tommy Kirovski, SD St
P	Joey Huber, Colo St	Brian Simnjanovski, SD St	Brian Lewis, Utah
KR	Dominique Dorsey, UNLV	Dexter Wynn, Colo St	Troy Mason, UNLV
PR	Dexter Wynn, Colo St	Troy Mason, UNLV	Leotis Palmer, Air Force

Wyoming Kicker Jarvis Wallum


Utah DL Garrett Smith

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 MT WEST FORECAST

1. UTAH - The Utes finished just 4-3 in league play last year but they outscored MWC foes by an average of 29.4-16.3 and outgained them in league play by an average of 432-275. They had my #2 rated offense in the league and #1 defense and lost their 3 league games by a total of 6 points. I do 7 sets of power ratings and Utah comes up tops in the league in 5 of them. Their schedule gives them 4 home games and their 3 road games are all against lower division foes. This sets them up for a perfect 7-0 MWC season and Ron McBride is a talented coach. The Utes have a great schedule which should be enough to get the League Title.

2. COLORADO ST - Unlike Utah, CSU was rather fortunate to end up 5-2 last year. In fact in MWC play, they were actually outgained by an average of 355-443 but somehow managed 5 wins. This year CSU has a schedule where most of the tough games are at home. They are a stronger team than last year's squad with an experienced QB and a great stable of RB's. The yardage total from last year concerns me, but CSU has plenty of talent and is a clear contender in the MWC.

3. BYU - The Cougars had a phenomenal year last year and actually stood 12-0 at one point and were lobbying to land a BCS bowl berth. They unfortunately dropped their last 2 games when RB Staley was injured. The Cougars, despite having just 4 starters back on offense, will be potent once again. Keep in mind they averaged 523.8 ypg last season. They have just 10 starters back, which is the fewest in the league, but are still a very talented team and Crowton's offense has proved very tough to stop. I rate the top 4 teams in the MWC all as contenders.

4. UNLV - UNLV finished 4-7 overall last year but actually outscored their opponents 284-270, showing they are much better than their final scores indicated. For the season they also outgained their opponents 358.5-347.5 and suffered 4 tough losses on the year. They narrowly lost games they could have easily have won vs Arkansas, Northwestern, BYU and Colorado St. If Jason Thomas plays up to his athletic capabilities, then UNLV has a great shot at winning the Conference Title & I think he will have a much-improved season. The defense is stronger this year as I rate them #3 and rate the offense #2 in the league, making them a clear threat. They have a tough schedule with 4 road games in MWC play and they face the 3 teams I rate above them all on the road. This gives them a much tougher schedule than their main competition this year but UNLV should return to the plus side of the ledger.

5. NEW MEXICO - Under Coach Rocky Long, the team has improved by 1 win each season going from 3 in his first year to 6 last year. They could easily continue that progression with 7 or more victories this year. They had my #2 rated defense in the league last year and have 6 starters back on that side of the ball for my #2 rated unit once again. The key will be how much offensive improvement they can make as they do have 6 starters back on offense. They have been very tough at home but have to play 4 league road games. The September 7th game against Air Force could be the key to whether they finish 5th or higher. The Lobos delivered a couple of Top Weekly Late Phone Play Winners for me last year, including my College Game of the Year, when they beat UNLV 27-17. I think they are an even stronger team this season, but it will be tough to break into the top 4 of this league. However, Long should continue to make solid progress.

6. AIR FORCE - Fisher DeBerry has done a tremendous job with just 2 losing seasons despite the fact AF cannot recruit NFL-caliber athletes due to military obligations. Their wishbone offense is always tough to prepare for. They have just 8 starters back this year. They went 12-1 in 1998 with just 9 starters back and went 9-3 with 8 starters back in 2000. Last year they did benefit from +8 turnovers and despite their 6-6 record were outscored by 4.1 ppg. AF does not have an easy schedule this year. One of their key games, besides hosting New Mexico, is a road trip to Wyoming. DeBerry has had just 2 losing seasons in 18 years and could pull some surprises in conference play.

7. WYOMING - While the Cowboys have yet to win a conference game under Vic Koenning, they do continue to make strides. They have a lot of ground to make up in the league as not only are they 0-14 in conference play but last year were outgained by close to 90 ypg in league play and outscored almost 2-1 (36.7-18.9). They are a vastly improved team on both sides of the ball and much deeper talent-wise. I do expect them to notch a victory or two in league play and move out of the basement this year.

8. SAN DIEGO ST - The Aztecs underachieved last season even though they had 19 starters back and lost just 10 lettermen. This year they have the fewest amount of returning starters in the MWC (9) and must replace 22 lettermen. They also go through a coaching change and new Head Coach Tom Craft actually backed out of the San Diego St coaching job last season saying he didn't know if he could devote the amount of time necessary to it, only to be hired two days later. I'm a person who believes in devoting extra energy to your job and giving the maximum effort all of the time, so I can't quite agree with his philosophies. That, coupled with the lack of talent and a tough schedule in which most of the Aztecs' winnable games are on the road, have me calling for a tough rookie season for Coach Craft and the Aztec fans.

Mt West Notes: In 2000 the Mt West was a poor 3-18 vs BCS-affiliated conferences. Last year vs the Big 10, Big 12, SEC, Big East, ACC and Pac 10, the MWC went just 3-12 during the regular season with BYU beating Miss St and Cal and Utah beating Indiana. They did go 1-0 vs BCS teams in bowls with Utah beating USC and the league was 2-1 overall in the bowls. The MWC was 6-3 during the regular season vs the WAC, CUSA and Sun Belt and 1-1 in the bowls as the MWC Champ lost in the Liberty Bowl. BYU flirted with getting into the BCS last year, but a big loss to Hawaii clinched the inevitable. This league is now 5-1 in bowls the last two years. Colo St has won or shared 5 League Titles in the last 8 years, the 2nd most in the NCAA. BYU looks to have the league's best offense this year. Utah has its best defense and our #16 rated defense in the NCAA and has 7 players on my All MT West 1st team. UNLV, BYU and Colo St each have 5 on the 1st team. BYU has 15 players on the top 3 teams and UNLV 14 while Colo St and Utah each have 13. Wyoming actually has 9 on the 1st 3 units which is 5th best in the league.

2001 TEAM OFFENSIVE MT WEST VS MT WEST STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
3	BYU	43.1	1	504.7	1	214.0	4	5.8	1	290.7	61.7	1	11.7	14	10
50	Utah	29.4	2	432.4	2	237.1	2	5.0	2	195.3	52.9	2	14.7	13	3
62	Air Force	29.1	3	403.1	3	277.4	1	5.0	3	125.7	48.9	4	13.8	9	7
71	Colorado St	25.7	6	355.3	7	203.0	5	4.7	4	152.3	47.4	6	13.8	15	7
72	UNLV	28.3	4	359.9	6	216.7	3	4.7	5	143.1	46.2	7	12.7	18	8
79	New Mexico	26.0	5	381.0	4	165.9	6	3.7	6	215.1	44.4	8	14.7	18	17
86	Wyoming	18.9	7	375.7	5	87.6	8	2.6	8	288.1	51.4	3	19.9	24	23
101	San Diego St	16.4	8	316.4	8	146.4	7	3.7	7	170.0	48.8	5	19.3	14	19

2001 TEAM DEFENSIVE MT WEST VS MT WEST STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
11	Utah	16.3	1	274.7	1	117.6	2	3.4	2	157.1	44.4	1	16.9	9	15
35	New Mexico	25.6	4	327.4	2	114.4	1	3.1	1	213.0	48.6	2	12.8	12	12
42	UNLV	24.1	3	349.9	3	157.1	3	3.7	3	192.7	51.8	6	14.5	17	18
48	San Diego St	27.9	6	358.3	4	167.7	4	3.8	4	190.6	50.8	4	12.9	14	15
61	Colorado St	23.3	2	443.4	6	242.0	6	5.0	5	201.4	52.8	7	19.0	19	12
84	BYU	27.7	5	435.3	5	247.4	7	5.2	7	187.9	49.1	3	15.7	19	9
102	Air Force	35.4	7	478.0	8	239.0	5	5.7	8	239.0	51.7	5	13.5	17	7
107	Wyoming	36.7	8	461.6	7	262.9	8	5.2	6	198.7	57.8	8	12.6	18	8

Colorado St RB Cecil Sapp

2001 MWC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	7	0	302	194	12	1	608	396
Colorado St	5	2	180	163	6	5	253	254
Utah	4	3	206	114	7	4	319	204
New Mexico	4	3	182	179	6	5	304	243
Air Force	3	4	204	248	6	6	337	386
UNLV	3	4	198	169	4	7	284	270
San Diego St	2	5	115	195	3	8	184	290
Wyoming	0	7	132	257	2	9	229	368

2000 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado St	6	1	217	150	9	2	341	208
Air Force	5	2	230	198	8	3	384	278
UNLV	4	3	167	142	6	5	305	229
BYU	4	3	159	146	6	6	280	310
New Mexico	3	4	141	125	5	7	229	249
Utah	3	4	154	114	4	7	234	207
San Diego St	3	4	144	162	3	8	170	273
Wyoming	0	7	87	262	1	10	170	393

1999 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	5	2	185	98	8	3	332	230
Colorado St	5	2	190	148	8	3	328	246
Utah	5	2	236	143	8	3	363	194
Wyoming	4	3	178	179	7	4	302	270
San Diego St	3	4	159	139	5	6	272	226
New Mexico	3	4	148	216	4	7	240	298
Air Force	2	5	149	170	6	5	264	218
UNLV	1	6	95	247	3	8	160	324

BYU WR
Reno Junior Mahe

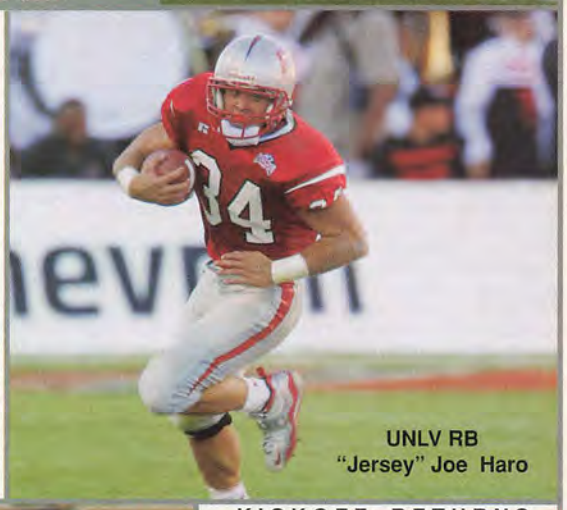
2001 MWC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Brandon Doman, BYU	408	261	64.0	8	3542	8.7	33	159.7
Lance Rice, Utah	**302**	**169**	**56.0**	**11**	**2086**	**6.9**	**16**	**124.2**
Keith Boyea, AF	196	102	52.0	6	1253	6.4	6	109.7
Casey Bramlet, WY	**432**	**225**	**52.1**	**20**	**3069**	**7.1**	**9**	**109.4**
Casey Kelly, NM	**227**	**107**	**47.1**	**12**	**1559**	**6.9**	**8**	**105.9**
Bradlee Van Pelt, CSU	**194**	**94**	**48.5**	**10**	**1247**	**6.4**	**8**	**105.7**
Adam Hall, SDSU	**94**	**46**	**48.9**	**3**	**600**	**6.4**	**2**	**103.2**
Jason Thomas, UNLV	**194**	**83**	**42.8**	**12**	**1353**	**7.0**	**8**	**102.6**
Lon Sheriff, SDSU	**236**	**111**	**47.0**	**12**	**1295**	**5.5**	**3**	**87.2**
Rudy Caamano, NM	94	33	35.1	5	473	5.0	2	73.8

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Luke Staley, BYU	11	196	1596	8.1	24	145.1
Larry Ned, SDSU	11	311	1549	5.0	15	140.8
Dameon Hunter, Utah	11	257	1396	5.4	9	126.9
Keith Boyea, AF	12	230	1216	5.3	18	101.3
Joe Haro, UNLV	**11**	**218**	**1107**	**5.1**	**10**	**100.6**
Jarrod Baxter, NM	11	203	907	4.5	11	82.5
Henri Childs, CSU	**11**	**166**	**841**	**5.1**	**4**	**76.5**
Adam Tate, Utah	11	160	819	5.1	12	74.5
Duan Ruff, CSU	11	150	633	4.2	4	57.5
Bradlee Van Pelt, CSU	**11**	**100**	**546**	**5.5**	**4**	**49.6**



UNLV RB
"Jersey" Joe Haro

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Reno Junior Mahe, BYU	**13**	**91**	**1211**	**9**	**93.2**	**7.00**	**13.3**
Ryan McGuffey, WY	**9**	**65**	**751**	**1**	**83.4**	**7.22**	**11.6**
JR Tolver, SDSU	**11**	**63**	**878**	**2**	**79.8**	**5.73**	**13.9**
Malcom Floyd, WY	**11**	**53**	**790**	**4**	**71.8**	**4.82**	**14.9**
Dwight Counter, NM	**11**	**43**	**774**	**4**	**70.4**	**3.91**	**18.0**
Cliff Russell, Utah	11	53	744	4	67.6	4.82	14.0
Pete Rebstock, CSU	9	28	546	3	60.7	3.11	19.5
Brock Ralph, WY	**11**	**36**	**584**	**2**	**53.1**	**3.27**	**16.2**
Josh Lyman, Utah	**11**	**36**	**582**	**5**	**52.9**	**3.27**	**16.2**
Scottie Vines, WY	**11**	**27**	**550**	**2**	**50.0**	**2.45**	**20.4**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Brandon Doman, BYU	13	141	461	408	3542	4003	307.9
Casey Bramlet, WY	**11**	**89**	**-21**	**432**	**3069**	**3048**	**277.1**
Keith Boyea, AF	12	230	1216	196	1253	2469	205.8
Casey Kelly, NM	**9**	**70**	**143**	**227**	**1559**	**1702**	**189.1**
Lance Rice, Utah	**11**	**28**	**-12**	**302**	**2086**	**2074**	**188.5**
Jason Thomas, UNLV	**10**	**107**	**481**	**194**	**1353**	**1834**	**183.4**
Bradlee Van Pelt, CSU	**11**	**100**	**546**	**194**	**1247**	**1793**	**163.0**
Luke Staley, BYU	11	196	1596	1	11	1607	146.1
Larry Ned, SDSU	11	311	1549	0	0	1549	140.8
Dameon Hunter, Utah	11	257	1396	0	0	1396	126.9

PUNTING

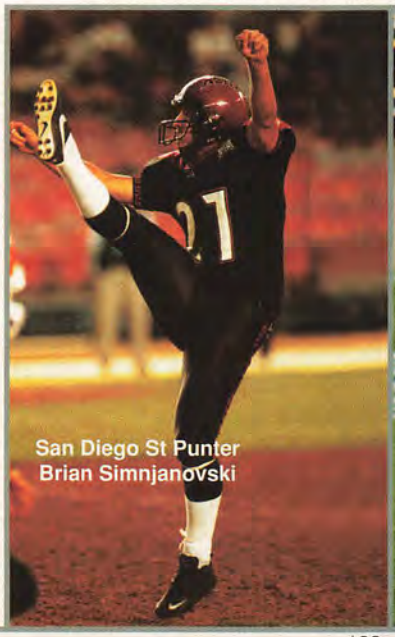
	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brian Simnjanovski, SDSU	**11**	**63**	**2747**	**43.6**
Joey Huber, CSU	**11**	**56**	**2408**	**43.0**
John Cortney, AF	11	39	1654	42.4
Luke Donovan, WY	**11**	**57**	**2317**	**40.6**
Brian Lewis, Utah	**11**	**57**	**2294**	**40.2**
Aaron Edmonds, BYU	13	46	1831	39.8
Vladimir Borombozin, NM	11	72	2819	39.2
Gary Cook, UNLV	**11**	**64**	**2455**	**38.4**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dexter Wynn, CSU	**14**	**214**	**0**	**15.3**
Troy Mason, UNLV	**21**	**271**	**1**	**12.9**
Dallas Davis, CSU	16	170	0	10.6
Morgan Scalley, Utah	**26**	**249**	**0**	**9.6**
Leotis Palmer, AF	**22**	**198**	**0**	**9.0**
Holmon Wiggins, NM	31	271	1	8.7
Mike Rigell, BYU	36	299	0	8.3
Donte Gamble, SDSU	27	191	0	7.1
Scottie Vines, WY	**18**	**108**	**0**	**6.0**
Justin Walterscheid, Utah	**10**	**56**	**0**	**5.6**

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Vladimir Borombozin, NM	11	17	18	94.4	40
Jarvis Wallum WY	**11**	**20**	**23**	**87.0**	**52**
Tommy Kirovski, SDSU	**11**	**10**	**13**	**76.9**	**42**
Matt Payne, BYU	**13**	**12**	**17**	**70.6**	**50**
Kent Naughton, CSU	10	11	16	68.8	38
Brooks Walters, AF	12	11	18	61.1	48
Dillon Pieffer, UNLV	**11**	**7**	**12**	**58.3**	**49**
Ryan Kaneshiro, Utah	11	8	14	57.1	37
Wes Zunker, NM	**11**	**2**	**4**	**50.0**	**51**



San Diego St Punter
Brian Simnjanovski

Air Force FS
Jeff Overstreet

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dominique Dorsey, UNLV	**10**	**346**	**0**	**34.6**
Pete Rebstock, CSU	18	496	0	27.6
Dexter Wynn, CSU	**12**	**313**	**1**	**26.1**
Mike Rigell, BYU	33	785	0	23.8
Troy Mason, UNLV	**11**	**233**	**0**	**21.2**
Donte Gamble, SDSU	29	594	0	20.5
Leotis Palmer, AF	**12**	**234**	**0**	**19.5**
Roderrick Jackson, WY	**11**	**201**	**0**	**18.3**
Leonard Jones, WY	**12**	**210**	**0**	**17.5**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Eric Pauly, CSU	**11**	**67**	**48**	**115**	**10.5**
Drew Wood, CSU	**10**	**43**	**53**	**96**	**9.6**
Leo Caires, WY	11	57	44	101	9.2
Gary Davis, NM	11	72	28	100	9.1
Sam Brandon, UNLV	11	61	38	99	9.0
Aaron Sprague, CSU	11	42	51	93	8.5
Will Demps, SDSU	11	59	33	92	8.4
Sheldon Deckart, Utah	**11**	**39**	**47**	**86**	**7.8**
Justin Ena, BYU	13	64	37	101	7.8
Jason Gallimore, CSU	11	45	35	80	7.3

TFL

	NO	YDS
Gary Davis, NM	20	72
Ryan Denney, BYU	19	75
Sheldon Deckart, Utah	**13**	**38**
Garrett Smith, Utah	**13**	**32**
Jason Kaufusi, Utah	**12**	**40**
Lauvale Sape, Utah	**11**	**44**
Justin Ena, BYU	11	26
Terrell Golden, NM	**10**	**37**
Zach Johnson, AF	9	30
Will Demps, SDSU	9	29

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Gary Davis, NM	8.0	56
Ryan Denney, BYU	6.5	50
Akbar Gbaja-Biamila, SDSU	**5.0**	**34**
Sheldon Deckart, Utah	**5.0**	**29**
Lauvale Sape, Utah	**4.5**	**32**
Jomar Butler, SDSU	4.5	31
Jason Kaufusi, Utah	**4.5**	**26**
Andrew Brigham, SDSU	4.0	27
DJ Renteria, NM	**3.5**	**30**
Zach Johnson, AF	3.5	11

UTAH UTES

LT Jordan Gross ran for 13 yards on a lateral against BYU in 2001.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - 2000 was a disappointing year for this position as Darnell Arceneaux came into the season with an 11-2 record as a starter but struggled. There were also high expectations for backup TD Croshaw, but he was ineffective. Lance Rice, who signed on in 1996, ended up taking over the starting job for the final 3 games and did go 2-1 as a starter but only hit 48.8% for 625 yards. Ironically, he is starting in Rice-Eccles Stadium which was named after his grandfather. He had to battle for the QB job last year. Brett Elliott (6-3 194 So) was PS#44 but had a thumb injury all year which put him behind. Ryan Breska (PS#111) was a Purdue transfer and Rice's main competition but lost out. Rice had a decent year, throwing for 2,222 yards (56%) with a 16-11 ratio while rushing for 58 yards. His 124.2 pass efficiency rating was 2nd best in the Mt West. Rice is the strongest (260 bench) and fastest of the QB's and should blossom in his 2nd full year as the starter. Breska saw action in 4 games, attempting 22 passes (40.9%) for 186 yards with a 1-0 ratio. He and Elliott will contend for the backup spot. Breska also saw time at wide-out in spring. This unit has more experience has added talent and Rice is now 10-5 as a starter.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 the Utes had to replace their top 2 backs including super RB Mike Anderson and their feature backs were a pair of JUCO's who did not enroll until August. Adam Tate and Dameon Hunter did a fine job the last two years. In 2000 Tate led the team with 660 yards (4.1) and Hunter was #2 with 339 (3.8). Utah went from the one-back to the two-back offense last season under new OC Craig Ver Steeg. Last year Hunter came into his own with 1,490 yards (2nd TM MWC) and a super 5.4 ypc. Tate also rushed for 922 yards (5.0, HM MWC), giving them the best RB combo in the conference. Two players who could have made a bigger impact were the #3 and #4 rushers. Marty Johnson was PS#20JC and actually walked onto the team last August. In the opener vs Utah St he simply led the team in rushing with 95 yards on just 6 carries (15.8). Unfortunately he was injured and didn't play the rest of the season. JR Peroulis (6-1 207 Sr) was the smallest of the RB's but also the fastest (4.41 in the 40) and an Arizona St transfer. He got in 23 carries for 86 yards (3.7). Edwin Benton (5-10 212 Jr, PS#182) only has 4.7 speed and got in 4 carries for 12 yards after being the surprise of the spring. Mike Culpepper (5-11 195 Jr) redshirted. FB Thomas Fortune (PS#61) who started 6 games (2 att's) never lived up to his HT status and departs this year. I list the FB's below. Unfortunately both Tate and Hunter depart, but I expect big things out of Johnson, provided he can stay healthy. Odds are McBride will find another JUCO recruit or two to fill in for the fall but it will be very tough to match the 2,412 yards (5.3) that Hunter and Tate accumulated for last year.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 the Utes boasted a pair of exceptional receivers in Steve Smith (#3DC of CAR in 2001) and Cliff Russell (#3DC of WAS in 2002) who happens to be the fastest player to ever play at Utah. Russell, was injured at midseason but still led the team in rec's with 37 (14.0) in 2000. Last year only Russell returned to the unit as they not only lost Smith, they also had to replace their top two TE's who combined for 16 starts and a WR who had 5 starts and 31 rec's. Ver Steeg's offense throws to the TE more often than McBride's offense, so they moved Michael Richardson, a starting OL to TE, and he finished as the #3 receiver with 23 rec's (12.6). The TE's combined for 37 catches, the most by Utah TE's since 1992. They signed a super true frosh in Lynzell Jackson (PS#16) but he missed last season due to academics. They also signed a couple of JUCO's including Devin Houston (4.3 speed, 7 rec) and Paris Jackson (11 rec's, 8.8). Russell led the team as expected with 55 rec's (13.9) but unfortunately departs. Josh Lyman (PS#240RB) has 4.58 speed and was #2 receiver with 40 rec's and a team high 15.6 ypc. TE Dennis Smith (15.4) departs. Scott Price was the backup TE and he also departs. Paris Jackson and Houston should have a much bigger impact this year while Lynzell Jackson should become the feature WR, provided he gains eligibility. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Justin Walterscheid (5-9 167 So) who had 2 starts (3 rec's, 13.0), Morgan Scalley (5-10 197 So, PS#245RB) who had 326 return yards, Brad Burtenshaw (5-11 177 Sr) and Jaun McNutt (6-0 175 rFr, PS#215). With the loss of a player like Russell, this unit does look weaker unless Lynzell Jackson plays up to his PS#16 ability.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Utes had an inexperienced offensive front that was hit hard by injuries and McBride even took over coaching the O-line himself late in the season and shuffled the line. The unit gave up 28 sacks and averaged just 3.5 ypc rushing. Last year practically everyone was back including the super tackle tandem of Jordan Gross and Doug Kaufusi. They had the top O-line in the MWC and they tied for the NCAA lead, allowing just **6 sacks** over the entire season, and opened up the holes for a rushing game that averaged 4.7 ypc. This year they must replace LG Ed Ta'amu (#4DC of MIN, 10 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Kaufusi (10 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm MWC) as well as RT Kevin Wilson (4 sts). Last year 2 of my projected starters ended up not playing for different reasons. The coaches say that Jordan Gross was the best all-around OL the last 2 years and he has NFL potential. I also like the replacements at the G positions. It's going to be almost impossible to match the numbers from last year, but this is still one of the MWC's best OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Utes always have a top-notch D-line and last year they had to replace just 1 starter and 1 backup due to graduation. The Utes' rugged defense was led by this unit and they allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing while the group recorded 25 sacks. Three players made 1st or 2nd Team MWC last year including Lauvale Sape who was 2nd Team MWC despite not being a full-time starter. This year they lose NG Ma'ake Kemoeatu (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, HM MWC, 30 tkls), but basically 7 of the top 8 are back and they add a solid JUCO. Garrett Smith is the star of the unit but Jason Kaufusi and Sape are not far behind. With the top 3 DL's back plus another returning starter, this unit should be even more ferocious in 2002 and is probably the MWC's best.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Utes had to replace 2 starters due to graduation and then both players who I had listed as their projected replacements did not play. Their star was their only returning starter in Sheldon Deckart who was 1st Team MWC and has a great combination of size and speed. This year they only lose MLB CR Dwinell (12 sts, 52 tkls, 4 tfl) so basically 5 of the top 6 are back. They also get a top-notch JUCO transfer in Ray Holdcraft this year as well as an HT rFr in Steven Thompson (PS#119). This unit has more talent and more experience and looks even stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Utah is always strong in the secondary and had ranked in the Top 40 of my pass D rankings for 6 straight years prior to 2000 when they were "only" #41. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 37 starts, one of which was a 2nd round DC in the NFL. They had only 1 player with starting experience returning. Despite the personnel turnover, Utah finished #34, allowing 49.9% with a 12-10 ratio. They moved RB D'Shaun Crockett to CB and he took over the starting job at midseason while their safety tandem earned All MWC honors. Antwoine Sanders and Arnold Parker nicknamed themselves ASAP. This year the group is much more experienced with 5 players having starting experience plus Steven Smith, an Oregon transfer who will contend for one of the spots, as well some top-notch recruits from 2001 and 2002. This year they must replace CB Yohance Scott (10 sts, 41 tkls, 6 pbu) and backup CB Airabin Justin (13 tkls, 2 pbu). Other who may contribute are Desmond Davis (5-8 182 Sr, PS#110), Shayne Scruggs (5-10 185 Jr, PS#288JC), Cody Weight (5-11 186 Sr, PS#95JC, 14 tkls), Anthony White (5-10 192 Jr, 21 tkls 2Y) and Quincy Watkins (5-8 158 Sr, 4.48 speed). This year's group is much more experienced and should be solidly improved.

SPECIAL TEAMS - McBride always does an excellent job on special teams, with a couple of Top 40 finishes in 1999 and 2000. It's a good thing the special teams rankings do not include FG accuracy or they would not have ranked that high in 2000 as they hit just 8 of 19 FG's. Last year Oklahoma transfer P Brian Lewis averaged 40.0 with 15 pinned inside the 20 (35.6 net). K Ryan Kaneshiro banged home 9 of 15 FG's but his long was only 37 and he missed all 4 attempts from 40+. Lewis does have some kicking experience (45 & 47 yard FG's last spring) but the new K will likely be JUCO Ford Hall who had three 50+ FG's at JC last year. Morgan Scalley was the top PR but was bothered by concussions. He still finished #1 with 26 returns (9.6) as Justin Walterscheid (PS#152) struggled to replace him with 14 returns (4.6). Their top KR was CB D'Shaun Crockett (22.0) and also in the mix there is Bo Nagahi who was an exceptional returnman in HS but had just 6 (20.5) LY. Desmond Davis had a 28.2 KR avg before tearing a knee ligament in the 3rd game while JUCO Larry Miles avg 25.2 on KR's in 2 years at JC. They did allow 9.0 per PR and 21.3 per KR which are average numbers, and overall the special teams ranked #64 in my ratings. With the key components back, I look for a Top 40 finish in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Utah suffered just their 2nd losing season in 11 years, stopping a streak of 9 consecutive winning seasons under Coach McBride. That year they finished 4-7 but it was probably due to a -11 turnover margin (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 295). It is interesting to note that in their 4-7 season they actually outscored foes by an average of 21.3-18.8. Last year they had just 11 starters back which was the 2nd lowest in the MWC and had to replace 24 lettermen. They finished 3rd in the MWC with a 4-3 conference record but were arguably the best team in the league. They outscored league foes by an average of 29.4-16.3 which ranked #2 offensively and #1 defensively. That is exactly where I had them ranked in the league and they had my #11 rated defense overall, allowing 295.1 ypg and just 274.7 ypg in league play. In the MWC they actually outgained foes by an average of 157.7 ypg! Utah led BYU 21-10 with 5:47 left, Colo St got a go-ahead TD on an illegal play and Utah had 2 TD passes dropped, fumbled at the CSU 2 and suffered a blocked FG. They lost 3 league games by a grand total of 6 points. Prior to the Air Force game the team accepted the Las Vegas Bowl bid and looked past AF which had suspended a lot of players. Still, in that game, Utah had a 28-15 FD edge and lost by 1. They held USC to just 151 total yards in the bowl game. This year Utah is much more experienced as they have 44 lettermen and 13 starters back. I like the replacements at RB and the team could come close to the 27.4 ppg they averaged last season. It's the defense that has me excited here as they have 8 starters back on that side of the ball and a lot of top-notch talent. In fact if you look at my MWC Team you will see 6 Utah players on the 1st Team Defense, so not surprisingly they have my #1 rated defense in the league. The schedule is also favorable as all 3 league road game are winnable which means the toughest opponents must travel to Rice-Eccles Stadium. I do 7 sets of power ratings and Utah ranked #1 in the MWC in 5 of them, so it should be another winning season for McBride and I give them a chance at topping last year's 8 win total and make them my favorite to win the MWC.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB LANCE RICE JR. 6-2 200 *10-5 as starter. 3 sts in 2000, 625 yds (49%). 12 sts LY, 2222 yds (56%), 16-11 ratio, 58 yds rush. Ryan Breska (6-4 218 Jr). Brett Elliott PS#44.*

RB Marty Johnson Sr. 5-11 222 *PS#20JC LY. 95 yds on 6 att's vs Utah St then inj'd & out yr. JR Peroulis (6-1 207 Sr) Ariz St trans, 4.41. 86 yds LY. **Brandon Warfield is PS#27JC.***

FB Brandon Bliss Jr. 5-11 222 *Scout Tm in 2000. 4.73, inj'd LY. Mike Austin (6-0 218 rFr) PS#220LB. Sione Havili (6-1 223 So) PS#269 orig @ BYU. Edwin Benton (5-10 212 Jr) inj'd LY.*

WR JOSH LYMAN SR. 6-0 197 *JC. 17 rec (14.4). 11 sts LY, 4.58, #2 w/40 rec (15.6) HM MWC. Paris Jackson (6-3 216 Sr) JC. 11 rec (8.8) LY. Justin Walterscheid was PS#152.*

WR Lynzell Jackson So. 6-3 180 ***PS#16WR**. Acad inel LY. Devin Houston (5-9 177 Sr) **4.3 speed**, PS#189, 8 rec (10.9) LY. Larry Miles (6-0 170 Jr) PS#273JC, 10.4 in 100m.*

TE Matt Hansen Jr. 6-5 262 *12 plays as rFr. 2 sts LY, 2 rec (14.5). Ben Allison Moa (6-3 270 Jr) PS#149 in '99. 45 rec (17.6) at JC LY. JD Jorgensen (6-4 248 So) PS#97QB.*

C DUSTIN McQUIVEY JR. 6-3 294 *PS#134, mission in '97-'98. 7 sts as rFr until knee inj. 12 sts at C LY, **HM MWC**, 415 bench. Max Petersen (6-2 293 So) 2nd string & lettered.*

RG Tevita Vakalahi Sr. 6-1 310 *PS#163DL. 355 bench. DL in '99 & 2000. 2nd string OL LY, lettered. **Kasey Jackson** (6-3 286 Sr) PS#128DL, orig at Hawaii, PS#116JC. **455 bench.***

LG Chris Kemoeatu So. 6-4 332 *PS#133DL, Def POY Hawaii in HS. Bkup OG LY & lettered as **true**. Kurt Jackson (6-5 260 rFr) PS#216DL. Jesse Boone (6-5 280 rFr).*

RT SEAN SOUZA JR. 6-5 291 *PS#222. 6 gms as rFr. 12 sts at RG LY, HM MWC, 335 bench. **Thomas Herrion** (6-4 330 Jr) PS#173JC, 127 pancakes, 97% grade at JC LY.*

LT JORDAN GROSS SR. 6-5 310 *NFL caliber. 5 sts at RT as **true**. 11 sts in 2000 (8 at RT, 3 at RG), 727 plays, HM MWC. 12 sts LY, 375 bench, HM MWC. Makai Aalona (6-5 292 So).*

K Ford Hall Jr. 5-11 185 *2nd Tm JCAA, 1st Team All Conference JUCO with 3 FG's from 50+ last year. In for fall. Brian Lewis hit 45 & 47 yard FG's in spring 2001.*

DE JOSH SAVAGE JR. 6-4 269 *PS#295. 8 tkls as rFr. 11 sts in 2001, 36 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Elia Laeli (6-2 265 Jr) PS#157JC. Redshirt here LY. Al Johnson (6-2 266 Sr).*

NG Lauvale Sape Sr. 6-2 284 ***2nd Tm MWC LY**. PS#258, 1 st, 36 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 2 sts, 25 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl LY. Lewis Powell (6-3 283 Jr) PS#240, 9 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Steve Fifita (5-11 283 rFr).*

DT GARRETT SMITH SR. 6-3 303 *PS#110. **1st TM MWC 2 straight yrs!** 72 tkls, **10 sks**, 5 tfl, 11 sts in 2000. 12 sts, 53 tkls, 13 tfl LY. Sione Pouha (6-3 296 So) 9 tkls, 2 tfl LY, 31.5" VL.*

DE JASON KAUFUSI JR. 6-3 250 *9 sts as **"true"** in 2000, 63 tkls, 8 sks, 8 tfl. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm MWC**, 36 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl, 4 pbu. Marcus Jones (6-2 249 Sr) PS#273LB, 44 tkls, 3Y.*

SLB BROOKS BAHR SR. 6-3 227 *Walk-on. 18 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 9 sts LY, 33 tkls, 3 tfl, 4.89. **Steven Thompson** (5-10 220 rFr) **PS#119**. Corey Dodds (6-2 220 So) PS#145TE, 12 tkls LY.*

MLB Ray Holdcraft Jr. 5-11 247 *PS#287JUCO & in for spring. 1st TM JCAA. Zach Tune (6-3 248 So) 8 tkls as rFr, solid runner. Mark Arnold (6-2 230 Fr) is PS#301DL TY.*

ROV SHELDON DECKART SR. 6-2 240 *4.51 speed. 9 sts in 2000, 73 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts LY, **1st Tm MWC**, 86 tkls, 6 sks, 7 tfl, 6 pbu. Jeremy Lyman (6-2 227 Sr) Neb trans, 9 tkls, 2Y.*

CB ARNOLD PARKER JR. 6-2 210 *PS#63LB. 4 sts, 55 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl in 2000. 12 sts LY, 55 tkls, 6 tfl, HM MWC, **4.32 speed**. **Bo Nagahi** (5-9 180 So) PS#163, 4 sts as rFr, 15 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu.*

CB D'SHAUN CROCKETT SR. 5-8 186 *PS#49. 2 sts at RB, 155 yds in 1999 & 2000. 7 starts at CB in 2001, 44 tkls, 1 tfl, 4 pbu, 320 bench. Antonio Young (5-10 185 rFr) PS#158.*

SS Steven Smith So. 6-0 186 ***10 sts at Oregon** as **true**, 38 tkls, 2 int, **22 pbu, HM Pac 10!** Donta Bright (6-0 185 Jr) is PS#43JUCO. Cody Weight (5-11 186 Sr) PS#95JUCO.*

FS ANTWOINE SANDERS JR. 6-2 196 *PS#355JUCO. 12 sts, **2nd Tm MWC**, 78 tkls, 4 int, 4 pbu, 2 tfl LY. **Dave Revill** (5-11 203 Jr) 5 sts in 2001, 31 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 int, 2 pbu.*

P BRIAN LEWIS JR. 6-2 224 *PS#32. 73 punts at Oklahoma, 40.8 avg in '96. Mission & trans. 63 punts here LY, 40.0 avg, 15 inside 20, 35.6 net. Bryan Borreson (5-10 185 rFr).*

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Brandon Warfield 6-0 220 PS#27JC	
DB	Donta Bright 6-0 185 PS#43JC	
OL	Deuce Lutui 6-4 330 PS#113	
OL	Thomas Herrion 6-4 330 PS#173JC	
PK	Ford Hall 5-11 185 PS#259JC	
QB	Alex Smith 6-3 190 PS#146	
WR	Larry Miles 6-0 170 PS#273JC	
LB	Ray Holdcraft 5-11 247 PS#287JC	
TE	Ben Allison 6-3 270 PS#298JC	
DL	Mark Arnold 6-2 230 PS#301	
LB	Mark Palmer 6-3 235 PS#307	
DL	Andrew Smart 6-3 220 PS#321	
DL	Robbie Crockett 6-4 245 PS#358	
DB	Shaun Harper 5-10 185 PS#399	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTAH	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Utes are 24-16 ATS in their last 40 non-conference games. The opening and closing ceremonies for the 2002 Olympics were held at Rice-Eccles Stadium.
Aug. 31	at Utah St	G						Utah is 6-2 ATS in their last 8 road openers. Utes lead the all-time SU series 69-28-4 (21-11 at USU) & are 9-4 ATS L13Y.
Sep. 7	Indiana	A						The Utes are 6-3 SU, but 3-5 ATS their last 9 home openers. Utah is 26-15 ATS in September the last 11 seasons.
Sep. 14	at Arizona	G						The Utes last trip to the state of Arizona ended in a 38-0 loss to ASU in 1993. Utah is 2-7 SU and 3-6 ATS vs the Pac 10 the last 7 years.
Sep. 21	at Michigan	G						Pending 9/7: Utah is 3-1 SU and ATS vs the Big 10 since 1987. Utes are 25-11 ATS as an away dog under McBride, pending last week.
Sep. 28	Air Force (HC)	A						The Utes are 1-4 ATS vs the Falcons in the last 5 games. Utah is 13-2 ATS their last 15 prior to a bye.
Oct. 5								
Oct. 12	at San Diego St	G						Utes are 10-5 ATS after a bye. The SU winner is 12-1 ATS the last 13 meetings in this series.
Oct. 19	Colorado St	A						The road team is 7-3 ATS in this series since 1989. Six of the last 8 games in that span have been decided by 7 pts or less.
Oct. 26	at New Mexico	G						The Utes are 6-1 SU and ATS vs the Lobos since 1995. Utah has won and covered their last 5 as chalk in this series.
Nov. 2								
Nov. 9	UNLV	A						Utah is 6-1 SU in this series and have posted covers in each of the L3Y. Utes are 3-7 ATS at home in November since 1994.
Nov. 16	at Wyoming	G						The Utes are 9-2 ATS the last 11 on the road in November. Utah is 7-2 ATS vs UW in the L/9 series meetings & has posted 2 straight shutouts.
Nov. 23	BYU	A						Utah Utes are 5-3 SU, but 3-5 ATS in their last 8 home finales. The visitor is a perfect 10-0 ATS in this in-state battle.
Nov. 30								Bonus: Applies to 11/16 game, the Utes are 6-1 ATS in road finales.

RON MCBRIDE (Career 83-57)
13th Year at Utah

McBrides's records AT UTAH

83-57	Straight Up	25-25	Home Favorite
73-60	Vs The Spread	7-8	Home Dog
26-21	Off A S/U Loss	16-16	Away Favorite
49-44	Vs Conference	25-11	Away Dog
		24-16	Vs Non-Conf

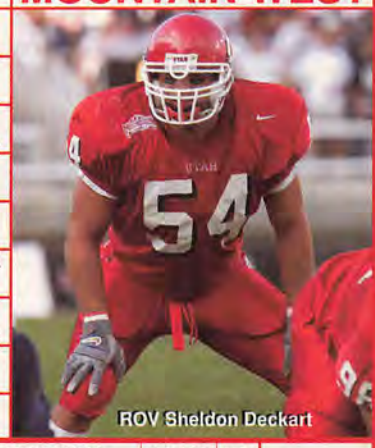
2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (21,21,2)
Lost: 19 (12,6,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,458

MOUNTAIN WEST


ROV Sheldon Deckart

STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,634)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	6-5	7-4	8-3	4-7	7-4	47-30
ATS	5-6	5-6	6-5	6-5	8-3	4-7	7-4	41-36
Home Fav	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-4	4-1	0-5	3-2	15-17
Home Dog	0-3	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-4
Away Fav	0-1	1-4	1-2	3-1	1-1	3-1	1-2	10-12
Away Dog	3-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	3-0	13-3
Favorite	2-3	3-5	3-4	5-5	5-2	3-6	4-4	25-29
Dog	3-3	2-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	1-1	3-0	16-7
Grass	5-5	5-4	5-3	6-5	7-2	4-7	6-4	38-30
Artificial	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	3-6
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	4-4	5-2	3-4	4-3	28-25
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-1	1-3	3-1	13-11
Off SU Win	4-2	3-5	3-2	2-5	5-2	2-2	5-2	24-20
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-0	3-2	3-0	2-1	2-4	2-1	15-11

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dameon Hunter	274	1519	29	1490	9	5.4
Adam Tate	183	959	37	922	13	5.0
Marty Johnson	**6**	**95**	**0**	**95**	**1**	**15.8**
J.R. Peroulis	**23**	**97**	**11**	**86**	**1**	**3.7**
Lance Rice	**34**	**58**	**69**	**-11**	**0**	**-0.3**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Lance Rice	**323**	**181**	**56.0**	**2222**	**16**	**12**
Ryan Breska	**22**	**9**	**40.9**	**186**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cliff Russell	55	763	13.9	4	46
Josh Lyman	**40**	**623**	**15.6**	**5**	**47**
Michael Richardson	23	298	12.6	2	25
Adam Tate	11	158	14.4	1	62
Dennis Smith	8	123	15.4	2	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Lewis	**63**	**2522**	**40.0**	**–**	**35.6**	**1**	**15**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Kaneshiro	5-6	4-5	0-4	0-0	9-15	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Sheldon Deckart	**86**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**0**
Antwoine Sanders	**78**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**4**
Arnold Parker	**55**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Garrett Smith	**53**	**3**	**10**	**2**	**0**
C.R. Dwinell	52	1	3	4	1
D'Shaun Crockett	**44**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**0**
Yohance Scott	41	0	2	6	1
Jason Kaufusi	**36**	**5**	**7**	**4**	**0**
Josh Savage	**36**	**4**	**13**	**3**	**0**
Brooks Bahr	**33**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Dave Revill	**31**	**0**	**7**	**2**	**2**
Ma'ake Kemoeatu	30	0	0	1	0
Lauvale Sape	**25**	**5**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Bo Nagahi	**15**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Morgan Scalley	**26**	**249**	**9.6**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
D'Shaun Crockett	**7**	**154**	**22.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Freedom	+17	USC	21-28	W
94	Freedom	+3'	Arizona	16-13	W
96	Copper	+8	Wisconsin	10-38	L
99	Las Vegas	-4'	Fresno St	17-16	L
01	Las Vegas	+3'	USC	10-6	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTAH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	27.4	22	219	4.7	204	55.0	15.4	-1	2001	4	17.5	16	108	3.3	187	49.9	16.9
7*	21.3	17	133	3.5	204	48.4	15.8	-11	2000	7	18.8	17	128	3.2	160	47.6	15.3
8*	31.7	19	163	4.0	230	53.0	12.4	+9	1999	5	17.5	18	143	3.9	188	49.9	18.9
6*	30.8	22	206	4.3	209	57.0	13.5	-7	1998	8	20.6	18	97	3.1	246	50.9	16.7
6	23.0	20	178	4.2	200	58.3	16.5	-4	1997	5	18.2	18	131	3.3	177	50.3	17.0
8*	26.1	20	157	4.4	242	57.7	15.3	-2	1996	7	25.8	22	226	4.8	143	49.7	14.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Utah St	19	46-213	4.6	16-33	147	2	16	21-70	3.3	23-43	231	1	+4
at Oregon	21	35-121	3.5	25-51	252	0	22	32-107	3.3	18-28	270	1	-1
at Indiana	26	43-169	3.9	21-29	278	0	22	44-229	5.2	13-23	157	0	0
New Mexico	20	48-255	5.3	15-30	210	1	12	36-146	4.1	10-36	165	3	+1
S Florida	24	49-245	5.0	17-24	264	0	27	26-67	2.6	32-61	336	4	+2
Wyoming	19	45-190	4.2	17-25	275	1	8	25-33	1.3	18-33	117	3	-1
at Colorado St	22	37-228	6.2	18-41	214	0	13	44-123	2.8	11-24	201	1	-2
at UNLV	22	55-212	3.9	13-21	180	0	7	26-38	1.5	8-21	118	2	0
San Diego St	16	45-225	5.0	10-20	138	1	16	31-64	2.1	15-29	194	4	+1
at BYU	23	46-168	3.7	16-32	189	0	21	32-180	5.6	21-42	270	2	0
at Air Force	28	56-382	6.8	12-22	161	0	15	51-239	4.7	4-11	35	0	-3
†USC	20	54-222	0.4	12-21	136	1	12	25-1	0.0	15-26	150	4	-2
TOTALS	260	559-2630	4.7	192-349	2444	6	191	393-1297	3.3	188-377	2244	25	-1
AVERAGES	21.7	47-219	4.7	16-29	204	0.5	15.9	33-108	3.3	16-31	187	2.1	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-16	14-21	L
at Louisville	+4	27-21	W
at TCU	-4	32-18	W
UTEP	-27	56-3	W
at Fresno St	-10	13-27	L
SMU	-8	19-20	L
at Oregon	+7	13-31	L
New Mexico	-2'	15-10	W
at Tulsa	-10'	13-21	L
Rice	E	31-14	W
at BYU	+5'	20-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah St	-7	20-12	W
Louisville	-16	45-22	W
Hawaii	-24	30-21	L
Boise St	-17	28-31	L
at Wyoming	+8'	24-27	W
Fresno St	-7'	24-16	W
at San Diego St (OT)	-2'	20-21	L
at San Jose St	-7	49-17	W
UTEP (OT)	-18	34-27	L
at New Mexico	-11	41-7	W
BYU	-2	24-26	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	+2	27-7	W
Utah St	-16'	38-18	W
at UNLV	-15	52-14	W
at Boise St	-16	20-26	L
UL Monroe	-28	42-0	W
at Air Force	+4	21-15	W
San Diego St	-6'	38-16	W
at Colorado St	+1'	24-31	L
Wyoming	-8	29-43	L
New Mexico	-12	52-7	W
at BYU	+6'	20-17	W

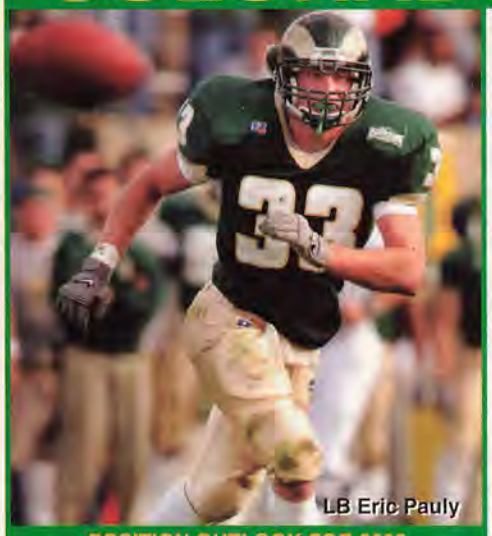
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-3	3-17	L
at California	-3	21-24	L
Washington St	-11	21-38	L
Air Force	-2'	14-23	L
at Utah St	-12	35-14	W
at San Diego St	-5	21-7	W
Colorado St	-2	17-24	L
at New Mexico	+1'	3-10	L
UNLV	+2	38-16	W
at Wyoming	-14'	34-0	W
BYU	-6'	27-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-9	23-19	L
at Oregon	+17'	10-24	W
at Indiana	+3	28-26	W
New Mexico	-8	37-16	W
S Florida	-13'	52-21	W
Wyoming	-17'	35-0	W
at Colorado St	-2'	17-19	L
at UNLV	-1	42-14	W
San Diego St	-17'	17-3	L
at BYU	+7	21-24	W
at Air Force	-16'	37-38	L

COLORADO ST RAMS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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - CSU always plays better with an experienced QB. In Lubick's 9 years they have had just 3 senior incumbent QB's and they've combined for a 31-6 SU record in those seasons. In 2000, Matt Newton led the team to CSU's highest ranking ever at #14 in the final polls and was the MWC Offensive Player of the Year. Last year DJ Busch and Bradlee Van Pelt battled for the starting job. Busch had over 1,000 more reps in practice coming into the year as he was 2nd string to Newton in 2000 which gave him an edge. Van Pelt had QB'd the scout team and Lubick told the defensive players that they "would not see a better QB on Saturdays and trying to tackle the QB won't be any more difficult in a game." They also signed Justin Holland (PS#12) who threw for over 10,000 yards and 108 TD's in his HS career and was the first ever Parade AA to sign here. It was the first QB battle here since 1995 when Moses Moreno took over at midseason and Busch and Van Pelt were tied at the end of spring. Busch won the starting job in the preseason but ended up starting just the first 3 games. He completed only 47% for just 360 yards with a 2-4 ratio. Van Pelt came in against San Diego St with the team down 14-0 and hit a 48 yard TD pass and didn't relinquish the QB job after that. Van Pelt rushed for 743 yards while throwing for 1,353 (47.5%) with a 9-12 ratio. Lubick was tempted to take the redshirt off of Holland at times and he will compete for the starting job in 2002. Lee Thompson (6-5 213 rFr) was PS#151 and Marshall Tharpe is PS#88 this year. Busch has opted to leave the team, but this is still a deep position and clearly has more experience as well as added talent.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 the Rams had just one feature back in Kevin McDougal, who rushed for 1,223 yards (5.3) and was the MWC Offensive POY. In 2000 they went to a TB by committee with Cecil Sapp, Rahsaan Sanders and Duan Ruff combining for 1,734 yards (4.8) ypc. Sapp took over the load in their Liberty Bowl win with 160 yards and finished with 1,001 yards and a solid 5.4 ypc. Sapp was expected to be the feature back last year but broke his leg in spring, and had a tumor removed from his heel in Sept, so he redshirted. Sanders had 468 yards (4.6) as a true frosh with 2 starts and earned 7 starts in 2000 with 528 yards (3.9). He injured his hamstring last August and ended up redshirting as well, and moves to DB this year. That left the starting job at the beginning of the year to Ruff, who finished with 693 yards (4.3). Henri Childs had 4 starts last year and a super 237 yard effort vs BYU, finishing with 938 yards (5.3). Childs transferred from Kansas where he had 2 starts and 184 yards rushing (4.7) in 1999. Due to the injuries, Michael Vomhof was moved from LB to RB and got in 25 carries for 111 yards, including 51 yards and a TD in the bowl. While they do lose Ruff this year, they have 3 legitimate feature backs in the fold and there should be a great competition between Childs and Sapp for the starting job. This unit looks stronger than it did heading into 2001.

RECEIVERS - Technically, the Rams had to replace 3 starters last year but really returned 3 of their top 4 receivers and got the solid addition of Dallas Davis, who missed most of 2000 with an injury, so they had one of the MWC's top receiving corps. This year 3 of the top 4 depart. Gone are Pete Rebstock (led the team with 30 rec's, a super 20.6 ypc), Davis (PS#43, 23 rec's, 11.3), and TE Jose Ochoa (15 rec's (8.8) in 2001, 2nd Tm MWC). Also departing is Brad Svoboda who had 3 rec's (9.7). Joel Dreessen was the surprise of the spring and ended up taking the starting H-back job. He had 23 rec's (9.1) but he is the lone returning starter. I list the 2 deep below and the remaining returnees combined for just 21 rec's in 2001. Due to the inexperience at QB, this unit received far less attention last year than it normally gets. While the overall number of rec's will likely go up this year with an experienced QB, the talent level of the WR corps has decreased, and this unit does not look as dangerous as last year's group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 Lubick commented on the incoming frosh OL saying that there were 5 or 6 players who were 6-6 to 6-7 that were mobile and it was perhaps the best group he'd brought to Fort Collins. That year CSU ran a 7 man rotation on the line. They had 4 starters returning from a 1999 unit that had allowed just 9 sacks but gave up 26 in 2000 and only paved the way for 3.7 ypc rushing. Last year they lost a pair of starters but did have 3 starters returning although the returning starter at RG, Broderick Lancaster, only started 4 games before a season ending knee injury. This year they must once again replace 2 starters in RT Broc Finlayson (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm MWC) and LT David Shohet (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm MWC) as well as Lancaster (4 sts, 2x HM MWC). I list the 2 deep below and there is a lot of size and athletic talent in the group with plenty of HT's. Not listed below is Jamie Amicarella (6-5 290 Jr, PS#143TE) who is a transfer from Montana St. The Rams rushed for 4.6 ypc last year while the team allowed just 20 sacks. This group is in about the same shape that is was heading into last year and I'll call it equally as strong.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year CSU had to replace their top 4 DT's and then suffered a spate of injuries and in fact did not have 4 healthy players over the entire 2H of the season. This year they must replace DT Lucas Smith (11 sts, 39 tkls, 9 tfl, HM MWC) and DE Geoff Graue (10 sts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl). Plenty of players who gained experience last year return including 5 with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. The Rams ended up allowing 4.6 ypc rushing, the weakest total under Lubick since 1996. This year's group has decent size and is fairly deep as they have some solid rFr and JUCO's. Also adding depth are Jason Anderson (6-7 250 rFr, PS#320), Delroy Parke (6-2 295 rFr, PS#211) and Chris Kiffin (6-1 287 So, 2 tkls). Despite the losses this group is probably a lot more experienced than last year and should definitely be tougher vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - The Rams' LB's have been very experienced the last few years. Last year they had to replace a #6 DC of the NFL who was one of CSU's top LB's ever in MWC Def POY Rick Crowell, but returned 4 players with starting experience. In the spring, Adam Wade was very unhappy about moving to SLB as he wanted to play WLB but he played SLB all year and got in 11 starts and had 59 tackles, 7 tfl. David Vickers was a 12 game starter at MLB in 2000 but was injured after 3 starts last season and Drew Wood took his place in the final 9 and simply earned 2nd Tm MWC honors. This year the only losses are backups Tony Colacion (9 tkls) and Rocky Martin (6 tkls). Not only do all 3 starters return but so do 2 players who were injured last year but had 12 and 7 starts respectively in 2000, Vickers and Doug Heald. Not listed below are Frostee Rucker (6-4 220 rFr) who the DC said was bigger than Wade (6-1 210 Jr) and had unlimited potential as well as Jahmal Hall (6-1 200 rFr, PS#198) and Jack Roberson (6-0 200 So). This is probably THE MOST experienced LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 CSU had to replace an NFL DC but did have 2.5 starters returning and finished at #55 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 players due to graduation who combined for 17 starts including a 4th round DC. They still basically had 3 starters returning as well as their nickel back so the unit was experienced. Surprisingly the unit finished at #58, allowing 58% but with a 13-17 ratio and they allowed 215 ypg passing. This year the losses are significant. Gone are CB Justin Gallimore (12 sts, 76 tkls, 2nd Tm MWC, 9 pbu, 3 int's), SS Aaron Sprague (12 sts, HM MWC, 107 tkls, 3 int's, 7 pbu), FS Jason Gallimore (12 sts, 87 tkls, 3 int's, 8 pbu, 2nd Tm MWC) and backups CB Thal Woods (16 tkls) and Ameer Lowe (30 tkls, 2 int's, 2 pbu). Only 3 of the top 8 are back including 2 with starting experience, but they add a couple of JUCO's and it wouldn't surprise me to see some of this year's talented true frosh earn playing time. The secondary has to be Lubick's biggest concern on the entire team and this group is a lot less experienced than it was heading into last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is an area of strength under Sonny Lubick. In 1997 they finished #1 overall in my special teams rankings and the next 2 years, despite some losses, finished #13 and #3. In 2000, despite having to replace their punter and having their top PR, Dallas Davis, go down to injury in the second game, they still finished #9. Last year they welcomed Davis back but had to replace CW Hurst who had a strong leg on KO's and hit 23 of 36 FG's in 2 years. I projected another Top 10 finish for the Rams and they simply finished #1 in my special teams rankings. Davis had 16 PR's (10.6) and Dexter Wynn had 15 (14.7). Rebstock averaged 25.6 on 20 KR's and Wynn 27.5 on 13 KR's. Not only was CSU the best in those categories but they allowed just 4.5 per PR and 18.7 per KR. Opponents only had 22 KR's on the year as walk-on rFr Jeff Babcock had 30 touchbacks on 60 kickoffs and 22 of those went out of the end zone!! They also blocked 4 kicks last year. P Joey Huber was great at directional kicking in 2000 but showed improvement in leg strength last year and his average went up to 43.2 per punt although two of his punts were blocked. Huber returns for his senior season and was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award. K Kent Naughton hit a solid 12 of 17 FG's but he was only 1 for 4 from 40+. He must be replaced but Kevin Mark (PS#24) had a career long 52 yarder in HS and could be even better than Naughton. Lubick always discovers excellent returnmen and with Dexter Wynn coming back they should be strong in that area once again. This looks like another Top 10 contender.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In the 100 years of football prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival CSU won or shared 9 conference titles. Lubick has rattled off 5 titles in the last 8 years, 2nd in the NCAA next to Florida St, and is now 21-4 SU in games played in November including 11-2 on the road. In 2000 the team finished #14 in the polls, their highest ever, as they went 10-2. Last year was only the 2nd time in school history that they were ranked in the preseason. Before Lubick arrived, the team averaged 19,000 fans and they now average about 30,000. They have gone to 6 bowls the last 8 years, the most of any MWC school, and the 3 straight bowls they've been to is a school record. Last year was the first time in six bowls that they did not face a ranked opponent. CSU has won at least 7 games for 8 straight years. Last year 4 of their 5 losses were to Top 25 teams. Lubick is 11-12 vs ranked foes which is a very impressive record for a team from the MWC conference. Last year CSU was a little fortunate as they were outfirstdowned by Nevada 26-16, Utah 22-13, Air Force 30-13 and New Mexico 21-15. In fact on the year CSU was actually outgained by a 419-347 margin overall and in league play were outgained by an average of 443-355 yet still managed a 5-2 league record. In conference play they only had the 4th best offense, 5th best defense, and outscored foes by just 2 ppg (they were fortunate to be in a bowl). Last year's team had 13 returning starters and this year's has 12 but does lose more lettermen as 20 depart and the 35 lettermen returning are the lowest in the league. Lubick does a great job here and this year's team is more talented than last year's version and should finish in the upper half of the rankings, both offensively and defensively. This year they have 4 league games at home and the toughest league road test is at Utah so the schedule is tailor-made for a big year. The non-conference schedule is rough, but it looks like the Rams should achieve yet another winning season and the MWC Title could still be on the line in the final game when they host UNLV.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB BRADLEE VAN PELT JR. 6-3 220 *PS#62 & orig at Mich St. 9 sts in 2001, 1353 pass (47.5%) 9-12 ratio, 743 rush.* ***Justin Holland*** *(6-3 200 rFr)* ***PS#12QB****. Tm's 1st Parade AA.*

RB CECIL SAPP JR. 6-1 225 ***1st Tm MWC*** *in 2000, 1001 yds (5.4). RS LY. Henri Childs (6-2 217 Sr) PS#131 & orig at Kansas. #1 in 2001 w/938 yds (5.3), 13 rec (9.0).*

WR Chris Pittman Jr. 6-1 185 *PS#195WR. 3 rec as rFr. 1 start in 2001, 10 rec (14.3). Russell Sprague (6-4 210 Jr) PS#114QB. Tyler Sparks (5-11 175 rFr) PS#91WR.*

WR Joey Cuppari Sr. 6-1 180 *PS#123WR. 22 rec (14.7) as rFr. #3 in 2000 w/33 rec (13.8). 6 rec (25.2) LY. Eric Hill (6-0 185 Jr) PS#117, 1 start 8 rec (11.0) 2 years.*

HB JOEL DREESSEN SO. 6-6 247 *PS#145TE. 12 sts as rFr,* ***HM MWC****, 23 rec (9.1). Added 12 lbs for 2002. Brandon Alconcel (6-4 235 rFr) PS#136, added 15 lbs this year.*

TE James Sondrup Jr. 6-6 251 *PS#108. 10 gms in 2000. 2 gms LY, 0 rec. Matt Baldischwiler (6-3 230 Jr) PS#65. 1 rec in 2000. DNP LY. Matt Bartz (6-3 225 rFr) PS#68.*

C MARK DREYER JR. 6-4 281 ***PS#58OL****. 5 games as rFr, 2nd string. Added 10 lbs in 2001 & 12 starts at C. John Van Lant (6-3 278 So) lettered as backup last year.*

RG Terrell Gardner Jr. 6-6 347 *PS#138OL. 7 gms in 2000 & lettered. Backup again LY & lettered. Albert Bimper (6-2 300 rFr) PS#196. Kelly Wall (6-4 300 Jr) PS#111OL.*

LG MORGAN PEARS SR. 6-8 309 *PS#101. 2 sts, 8 games as rFr. Last 7 starts in 2000. 12 sts LY, HM MWC. 20 consecutive sts. Michael Brisiel (6-5 290 rFr) PS#100OL.*

RT Erik Pears So. 6-8 310 *PS#95. Potential to be top-notch OL. 3 starts here as rFr. Zeke Hacker (6-3 280 Sr) JUCO trans LY. Mike Mehle (6-6 300 rFr) PS#468OL.*

LT AARON GREEN SR. 6-5 275 *4 games in '99. Lettered in 2000. 5 sts in 2001 including L/2. Jason Speciner (6-6 292 So) PS#166. Zak West (6-8 290 Jr) is Miss St transfer.*

K Jeff Babcock So. 5-10 180 *60 kickoffs in 2001, 30 were TB's & 22 were out of endzone. Kevin Mark (6-1 165 rFr) PS#24. Hit a 52 yd field goal in high school.*

DEFENSE

DE PETER HOGAN SR. 6-3 265 *PS#151. 11 sts, 54 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 37 tkls, 3 sks. Pat McGraw (6-4 245 So) PS#128TE. Terrance Carter (6-3 272 rFr) PS#277DL.*

NT Brian Save Jr. 6-2 270 *PS#166DL. 2 tkls as rFr. Last 4 sts LY, 11 tkls, fmbl return TD. Lavell Mann (6-2 280 Jr) PS#436JC, in for spring. Kelesio Howard (6-3 305 Jr).*

DT PATRICK GOODPASTER SO. 6-3 285 *PS#125. 7 sts as rFr until inj, 13 tkls, 3 tfl. Jonathon Simon (6-6 251 So) PS#277, 3 tkls as rFr. Josh Steward (6-2 275 Sr) PS#141, 2 sts, 3Y.*

DE Wallace Thomas Sr. 6-3 245 *PS#114TE. 1 st in 2000, 41 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 sks. 29 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl LY. Andre Sommersell (6-3 210 Jr) 14 tkls, 2 sks, 2Y. Owen Johnson (6-3 210 rFr) PS#317.*

WLB ERIC PAULY JR. 6-4 220 *PS#59. Scout Tm Def POY in '99. 7 tkls as rFr. 12 sts LY, #1 w/125 tkls, 2 tfl,* ***2nd Tm MWC****. Adam Wade had 9 sts as* ***true****, 12 tfl. 11 sts LY, 59 tkls, 7 tfl.*

MLB DREW WOOD JR. 6-2 230 *3 tkls as rFr. 9 sts last year, 104 tkls, 2 sks, 3 int, 5 pbu,* ***2nd Tm MWC****. Jeff Flora (6-2 235 So) 16 tkls LY. Micah Woods is PS#136LB. 380 bench*

SLB DAVID VICKERS SR. 6-0 208 *PS#113, 6 sts, 65 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr. 12 sts in 2000, 94 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. 3 sts (inj) LY, 14 tkls, 1 sk.* ***Doug Heald*** *(6-2 215 Sr) 7 sts in 2000, 51 tkls, 2 tfl.*

CB DEXTER WYNN JR. 5-9 175 *PS#220. 5 tkls as rFr, 554 ret yds. 9 sts LY, 52 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu, 5 tfl, 578 ret yds. Lenzie Williams (6-1 210 Jr) PS#150. Jason Sanchez (5-10 187 So).*

CB Rhett Nelson Sr. 6-0 194 *1 st as rFr, Bowl Def MVP, 20 tkls, 1 int. 8 gms in 2000 (inj) 16 tkls. 1 int, 2 pbu. 3 sts LY, 21 tkls, 3 pbu. Jesse Rivers (6-0 185 rFr). Brandon Cathy PS#111.*

SS Landon Jones So. 6-2 222 *PS#376DB, good size. Rahsaan Sanders (6-0 212 Jr) PS#160RB. 7 sts at RB in 2000. RS in 2001. Jason Hepp (6-2 191 Jr) 8 tkls last year.*

FS Travis Campbell Jr. 6-0 190 *92 tkls, 5 int's, 183 int ret yds, 11 pbu at JC LY, in for spg.* ***Guy Porter*** *(6-1 200 Jr) PS#348JC. Conf Def POY at JC in 2000, 6 int. RS here LY.*

P JOEY HUBER SR. 6-6 223 *57 punts in 2000, 39.6 avg, 35.9 net.* ***1st Tm MWC*** *in 2001, 58 punts, 43.2 avg & #5 in NCAA with net of 39.7. One of 10 Ray Guy semifinalists.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Tristan Walker	6-1 225 PS#57
OL	Ryan Parks	6-4 285 PS#111
WR	Dave Anderson	5-11 190 PS#106
DB	Brandon Cathy	5-11 180 PS#111
OL	Josh Day	6-5 275 PS#138
QB	Marshall Tharpe	6-2 185 PS#89
LB	Micah Woods	6-1 242 PS#136
LB	Adam Hayward	6-1 215 PS#146
WR	Julien Petit	6-3 190 PS#147
DB	Danny Foster	5-11 175 PS#184
DB	Lukas Davis	6-2 190 PS#185
OL	Wyatt Wilken	6-2 275 PS#247
OL	Jason Haskell	6-3 275 PS#283
RB	Jimmy Green	6-0 220 PS#387JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Rams are 46-28-1 ATS off a SU win the last 12 years. CSU is 19-12 ATS as an away favorite since 1989. Colorado St is 4-2 ATS at Provo vs BYU, each time as the dog.
Aug. 22	at Virginia (Thur) Jim Thorpe Classic	G						CSU is 7-3 SU, 6-3 ATS in season openers other than Colorado since '88. Including title & bowl gms, Lubick is 64% SU w/8 straight winning seasons at CSU.
Aug. 31	† Colorado (Mile High Stadium)	G						Colorado St is 5-8 ATS their last 13 vs current Big 12 teams. Rams are 8-4 ATS vs their instate rival and 4-2 the last 6.
Sep. 7	at UCLA	G						CSU is 1-6 SU, 2-5 ATS vs the Pac 10 since 1986. Could apply: CSU is 16-6-1 ATS as an away dog under Lubick.
Sep. 14	Louisville	G						Could apply: CSU came into this year 21-6-1 ATS the last 28 as a dog. Colorado St has dropped 4 straight 1st lined home games ATS.
Sep. 28	at Nevada	A						Note: CSU does have a bye between this game and Louisville. CSU is 5-0 SU but 2-3 ATS vs the Pack & 7-12 ATS their L/19 on art turf.
Oct. 4	at Fresno St (Fri)	G						The home team has covered 6 of the last 7 in this series. CSU is 9-3 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.
Oct. 12	Wyoming (HC)	G						The home team has covered just 1 of 10 Border Wars. Colorado St is 43-26-1 ATS (66%) in conference play since 1993.
Oct. 19	at Utah	A						CSU is 4-0 SU and ATS vs the Utes the last 4 meetings. Pending earlier results: CSU is 24-10 ATS in October since 1994.
Oct. 24	BYU (Thur)	G						CSU is 9-1 ATS as a HD under Lubick, possibly pending 9/14 outcome. The Rams are just 3-15 SU, but 7-7 ATS in this series.
Oct. 31	at Air Force (Thur)	G						Rams are 6-3-1 ATS the last 10 in this series. CSU is 12-5 ATS (w/1 SU loss in a NL gm) before a bye pending UL result.
Nov. 9								Bonus: Lubick is 21-4 SU in Nov at CSU! 9-2 SU at home & 12-2 SU on the road.
Nov. 16	at San Diego St	G						Pending 9/28 result, Rams are 15-2 ATS the week after a bye since 1986. CSU is 5-2 SU & 4-3 ATS vs the Aztecs & 11-3 ATS in the L/14 road finales.
Nov. 23	New Mexico	G						Rams are 4-0 SU, 3-1 ATS vs the Lobos the last 4 series meetings. Mention this ad and deduct $19 off this weekend's Late Phone Package.
Nov. 30	UNLV	G						Rams are 8-5 ATS in their L/13 home finales, Lubick 8-1 SU the L/9 season finales. CSU is 6-0 SU but just 2-4 ATS vs the Rebels in the last 6 meetings.

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Lubick's records AT COLORADO ST

74-34 Straight Up	16-18 Home Favorite
58-41-1 Vs The Spread	9-1 Home Dog
15-15 Off A S/U Loss	16-12 Away Favorite
43-26-1 Vs Conference	17-10-1 Away Dog
	15-15 Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (17,16,2)
Lost: 20 (9,10,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,563

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-5	10-2	8-4	8-3	9-2	6-5	56-24
ATS	7-4	6-5	10-2	5-6-1	6-5	5-5	6-5	45-32-1
Home Fav	2-3	1-1	4-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	0-3	13-15
Home Dog	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	5-0
Away Fav	2-0	1-2	4-1	2-4	1-2	2-2	1-0	13-11
Away Dog	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	3-2	14-6-1
Favorite	4-3	2-3	8-2	4-6	4-4	3-5	1-3	26-26
Dog	3-1	4-2	2-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	5-2	19-6-1
Grass	7-3	6-1	7-2	4-4-1	6-5	4-5	6-5	40-25-1
Artificial	0-1	0-4	3-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	5-7
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	8-1	3-4-1	4-3	3-4	4-3	33-20-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	12-12
Off SU Win	4-3	5-2	8-1	3-3-1	3-4	3-4	3-2	29-19-1
Off SU Loss	3-0	1-3	1-1	1-3	2-1	1-1	3-2	12-11

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Henri Childs	178	988	50	938	4	5.3
Duan Ruff	162	734	41	693	4	4.3
Bradlee Van Pelt	107	743	163	580	5	5.4
Michael Vomhof	25	116	5	111	2	4.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bradlee Van Pelt	208	99	47.6	1353	9	12
D.J. Busch	66	31	47.0	360	2	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Pete Rebstock	30	619	20.6	3	57
Dallas Davis	23	260	11.3	2	51
Joel Dreessen	23	210	9.1	2	27
Jose Ochoa	15	132	8.8	2	35
Henri Childs	13	117	9.0	1	24
Joey Cuppari	6	151	25.2	0	36

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Joey Huber	58	2505	43.2	–	39.7	2	17

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kent Naughton	5-5	6-8	1-4	0-0	12-17	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric Pauly	125	1	1	0	0
Drew Wood	104	2	0	5	3
Aaron Sprague	107	1.5	2	7	3
Jason Gallimore	87	0	3	8	3
Justin Gallimore	76	1	4	9	3
Adam Wade	59	0	7	3	1
Dexter Wynn	52	2	3	10	2
Lucas Smith	39	3	6	0	0
Peter Hogan	37	3	1	0	0
Geoff Graue	32	1	3	1	0
Ameer Lowe	30	1	1	2	2
Wallace Thomas	29	3	3	0	0
Rhett Nelson	21	0	1	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dexter Wynn	15	221	14.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Pete Rebstock	20	511	25.6	0
Dexter Wynn	13	357	27.5	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Holiday	+9'	Kansas St	21-54	L
97	Holiday	-3'	Missouri	35-24	W
99	Liberty	+5'	S Mississippi	17-23	L
00	Liberty	-2	Louisville	22-17	W
01	New Orleans	-11	North Texas	45-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	24.8	17	195	4.6	152	47.8	14.0	+1	2001	7	22.8	22	205	4.6	215	57.6	18.4
8*	30.3	21	139	3.7	240	58.1	12.5	+1	2000	7	18.8	17	140	3.7	194	55.9	17.8
4	28.8	19	144	4.1	219	57.3	12.6	-3	1999	6	22.4	19	142	3.6	216	58.1	16.0
5	28.8	21	165	4.3	221	61.5	13.4	+7	1998	9	21.9	19	160	3.8	177	56.8	15.4
7*	36.7	20	219	5.4	204	63.1	11.5	+27	1997	9	15.6	18	138	3.5	194	51.1	21.2
8*	31.7	23	214	5.2	245	56.7	14.5	+2	1996	5	28.0	25	213	4.9	246	60.6	16.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
†Colorado	18	29-108	3.7	18-40	186	3	21	54-315	5.8	15-19	95	1	-3
Nevada	16	39-182	4.7	11-20	235	2	26	36-138	3.8	26-46	273	2	+1
San Diego St	9	29-93	3.2	11-30	119	2	19	50-170	3.4	17-25	200	3	0
at Wyoming	23	52-302	5.8	13-22	133	2	13	40-116	2.9	13-26	162	3	+1
at Louisville	11	37-61	1.6	10-23	87	7	15	32-32	1.0	20-28	213	3	0
Fresno St	21	52-322	6.2	13-24	116	0	23	29-143	4.9	28-37	389	1	0
at UNLV	14	41-151	3.7	9-21	168	0	20	57-255	4.5	8-21	173	2	+1
Utah	13	44-123	2.8	11-24	201	1	22	37-228	6.2	18-41	214	0	+2
at BYU	29	58-440	7.6	12-26	158	1	33	45-410	9.1	21-27	284	0	-2
Air Force	13	35-184	5.3	6-8	116	0	30	69-359	5.2	13-22	122	1	-2
at New Mexico	15	43-128	3.0	11-23	171	1	21	41-156	3.8	15-37	255	3	+4
†N Texas	20	45-246	5.5	8-17	129	1	19	41-133	3.2	15-34	196	4	-1
TOTALS	202	504-2340	4.6	133-278	1819	20	262	531-2455	4.6	209-363	2576	23	+1
AVERAGES	16.8	42-195	4.6	11-23	152	1.7	21.8	44-205	4.6	17-30	215	1.9	0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-8'	45-13	W
at Colorado	+15'	21-31	W
at Utah St	-13	35-24	L
Air Force	-11	0-24	L
Hawaii	-30	63-0	W
at San Jose St	-21'	55-20	W
at Wyoming	+2	14-7	W
Tulsa	-23	44-8	W
at UNLV	-20'	45-19	W
Fresno St	-16'	41-3	W
at San Diego St	-14'	38-17	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+5'	23-16	W
† Colorado	-3'	14-42	L
at Nevada	-16'	26-14	L
at Air Force	+3	27-30	T
UNLV	-36	38-16	L
at UTEP	-13'	20-17	L
Tulsa	-9'	34-7	W
at New Mexico St	-15	47-28	W
TCU	-13'	42-21	W
at Rice	-10	23-35	L
Wyoming	-6'	19-27	L
at SMU	-3'	32-10	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+13	41-14	W
Nevada	-17'	38-33	L
at BYU	+7	13-34	L
New Mexico St	-15	46-7	W
at Fresno St	-4	13-44	L
San Diego St	-6	10-17	L
at Wyoming	+2'	24-13	W
Utah	-1'	31-24	W
at New Mexico	-7	36-22	W
Air Force	-2	41-21	W
at UNLV	-22	35-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+4'	28-24	W
E Tenn St	NL	41-7	–
at Arizona St	-3	10-13	L
at Nevada	-17	45-14	W
New Mexico	-18'	17-14	L
UNLV	-7	20-19	L
at Utah	+2	24-17	W
at San Diego St	-8	34-22	W
BYU	-8	45-21	W
at Air Force	-3	40-44	L
Wyoming	-29	37-13	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+4	14-41	L
Nevada	-29'	35-18	L
San Diego St	-6'	7-14	L
at Wyoming	-3'	42-14	W
at Louisville	+8	2-7	W
Fresno St (OT)	+7'	22-25	W
at UNLV	+4'	26-24	W
Utah	+2'	19-17	W
at BYU	+14'	34-56	L
Air Force	-8	28-21	L
at New Mexico	+3	24-17	W

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BYU COUGARS

WR Reno "Junior" Mahe is a star by any name.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Three QB's shared the starting job in 2000. Bret Engemann (PS#22) got in 5 starts and threw for 896 yards (53.7%) with a 3-6 ratio but a separated shoulder ended his season. He spent the 2001 season rehabbing his shoulder and learning Crowton's offense while redshirting. Charlie Peterson took over the starting job at midseason of 2000 and threw for 1,617 yards (57.3%) with a 6-5 ratio but was also bothered by injuries. He had 164 straight passes without an interception, breaking Jim McMahon's school record. Brandon Doman, who was an option QB in HS, took over in the final 2 games and both were victories. He threw for 782 yards (55.4%) with a 2-4 ratio and became the first BYU QB since Steve Young to rush for 50 yards and throw for 300 in the same game. All 3 returned last year as did Todd Mortensen (PS#29 in '97) who was a rFr returning from a mission. Mortensen took himself out of the chase with a 3 for 20 performance for 34 yards in the spring game. Engemann missed spring due to injury and Peterson fractured his collarbone in the spring which put Doman in the lead. Crowton added the option to the BYU pass offense and it worked wonders. Doman had a tremendous year, throwing for 3,734 yards (62.7%) with a super 33-10 ratio while also rushing for 819 yards. Doman saw most of the action in 2001 and along with his backups set a new team record for interception percentage (1.85%) in the regular season. None of this year's QB's have his option mentality. Lance Pendleton (6-0 172 rFr, PS#173DB) is Utah's HS career passing leader. Matt Berry (6-5 218 rFr) was PS#44 back in 1999. They also signed Ben Olson who is simply PS#1 but he has not yet decided if he will redshirt, go on an LDS mission or play this season. Engemann was the clear starter coming out of spring and in the spring game he hit 19 of 28 for 177 yards and 2 TD's while Mortensen, Pendleton and Berry combined to hit 11 of 31 for just 78 yards. There is some talent in this group and it's just about as experienced as last season, but they will clearly miss the "Domanator" (#5DC of SF) and his running ability, and it'll be tough to duplicate last year's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In Luke Staley's first 2 years he split the running duties with someone else and suffered through injury plagued seasons. He had 435 yards in his first season (4.4) and 479 yards (3.7) in 2000. He was finally healthy last year and simply won the Doak Walker Award. The 1st game of the season he averaged a school record 14.2 ypc against Tulane and by season's end he set a school record and led the NCAA with 28 TD's and leaves as the school's all-time leading scorer (non-kicker). He rushed for a school record 1,596 yards (an amazing 8.1 ypc, also a school record), despite missing the New Mexico game (BYU almost lost), the Hawaii game and the bowl (both losses). Backup Brian McDonald-Ashford, who rushed for 464 yards (4.6) in 2000, tore his ACL against Utah St but was still the 2nd leading RB with 251 yards (5.3). Ned Stearns (173, 4.1) and Paul Peterson (140, 4.1) both broke their wrists vs Miss St and were limited against Hawaii, but Peterson led the team in the bowl with 73. WR Junior Mahe led the team in rushing against Hawaii. Their starting FB, Mike Nielsen, also broke his leg in the opener against Tulane and missed the season. Along with Staley, the team must replace Stearns (8 sts), McDonald-Ashford (5 sts), Nielsen, and Peterson (2 sts). While Staley (#7DC of DET) did miss 3 full games it will be very tough to duplicate his statistics. They get back Marcus Whalen (PS#64) who had 209 yards as a true frosh in 2000 and I list the 2 deep below. As you can see, there are a good number of JUCO transfers and true frosh coming in. This group will clearly be weaker.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cougars had to replace their 2nd all-time leading receiver. In fact, they lost their top 3 WR's and starting TE and had a very inexperienced group. Junior Mahe, who had 551 rushing yards here as a true frosh in '98, led the JUCO's in receiving in 2000, and had almost triple the amount of rec's as the next closest man last year with 93 (13.1). He is back but they do lose #2 receiver TE Doug Jolley (#2DC of OAK, 7 sts, 35, 14.8), WR Soren Halladay (13 sts, 28, 14.9) and Mike Rigell (25, 12.8). Three players who started do return but besides Mahe the others were just #6 and #7 among receivers. I list the 2 deep below and newcomers will definitely earn some playing time here. WR Rod Wilkerson, who was the fastest player on the team, tore the meniscus in his right knee vs New Mexico and only had 17 rec's with a super 18.4 ypc. Not listed below are David Christensen (5-9 193 Jr, PS#244), David Tafuna (6-1 199 rFr, PS#208), JUCO transfer Pat Williams (6-1 195 Sr), Utah St transfer Andy Hadfield (6-8 210 Jr), Breyon Jones (5-10 175 rFr, PS#146), Ryan Slater (6-3 200 So, PS#270), Jason Kukahiko (6-2 190 So) and TE Trevor Halverson (6-3 210 So). This group is actually more experienced than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - BYU's OL had struggled from 1997-2000 with 3.4 ypc rushing their highest average in that span. The average weight of last year's OL was 296 lbs and I called it one of the strongest OL's in the MWC heading into the season. The offensive front had by far their best performance in some time and might have been the strength of the offense. The team averaged an amazing 5.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 29 sacks (524 passes!). This year they suffer some losses. Gone are C Jason Scukanec (14 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 2 yr st'r), RG Aaron McCubbins (14 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM MWC) and LG Teag Whiting (12 sts, HM MWC). They do have 2 full-time starters and 7 of the top 10 returning, plus they have a good amount of HT's in the 2 deep listed below. This year's unit is actually bigger with the projected starting 5 averaging 6-5 308. I like the potential of this group, but last year's was something special and it will be tough to match their productivity.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cougars allowed just 3.0, 3.0 and 3.3 ypc rushing from '98-2000. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and were very inexperienced at the DT position. They also lost a projected starting DT prior to the season and the 2 deep had 5 underclassmen. Overall the Cougars allowed 4.8 ypc rushing, their worst since '93, while the team recorded just 26 sacks. This year they must replace DE Ryan Denney (#2DC of BUF, 14 sts, 76 tkls, 7 sks, 15 tfl, 1st Tm MWC) and DE Brett Keisel (#7DC of PIT, 14 sts, 44 tkls, 4 sks), but 6 of the top 8 are back. They get a couple of interesting additions in JUCO John Denney (Ryan's brother) who was in for the spring and CJ Ah You who had 9 tackles and 2 sacks in 3 games as a true frosh until injury. The biggest addition could be Scott Young (PS#1JC). Young is still appealing to gain eligibility and has been turned down once but clearly, if eligible, he would have a major impact as he had 15.5 sacks last year at JUCO. This unit looks much stauncher in the middle and has some potential on the outside. It is more experienced, and should be significantly improved against the rush.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cougars returned all 3 starters and were a very experienced group. This year they must replace 2 starters. Gone are MLB Justin Ena (14 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 107 tkls, 11 tfl) and WLB Isaac Kelley (14 sts, 98 tkls, 8 tfl, HM MWC, 3 int's, 4 pbu). Four of the top 6 are back and they bring in starting FS Levi Madarieta to give the unit 2 returning starters. For years BYU has had big, physical LB's, but this year they seem to be moving towards more speed and OLB Paul Walkenhorst (NFL prospect) moves to the inside. Not listed below are Lance Reynolds (6-2 244 rFr), JUCO transfer Jon Peterson (6-2 226 So), Chris Stevens (6-1 240 Sr) and Brent Carlson (5-11 228 Jr). This has the makings of a pretty good set of LB's but is less experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BYU had a very inexperienced secondary in 2000 and finished all the way down at #106 in my pass defense rankings. Last year they had to replace both starting safeties and a backup safety but had 5 players who started 3 or more games returning. They also got the large addition of Jernaro Gilford but basically only 1 starter returned. They still made some strides in the pass defense rankings, moving up to #54 while allowing 53.9% with a 27-22 ratio. This year they must replace SS Dustin Staley (14 sts, 62 tkls, HM MWC), CB Michael Lafitte (6 sts, 26 tkls, 1 pbu), backup CB Derrus Wilson (10 tkls) and FS Levi Madarieta who moves to OLB. Brandon Heaney started the final 8 games at CB last year so they still basically have 2 starters returning and a couple of super JUCO additions who I list at CB. This unit looks stronger than last season and Gilford is probably the top CB in the MWC.

SPECIAL TEAMS - BYU ranked #46 in my special teams rankings in 2000 thanks to their punting and had their punter back last year as well as their top returnman. Unfortunately, Arron Edmonds, who had a super net of 37.9 in 2000, saw his average drop from 43.6 to 39.6 and his net down to 33.1. The team also allowed 24.2 on KR's. Matt Payne took over the kicking duties at the start of the year and hit 13 of 18 with a long of 50 and he returns but a new punter must be found. Mike Rigell averaged 6.7 on PR's in 2000 and increased that to 8.2 and a super 25.9 on KR's. Unfortunately Rigell departs. BYU blocked 1 punt but gave up 2 TD's on returns for a -1 in the TD/Blk category. BYU finished just #92 last year and Crowton has assigned RB coach Tidwell to take over as special teams coordinator. I look for improvement in the punting but the return game looks a little weaker, and they may finish in the bottom part of the rankings once again but could show some improvement.

PHIL'S FORECAST

LaVell Edwards managed an amazing streak of 27 consecutive non-losing seasons which Gary Crowton has now stretched to 28. Since BYU recruits so many JUCO's, they traditionally lose a lot of lettermen and had to replace 21 last year plus had a brand-new head coach but rattled off an amazing year and at one point stood 12-0 and were lobbying for a berth in the BCS bowl series but a stunning loss at Hawaii without RB Luke Staley and then a bowl loss saw them finish at 12-2. During the season they rose as high as 7th in the coaches poll on Nov 25th. BYU did a lot of damage late in the 1H, scoring TD's right before the half vs Tulane, Nevada, Cal, UNLV, San Diego St, Air Force and Colorado St and they did have some luck as Utah St led 34-21 in the 3Q, Wyoming had a 1st & goal at their 9 and came up short, Utah led 21-10 in the 4Q and they trailed Miss St 38-31 in the 4Q. Also, vs New Mexico, they were down 20-17 but got a 4th & 12 conversion on a Doman option run which kept the drive alive and he then hit the winning TD pass on the next play. Doman's running ability will be missed as he added a new aspect to the BYU offense, rushing for 819 gross yards. They surprisingly had averaged under 30 ppg the previous 4 years (very un-BYU-like) but rolled up 46.8 ppg and 7,118 yards during the regular season, both the best ever here. This year they have just 4 starters back on offense and have a brand-new QB, making it almost impossible to match last year's overall 44.1 ppg. Defensively they have 6 starters back and with the quick scoring offense putting them on the field often, they came in just 84th in my defense rankings. They should allow less than the 30.3 ppg they gave up in 2001. Last year they had 4 conference road games and this year just 3 but 2 are trips to Col St and Utah, the league's frontrunners. Crowton accomplished more than I thought he could with last year's team, so I won't put it past him to win yet another MWC Conf Title. BYU should find themselves back in the post season, but I cannot see them matching last year's 12 win total.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Bret Engemann Jr. 6-4 235 PS#22 in '96. Mission. 58 yds as "true" in 1999. 5 sts in 2000, 896 yds (54%) 3-6 ratio until inj. Todd Mortensen (6-4 221 So) PS#29.

RB Marcus Whalen So. 6-0 206 PS#64. 209 yds (5.5) as true. RS LY. Curtis Holder (5-7 158 So) PS#105WR in '98. Curtis Brown is PS#158. Steve Later (5-11 174 Sr) PS#118JC.

FB Logan Deans So. 6-0 226 2Y Mission. Jared Harper (6-0 232 So) PS#262. Mission '97-'99. Kyle Wilson (6-0 226 Sr) PS#325LB. Reynaldo Brathwaite (5-10 170 Jr) PS#415JC.

WR RENO "Junior" MAHE SR. 5-11 185 **1st Tm MWC LY.** 551 rush (4.8) here in '98. JC. 14 sts here LY. **93 rec** (13.1), 174 rush. Toby Christensen (5-11 192 Jr) PS#155. 10 rec (17.5) LY.

WR ANDREW ORD SR. 6-2 203 PS#77RB in '97. 14 sts, 21 rec (11.7) LY. **Rod Wilkerson** (6-1 176 So) fastest on tm, 17 rec (**18.4**) LY. Justin Anderson (5-10 183) 11 rec (8.3).

TE Spencer Nead Sr. 6-4 265 PS#74JC. 57 rec at JC in 2000. 7 sts, 25 rec (12.2) here LY. Gabriel Reid (6-4 251 Sr) 9 rec (14.3), 2 yrs. Aissac Aiono (6-5 240 So) PS#170.

C Ryan Keele Sr. 6-4 293 PS#156JC. 2 yr starter at JC. 2nd string here LY, 1 st. **Vince Xanthos** (6-3 297 Jr) **PS#116** and orig at Maryland. 2nd string LY and lettered.

RG Isaac Herring Sr. 6-4 314 PS#161. 2nd string as rFr, lettered. 2nd string in 2000 & LY, 3L. **Matt Griffiths** (6-6 310 Jr) **PS#70**. 2nd string LY. Nate Hall (6-3 304 rFr)

LG Scott Jackson Jr. 6-4 298 **PS#97** in '97. Mission. Lettered in 2000. 2nd string, 8 gms LY (inj), lettered. Quinn Christensen (6-6 305 Sr) PS#206JC. Lettered here LY.

RT BEN ARCHIBALD SR. 6-4 317 PS#150 in '96. 2 sts as rFr. Mission in '98-'99. 12 sts at RT in 2000. 14 sts LY, **2nd Tm MWC**. Scott Fisher (6-8 315 Fr) PS#53. Mission.

LT DUSTIN RYKERT SR. 6-7 317 8 gms as rFr. 12 sts in 2000, HM MWC. 14 sts in 2001, HM MWC. Paul Fisher (6-8 290 Fr) PS#22. Mission. James Eastman (6-6 295 So) PS#110OL.

K MATT PAYNE SO. 6-4 238 PS#50K in '97. Mission. Hit solid 13 of 18 FG's LY, long of 50, 2 misses from 50+. NCAA record most XP's, worked on strengthening leg TY.

DEFENSE

DE Brandon Stephens So. 6-3 268 **PS#5TE** in '97! Mission. 4 tkls as "rFr" LY. **John Denny** (6-6 272 So) 2 sks at JUCO in 2000, RS here LY. Shaun Nua is PS#130JUCO.

DT IFO PILI JR. 6-3 328 PS#295. 18 tkls, 2 tfl in '98. Mission. 14 sts LY, 33 tkls, 5 tfl. **Scott Young** (6-5 305 Jr) **PS#1JC**, questionable for fall. Jake Kuresa is **PS#37OL.**

DT RYAN GUNDERSON JR. 6-3 286 PS#78DL in '97. Mission. 22 tkls, 2 sks, 2 pbu LY. **Jeff Cowart** (6-5 265 Sr) 14 sts, 27 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl LY. Daniel Marquardt (6-2 287 rFr).

DE C.J. Ah You rFr. 6-4 264 9 tkls, 2 sks as **true** until inj in gm 3. Brady Poppinga (6-3 250 So) PS#108 LB. 10 tkls as "true". Moa Peaua (6-0 269 So) PS#179LB.

SLB LEVI MADARIETA JR. 6-3 221 PS#237DB. 19 tkls at Washington as **true**. 12 sts at FS LY, 68 tkls, 3 int, **HM MWC**. Bill Wright (6-3 234 Jr) PS#255 in '97. 21 tkls, 13 gms LY.

MLB PAUL WALKENHORST JR. 6-5 250 Last 8 sts as **true**, 47 tkls, 9 tfl. 14 sts at OLB in 2001, 70 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int, HM MWC. Mike Tanner (6-1 244 Jr) PS#192 in '97. 6 tkls last year.

WLB Colby Bockwoldt Jr. 6-1 225 PS#278LB. 10 tkls as rFr. 26 tkls, 1 sk, 1 pbu LY. Bryant Atkinson (6-3 222 rFr) PS#214. Ammon Mauga (5-11 213 Jr) PS#236. 6 tkls LY.

CB JERNARO GILFORD JR. 6-2 187 Track MVP in high school. 14 sts LY, 61 tkls, **7 int**, 12 pbu, **1st Tm MWC**. James Allen (5-10 170 So) PS#254JC. Micah Alba (5-8 162 So).

CB Walt Williams Jr. 6-0 170 **PS#87JC**. O'Neil Howell (5-10 185 rFr) PS#241. 4.48 spd. Mike Sumko (5-10 168 Sr) JC. 9 tkls, 1 int LY. Joshua Brandon (5-11 182 Sr) 4.5 in 40.

SS BRANDON HEANEY JR. 5-10 175 JV team QB at Air Force in '99. Last 8 sts here LY at CB, 48 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Michael Madsen (6-1 197 Sr). Alex Farris (6-0 202 Jr) PS#284.

FS Aaron Francisco So. 6-2 206 PS#206DB. 2 sts as **true**, 31 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, 2 tfl. Kurt Elliott (6-0 199 Jr) 16 tkls, 1 int LY. Jon Burbidge (6-0 208 So) 11 tkls, 9 gms LY.

P Tyson Dunham Jr. 6-2 190 PS#235JC. Was 1st Tm All conference P at JUCO LY. Jared McLaughlin (6-5 198 Fr). Matt Payne (6-4 238 So) 1 punt, long 45 yds, PS#50.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Ben Olson 6-4 210 PS#1
DT	Scott Young 6-5 305 PS#1JC
OL	Jake Kuresa 6-4 310 PS#37
WR	Daniel Coats 6-2 200 PS#42
DB	Chad Barney 6-2 190 PS#34JC
DB	Walter Williams 6-0 170 PS#87JC
DL	Jonathan Fanene 6-5 280 PS#109JC
DT	Shaun Nua 6-6 270 PS#130JC
RB	Curtis Brown 5-11 185 PS#158
K	Tyson Dunham 6-2 190 PS#235JC
WR	Travonne Jackson 5-11 180 PS#197
LB	Bryan Kehl 6-2 225 PS#181
DB	Aaron Singh 5-11 192 PS#205
DB	James Allen 5-10 170 PS#254JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BYU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 29	Syracuse (Thur)	G						Cougars are 1-4 SU and ATS vs Washington. BYU has only played 4 SEC schools since 1976 (0-3 ATS L/3). Cougars are 7-3 ATS as a conference away dog since 1983.
Sep. 6	Hawaii (Fri)	G						Brigham Young is 3-12 ATS in season openers the last 15 years. Get my Thursday Night play (Just $9) @ www.ncsports.com in the NCStore.
Sep. 14	at Nevada	A						Pending LW: Cougars are 22-30 ATS as a HF the L10Y, but 5-1 last year. BYU is 9-2 ATS in the 2nd of back to back home games.
Sep. 21	at Georgia Tech	G						Cougars are 2-12 ATS in their last 14 road openers. Cougars are 6-16 ATS in September road games.
Sep. 28								Cougars are 11-5 ATS since 1991 in the 2nd of back to back away games. Brigham Young is 10-4 ATS prior to a bye week. Bonus: BYU is 3-3 SU but 0-6 ATS in their 3rd straight away game.
Oct. 4	at Utah St (Fri)	G						BYU is 4-4 SU but 2-6 ATS their last 8 after a bye. Cougars are 6-0 SU and 4-2 ATS the last 8 years vs Utah St.
Oct. 12	at Air Force	G						BYU was 10-0 both SU and ATS vs the Air Force from 1985 to 1994. They are 1-4 ATS in the last 5 meetings but did win & cover last year.
Oct. 19	UNLV (HC)	G						Cougars are 13-22 ATS their last 35 home games vs conference foes. BYU is 5-0 SU but 1-4 ATS vs the Rebels the last 5 games.
Oct. 24	at Colorado St (Thur)	G						BYU is 7-3 ATS since 1988 vs the Rams. Cougars are 7-20-1 ATS in sandwiched road games since 1986.
Nov. 2	San Diego St	G						The Cougars are 4-1 SU, 3-2 ATS in their last 5 November home games. BYU is 6-1 SU, 5-2 ATS the last 7 meetings with the Aztecs.
Nov. 9	Wyoming	G						Could apply: BYU was 8-0 SU and 6-2 ATS as a DD favorite last year. BYU is 6-1 SU but 1-6 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1991.
Nov. 16	New Mexico	G						Cougars are 6-1 SU, but 2-5 ATS in their 3rd straight home game S/'91. BYU is 20-1 SU vs the Lobos, but 4-9 ATS as a DD favorite in this series.
Nov. 23	at Utah	A						The underdog has covered 8 of the last 9 meetings. Cougars are 7-3 ATS the last 10 road finales.
Nov. 30								

GARY CROWTON (Career 33-15)

2nd Year at BYU

Crowton's records AT BYU

12-2	Straight Up	5-1	Home Favorite
7-6	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	2-5	Away Favorite
3-4	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
		4-2	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (12-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (20,19,1)
Lost: 25 (14,10,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 60,450

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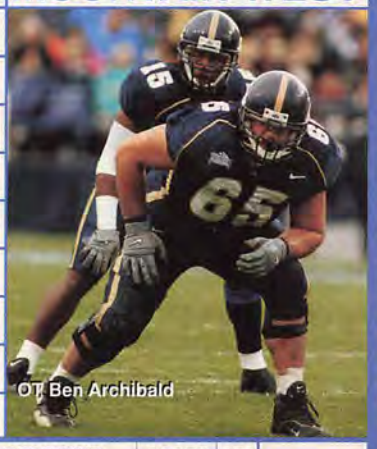
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STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	13-1	6-5	9-4	8-3	6-6	12-1	61-24
ATS	5-6	9-5	2-9	6-6	5-6	4-8	7-6	38-46
Home Fav	2-3	3-3	1-4	2-2	2-4	2-3	5-1	17-20
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-3
Away Fav	2-1	5-1	0-3	2-1	3-2	0-1	2-5	14-14
Away Dog	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-3	0-0	2-3	0-0	5-9
Favorite	4-4	8-4	1-7	4-3	5-6	2-4	7-6	31-34
Dog	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-3	0-0	2-4	0-0	7-12
Grass	5-6	7-3	2-7	4-4	5-6	4-7	7-5	34-38
Artificial	0-0	2-2	0-2	2-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	4-8
vs Conf	5-3	6-4	1-7	5-4	4-3	2-5	3-4	26-30
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-3	2-3	4-2	12-16
Off SU Win	3-3	8-4	1-5	5-4	4-4	1-4	6-6	28-30
Off SU Loss	2-2	0-1	1-3	1-1	0-2	3-3	0-0	7-12

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Luke Staley	196	1640	44	1596	24	8.1
Brandon Doman	154	819	318	501	8	3.3
Brian McDonald	47	264	13	251	5	5.3
Reno Mahe	**15**	**180**	**6**	**174**	**0**	**11.6**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brandon Doman	445	279	62.7	3734	33	10
Charles Peterson	67	48	71.6	632	5	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Reno Mahe	**93**	**1217**	**13.1**	**9**	**62**	
Doug Jolley	35	517	14.8	7	38	
Luke Staley	32	334	10.4	4	28	
Soren Halladay	28	416	14.9	2	46	
Mike Rigell	25	320	12.8	3	51	
Spencer Nead	**25**	**305**	**12.2**	**5**	**27**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Aaron Edmonds	50	1978	39.6	–	33.1	0	15
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Matt Payne	**5-6**	**3-3**	**4-6**	**1-3**	**13-18**	**50**	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Justin Ena	107	1	10	3	1
Isaac Kelley	98	3	5	4	3
Ryan Denney	76	7	15	8	1
Paul Walkenhorst	**70**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**2**
Levi Madarieta	**68**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**3**
Dustin Staley	62	0	0	5	0
Jernaro Gilford	**61**	**0**	**1**	**12**	**7**
Brandon Heaney	**48**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**1**
Brett Keisel	44	4	7	3	0
Ifo Pili	**33**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Aaron Francisco	**31**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**2**
Jeff Cowart	**27**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Colby Bockwoldt	**26**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Michael Lafitte	26	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Mike Rigell	37	305	8.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Mike Rigell	35	908	25.9	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Copper	-1'	Oklahoma	31-6	W
96	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	19-15	W
98	Liberty	+7	Tulane	27-41	L
99	Motor City	+3	Marshall	3-21	L
01	Liberty	+3	Louisville	10-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BYU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	44.1	26	208	5.4	316	63.5	11.9	+5	2001	6	30.3	23	193	4.8	244	53.9	14.4
5	23.3	21	99	3.0	275	55.9	16.0	-9	2000	7	25.8	17	122	3.3	223	58.6	13.4
8*	27.9	23	92	2.7	316	60.8	14.6	-8	1999	4	20.9	17	106	3.0	205	51.9	14.9
4*	28.7	20	138	3.4	239	59.3	13.1	-9	1998	8	20.7	15	103	3.0	189	48.8	14.1
4	22.7	18	108	3.1	227	57.4	14.8	-10	1997	7	23.1	17	164	3.8	194	50.7	15.5
6*	39.3	24	174	4.2	296	67.9	11.9	+12	1996	6	18.5	17	119	3.3	194	52.2	17.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Tulane	30	49 - 437	8.9	27 - 33	297	0	27	43 - 219	5.1	23 - 49	289	3	0
Nevada	26	38 - 209	5.5	25 - 40	389	1	17	36 - 160	4.4	15 - 28	127	3	+1
at California	26	35 - 193	5.5	19 - 28	295	0	26	36 - 120	3.3	23 - 38	291	5	+3
at UNLV	26	35 - 167	4.8	23 - 38	281	3	18	49 - 189	3.9	11 - 18	132	2	-1
Utah St	30	42 - 259	6.2	25 - 35	304	1	26	33 - 143	4.3	25 - 43	283	3	+1
at New Mexico	20	31 - 107	3.5	22 - 41	258	1	23	48 - 198	4.1	18 - 35	180	2	+3
Air Force	29	37 - 203	5.5	27 - 43	408	1	21	52 - 334	6.4	12 - 22	168	1	+1
at San Diego St	20	37 - 184	5.0	19 - 24	266	2	19	41 - 285	7.0	14 - 33	130	1	+3
Colorado St	33	45 - 410	9.1	21 - 27	284	0	29	58 - 440	7.6	12 - 26	158	1	+2
at Wyoming	24	41 - 247	6.0	23 - 38	268	1	23	37 - 118	3.2	24 - 52	358	2	-3
Utah	21	32 - 180	5.6	21 - 42	270	2	23	46 - 168	3.7	16 - 32	189	0	0
at Mississippi St	28	43 - 139	3.2	23 - 32	390	5	19	27 - 160	5.9	20 - 28	346	1	-1
at Hawaii	38	40 - 97	2.4	40 - 65	515	7	31	21 - 103	4.9	29 - 52	543	1	-2
†Louisville	17	32 - 84	2.6	18 - 38	192	5	17	37 - 58	1.6	19 - 28	228	1	-2
TOTALS	368	537 - 2916	5.4	333 - 524	4417	29	319	564 - 2695	4.8	261 - 484	3422	26	+5
AVERAGES	26.3	38 - 208	5.4	24 - 37	316	2.1	22.8	40 - 193	4.8	19 - 35	244	1.9	0.4

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	+8	20-42	L
at Arizona St	+8'	13-10	W
at SMU (OT)	-11	19-16	L
Utah St	-14	42-35	L
at Rice	-2'	14-27	L
Hawaii	-27'	17-3	L
TCU	-18'	31-10	W
at UTEP	-20	3-14	L
Tulsa	-18	49-39	L
at New Mexico	+3'	28-38	L
Utah	-5'	14-20	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+4'	31-38	L
Arizona St	+6'	26-6	W
at Washington	+9'	10-20	L
Murray St	NL	43-9	–
at Fresno St	-7	21-31	L
UNLV	-32	38-14	L
at Hawaii	-21'	31-9	W
San Jose St	-18	46-43	L
San Diego St	-10	13-0	W
New Mexico	-16	46-21	W
at UTEP	-10'	31-14	W
at Utah	+2	26-24	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-3'	35-28	W
Colorado St	-7	34-13	W
Virginia	-7	40-45	L
at Utah St (2OT)	-17	34-31	L
California	-14	38-28	L
at New Mexico	-16'	31-7	W
at UNLV	-18'	29-0	W
Air Force	-7'	27-20	L
at San Diego St	-6'	30-7	W
at Wyoming	-7'	17-31	L
Utah	-6'	17-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Florida St	+25'	3-29	L
at Virginia (OT)	+6'	38-35	W
at Air Force	-2	23-31	L
Mississippi St	+2	28-44	L
UNLV	-9	10-7	L
at Syracuse	+7'	14-42	L
Utah St	-20	38-14	W
San Diego St	-13'	15-16	L
Wyoming	-18	19-7	L
at Colorado St	+8	21-45	L
New Mexico	-6	37-13	W
at Utah	+6'	34-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-11	70-35	W
Nevada	-25'	52-7	W
at California	-3'	44-16	W
at UNLV	-7'	35-31	L
Utah St	-19'	54-34	W
at New Mexico	-14	24-20	L
Air Force	-12'	63-33	W
at San Diego St	-14	59-21	W
Colorado St	-14'	56-34	W
at Wyoming	-24	41-34	L
Utah	-7	24-21	L
at Mississippi St	-4	41-38	L
at Hawaii	-3	45-72	L

UNLV REBELS

QB Jason Thomas is looking to bounce back from a rough 2001 & hit the jackpot this year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - I must admit I was very high on Jason Thomas heading into last season as I named him a preseason 2nd Team AA. He has outstanding size (6-4 230), 4.46 speed and arm strength. In his first year as a starter, Thomas threw for 1,925 yards (54%) with a 17-9 ratio, while rushing for 819 yards despite struggling with a sprained foot the 2H of the year. Unfortunately, he suffered a shoulder injury last year and had to have arthroscopic shoulder surgery in May, forcing him to miss most of the summer. He was never quite 100% and in the opener against Arkansas, hit just 4 of 16 with 3 interceptions. While he threw for 304 yards vs Northwestern, the rest of the season was mostly a struggle and he failed to top 175 yards passing in any other game. His stats for the season were well below expectations as he threw for 1,353 yards, (42.8%) with an 8-12 ratio and had 583 gross yards rushing. There were a lot of dropped passes by the team but it was clearly a poor year for Thomas. He also missed one game (New Mexico) with the flu. Kurt Nantkes is a 22 year old soph who had signed with the Oakland A's and played in their minor league farm system following his HS graduation in 1998. He has a powerful arm and saw action in 5 games with one start, throwing for 229 yards (47.4%) with a 3-1 ratio. He will challenge Thomas for the starting job. Ryan Hanson (6-2 220 Jr) was PS#117. Tyler Arciaga (6-3 230 Fr) was PS#110 last year and delayed enrollment until this January. Scott Turner (6-3 200 rFr) was PS#200 and is the son of Norv (from the NFL). UNLV hired a QB coach this year which should help Thomas' development. The raw talent that he possesses and now with 2 years of starting experience, I look for him to impress the NFL scouts once again and have a vastly improved season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 UNLV had a very deep corps of RB's and the top 2 rushed for 1,097 and 876 yards, respectively. Last year they had to replace their top 2 RB's and top FB and were very inexperienced. This year their RB corps would be the envy of most Pac 10 teams. "Jersey" Joe Haro (PS#85) was moved to DB in 1999 and 2000. He returned to RB last year and managed to become just the sixth UNLV RB to top 1,000 yards in a season. His best effort was 226 yards against Wyoming. Dominique Dorsey has blazing speed. He was not only a top-notch returnman but rushed for 77 yards against BYU and set a MWC frosh record with 180 yards on 18 attempts against Nevada. Unfortunately, he sprained both of his ankles against Col St and saw limited action down the stretch and finished with just 379 yards but a super 6.6 ypc. Robinson says he needs to get the ball into Dorsey's hands more often this year. Deon Burnett (5-11 210 Jr) was PS#61 and in 1999 rushed for 974 yards (4.7) in 10 starts at Wash St and was HM Pac 10. Larry Croom was PS#64 and rushed for 257 yards at Arizona in 2000 but opted to transfer. Dyante Perkins (6-1 220 rFr) was PS#59 and originally committed to Oregon St but they wanted to play him at LB so he changed his mind and signed here. FB Steven Costa had 7 starts, missing 2 full games due to injury. Also at FB is Andrew Faga (6-0 240 Jr) who was PS#212LB and Mike Freund (6-2 225 rFr). Last year's OL coach said that the super blocking FB's were a big part of the reason UNLV finished #16 in the NCAA in rushing offense. There is some talk of playing 2 TB's at times this year and it makes sense with the 5 quality TB's they have. This unit clearly is the MWC's best RB corps.

RECEIVERS - Last year UNLV had to replace their top WR, Nate Turner, who had more than double the catches of the next closest man with 74 but they had everyone else returning. Troy Mason improved his forty time to 4.43 and still benched 290 lbs but saw his receiving totals go from 30 in 2000 (19.4) to 19 last year (17.6). He sprained his ankle vs Utah and missed the last 2 games. Michael Johnson set a then MWC record with 174 yards receiving vs Northwestern and finished as the top WR with 25 rec's (17.4). Much was expected of true frosh Earvin Johnson (PS#20) but in 3 starts he had just 12 rec's (15.2). TE DeJhown Mandley earned MWC honors with 16 rec (10.9). I list the 2 deep below. They also add 2 JUCO's in Derrick Barnes (PS#88JC) who signed last year and redshirted, and David Relf, who was PS#139WR and originally signed at Oregon St in 1998 and had 65 rec's (17.5) at JUCO last year. He was a HS teammate of Jason Thomas. Not listed is Erik Elkington (6-2 205 rFr), Manny Murrillo (5-6 195 JUCO), Toby Smeltzer (5-10 185 Sr) and true frosh Jason Rogers (5-11 185, PS#138). The only losses are WR Bobby Nero (9 sts, 16 rec) and TE Brad Osterhout (1 st). Andrew Dubiellak (6-4 185 Sr) was chosen in the 6th round of the CFL draft by Edmonton. Dropped passes were a problem for this unit last year and with Earvin Johnson now having a spring practice and a season under his belt, Mason back to health, and the added talent, I look for this unit to be solidly improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 UNLV increased their rushing ypc from 3.0 to 5.0 and decreased the sacks allowed from 31 to 27. Of course having a mobile QB such as Jason Thomas helped. Last year 4 OL starters were back including 3 seniors. As expected, the OL was the best part of the team and UNLV averaged 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 12 sacks on the year. They were practically injury free as there was only 1 missed start all year and that was by LG Hulett in the season finale. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are C Peter Tramontanas (11 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, 4 yr st'r), Hulett (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Shane Wagers (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Brandon Bair (11 sts, HM MWC, 3 yr st'r) and backup tackle Jimy Zoll. Two players return with starting experience including soon to be 4 year starter Tony Terrell. Robinson also has a couple of transfers who were starters at CS Northridge as well as some JUCO's and a Rutgers' transfer. I list the 2 deep below. There is some talent in this group, but it is nowhere near as experienced as last year's group and looks weaker.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 UNLV had just 1 player with starting experience return to a front line that allowed 5.0 ypc in John Robinson's first year and the defense had just 15 sacks. In 2000 they had 3 starters back although they did lose 4 players who combined for 12 starts. They dropped the ypc to 3.6 and increased the sacks to 28, with the key additions being 3 top-notch JUCO's including DE Anton Palepoi (8 sks, 1st Tm MWC), and the other two combined for 13 tfl. Last year they had to replace one starter and had 7 of the top 8 back. Surprisingly, they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while the defense had just 25 sacks. One of the reasons for the decline was that Palepoi, their best DL, tore a knee ligament vs Nevada and missed most of the final 6 games of the year. TE Sorensen was moved to DL with 4 games to go and recorded 9 tackles. This year they must replace DE Ahmad Miller (#7DC of HOU, 11 sts, 22 tkls, 4 tfl), Palepoi (#2 DC of SEA, 5 sts, 4.5 sks, 2nd Tm MWC), DE Steve Newton (3 sts, 26 tkls, 4 tfl), DE Adrian Watson (1 st, 21 tkls, 5 tfl) and DE Scott Parkhurst (6 sts, 22 tkls, 5 tfl). Four of the top 8 are back including 2 full-time starters and I list the 2 deep below. There is some talent in the group but it is less experienced and will probably be down a notch or two.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UNLV had to replace 2 players who combined for 13 starts but Scott Parkhurst, who had 2 games at DE in 2000, moved to LB but moved back to DE after 2 starts. Four players returned with starting experience. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are WLB Shanga Wilson (11 sts, 62 tkls, 9 tfl), SLB LaMar Owens (2 sts, 13 tkls), MLB James Sunia (4 tkls), SLB Devon Rose (3 tkls), Jamaal Brimmer (3 sts), who moves to SS, and they also lose LB Tosh Burrus (6-0 210 Sr, PS#163DB) whose career is over because of a neck injury. Burrus had 4 starts the last 2 years and 31 tackles last season. I list the 2 deep below and Seward, a Nevada HS wrestling champ, was 4th on the team in tackles with 60, so he is counted as a returning starter. Also, newcomer Tyrone Tucker started 5 games at Iowa St in 2000. I like the looks of this year's group and despite a little less experience, I think they can be just as good.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rebels finished #66 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and had to replace 2 starters last year but had their best players returning in CB Kevin Thomas and S Samuel Brandon. Thomas leaves as the career leader here in pbu with 55 and the old school record was just 27! He also set MWC and school records with 7 int's last year and was #6DC of BUF. Brandon, who missed 1 game due to injury, still led the team in tackles with 99, adding 7 pbu in just his 2nd year in the secondary after moving over from WR. Only 2 starters depart this year but unfortunately for Coach Robinson, Thomas and Brandon are the ones who leave. Overall UNLV finished #29 in my pass D rankings, allowing 50.1% with a 12-11 ratio. I list the 2 deep below and not listed is Marshall transfer Trent Williams (6-1 200 So), SS Sean Mackey (6-1 195 Jr) and Derek Olsen (6-3 205 Jr). Despite losing just 2 starters, I think this unit will take a rather large drop in the rankings as it is very tough when you lose a star CB like Thomas (MWC Def POY, 45 tkls, 10 pbu) as well as a top-notch FS like Brandon (1st Tm MWC, 10 sts, 2 int, #4DC of DEN).

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Rebels have had good results in special teams under John Robinson. In 1998 their special teams unit finished #10 in my rankings and in 1999 moved to #41. In 2000 they were #26 but last year they had to replace their super kicker Ray Cheetany who had a powerful leg and handled FG's, KO's and punts. They also had to replace their long snapper, who transferred. True frosh Gary Cook barely beat out Ryan McDonald for the starting punting job (see "Hardcore Fans" on page 306). He finished the year with a 38.4 average and a 34.0 net and he should continue to improve. Kicker Dillon Pieffer does not have a powerful leg but did hit a 49 yard FG and 7 of 12 FG's. Hubi Schulze Zumkley handled the KO's, but must spend 6 months in the German military this year. UNLV's return game was outstanding as Dorsey would have been 3rd in the NCAA in KR's if he had remained healthy all year. He had a 34.6 average and UNLV's 26.4 average on KR's was 6th in the NCAA. PR Troy Mason averaged 12.9 after averaging 15.3 in 2000 and he also returns. The team also blocked 2 punts. Overall, UNLV finished #45 in my special teams rankings, and with everyone back, they look like a Top 20 contender this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 UNLV went from 3-8 to 8-5 and were the 2nd most improved team in the country and just 4 years ago this team stood at 0-11 so John Robinson is doing a fine job here. Last season they had the schedule and the returning talent to contend for the Mt West Title, but the team suffered some tough early losses to Arkansas, Northwestern and BYU, 3 games in which they had a great shot at winning, and stood 0-4. Robinson predicted a 7-4 finish and they did win 3 of their next 4 but then with the losing season all but clinched, they lost their next 2 before upsetting AF in their season finale to finish a very disappointing 4-7. The main reason for the Rebels' fall last year was probably the decline in play from QB Jason Thomas who has 1st round NFL draft talent but struggled last season. I look for Thomas to make major strides and regain his 2000 form which he showed signs of in spring. He has a tremendous set of RB's and WR's to work with. I look for UNLV to be far more potent than last year when they averaged 25.8 ppg. Defensively, UNLV had my 3rd rated defense in the league last year. Here's a very surprisingly statistic: despite a 4-7 record, UNLV actually outscored their foes last year 284-270 and in conference play they outscored foes by an average of 28.3-24.1 but managed just a 3-4 MWC record. That piece of information, coupled with the fact that I rate UNLV #2 in the conference in offense and #3 on defense, makes them a legitimate threat for MWC honors in 2002. The schedule is difficult as they face BYU, Utah and Colorado St, all on the road and those are the other 3 main contenders in the league, and they have 4 road games overall in MWC play. Despite the tough schedule, I give UNLV a great shot at a winning season this year.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JASON THOMAS SR. 6-4 230 PS#5. Orig at USC. 4.46 & powerful arm. 21 sts, 2Y, 3278 yds (49%) 25-21 ratio, 1402 rush yds. Kurt Nantkes (6-4 215 So) 1 st LY, 229 yds.
RB "Jersey" JOE HARO SR. 5-10 195 1107 yds (5.1), **2nd Tm MWC** LY. Deon Burnett 974 yds at **Wash St, Pac 10 Fr rush record!! Dominique Dorsey** (5-6 165 So) MWC Fr of Yr.
FB STEVEN COSTA SR. 6-1 225 PS#228. 7 sts, 2 yrs, 272 yds (5.6), 8 rec. **Larry Croom** (5-10 205 Jr) **PS#64**, 4 sts 306 yds (4.0) at **Arizona**. Dyante Perkins PS#59.
WR TROY MASON SR. 5-10 170 HM MWC in 2000, 30 rec (19.4). 9 sts LY (inj), 19 rec (17.6), 504 return yds. **Michael Johnson** (5-10 190 Jr) PS#81, 3 sts **#1 w/25 rec** (17.4).
WR Earvin Johnson So. 6-3 200 3 sts as **true**, 12 rec (15.2). David Relf (6-1 190 Jr) PS#139, orig signed w/Oreg St. 65 rec (17.5) at JC LY. Matt Harris (6-3 205 So) QB at **USC**.
TE DeJHOWN MANDLEY SR. 6-4 240 3 starts as rFr, 3 rec (9.3). 13 starts 2000, 6 rec (16.3). 10 starts last year, 16 rec (10.9), HM MWC. Ryan Clifford (6-2 250 So) JUCO.
C Dominic Furio Jr. 6-3 295 2nd string in 2000 & LY, 2L. Matt Parkhurst (6-3 280 Jr) PS#412. Mission '98-'99. Carlos Acosta (6-4 290 Sr), trans from CS Northridge.
RG TONY TERRELL SR. 6-4 310 PS#378. 10 sts in '99. 13 sts in 2000, HM MWC. 11 sts LY, 50 KD's, 83% grade. Ernie Calanche (6-4 290 Sr) 2nd string LY, 2 letters.
LG Marcus Johnson So. 6-1 300 **PS#114DL.** 2nd string as rFr & 1 start. Joel Menendez (6-3 275 Jr) 2nd string in 2000, 2 letters. Zach Gorham (6-5 310 rFr) PS#531.
RT Keith Kincaid Sr. 6-3 300 **THREE YR st'r** at CS N'Rdg. RS LY. Ryan Morris (6-6 295 Jr) Orig at SD St. **PS#92JC**. Sheddrick Mitchell (6-7 310 Sr) orig at **Rutgers.**
LT Matt Williams Jr. 6-6 300 PS#189JC. RS here LY. Eddie Freas (6-2 285 Sr) PS#236JC. 2nd string here in 2001 & lettered, trimmed 30 lbs. Marco Guerro is PS#192.
K DILLON PIEFFER JR. 5-11 180 Hit 7 of 9 FG's as true, long of 38. Hit 7 of 12 last year, long of 49, 2 of 3 40+! Hubi Schulze Zumkley (6-2 220 So) handled KO's in 2001.

DE AHMAD BRIGGS SR. 6-4 230 PS#286. 7 sts, 33 tkls in '99. 12 sts, 36 tkls, 4.5 sks in 2000. 9 sts, HM MWC, 26 tkls, 7 tfl LY. Shaun Siaki (6-4 250 Jr) PS#461JC. Jason Ramirez (6-1 260 Jr).
DT Garrett Brassington Sr. 6-2 285 PS#138JC. 1 st here LY, 11 tkls, 1 tfl. Joseph Oniwor (6-1 285 Jr) PS#269JC. 81 tkls, 3 sks at JC. Terrelle Stephens (6-1 285 Sr) PS#325DL.
DT DIETRICH CANTERBERRY JR. 6-4 300 19 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl as rFr. 10 sts LY, 22 tkls, 1 tfl Phil Reed (6-3 270 Sr.) 9 tkls, 1 tfl, 14 games, 2 years. Stephen Hall (6-2 280 Fr) is PS#427.
DE Trevan Sorensen Sr. 6-4 270 Mission in '98-'99. TE in 2000, 8 gms. 9 tkls in 4 gms at DE in 2001. **Chris Eagen** (6-4 265 Jr) **PS#116JC**. Leon Moore (6-5 255 rFr) PS#231.
SLB Tyrone Tucker Sr. 6-2 240 **5 sts at Iowa St**, 29 tkls, 1 pbu in 2000, PS#123JC. Michael Crowder-Jones (5-11 235 So) PS#173. Zach Bell (6-0 220) PS#590DB. 7 tkls until inj LY.
MLB ADAM SEWARD SO. 6-2 240 **PS#106DL**. HS wrestling champ. 4 sts as rFr, 60 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Bill Cofer (5-11 225 Sr) PS#178. 18 tkls, 3 yrs. Marcus Crawford is PS#379.
WLB RYAN CLARIDGE JR. 6-3 250 PS#278. 7 sts as **true**, 65 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, HM MWC, 71 tkls, 8 tfl. Joe Miklos (6-1 205 rFr) PS#288. Terrence Young (5-9 235 So) PS#364DL.
CB Daniel Jones Jr. 5-10 180 PS#457JC. 4.55 spd. In for spg. Ruschard Dodd-Masters (5-11 175 So) PS#213. 16 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Brian Adams (5-11 190 rFr) PS#277RB.
CB JAMAL WYNN SR. 6-0 185 15 tkls, 1 pbu in 2000. 11 sts LY, 53 tkls, 7 pbu. Mike Clancey (5-10 170 Jr) PS#368, Idaho St transfer. Brian Adams (5-11 190 rFr) PS#277RB.
SS CHAMEION SUTTON SR. 5-11 180 PS#215JUCO. 7 starts here last year, 35 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Jamaal Brimmer (6-1 205 So) PS#157. 3 sts at SLB, 21 tkls, 2 pbu in 2001.
FS Connie Brown Sr. 6-2 200 PS#58JC. 2 sts at Alabama, 24 tkls, 4 pbu in 2000. **Ross Dalton** (6-3 210 Sr) PS#229WR. 20 tkls in '99 & 2000. 4 sts in 2001, 44 tkls, 3 tfl.
P GARY COOK SO. 5-11 195 64 punts as true, 38.4 average, 18 inside 20, net of 34.0. Ryan McDonald (5-10 180 Jr) 13 punts in 1999, 33.5 average as true.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL	Ryan Morris 6-6 295 PS#92JC
DL	Chris Eagen 6-4 265 PS#116JC
WR	David Relf 6-1 190 PS#139JC
OL	Marco Guerra 6-5 330 PS#192
OL	Brandon Gray 6-4 285 PS#237
DL	Joseph Oniwor 6-1 285 PS#269JC
QB	Tremayne Kirkland 6-0 160 PS#154
OL	Keith Kincaid 6-3 300 PS#309
DB	Donnell Wheaton 5-11 165 PS#333
OL	Carlos Acosta 6-4 290 PS#452JC
DB	Daniel Jones 5-10 180 PS#457JC
DL	Shaun Siaki 6-4 250 PS#461JC
OL	Marcus Bryan 6-4 270 PS#459
RB	Marcus Crawford 6-3 210 PS#379

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UNLV REBELS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UNLV	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Wisconsin	G						Rebels are 3-1 ATS as double digit favorites. UNLV is 13-4 ATS as a 20 pt or more dog. The Rebels are 1-4 SU ATS vs Big 10 foes, being outscored 178-71.
Sep. 7	Kansas	G						UNLV is 4-11 ATS as a home dog since 1997. Coach Robinson is 5-2 ATS in his last 7 season openers.
Sep. 14	at Oregon St	A						UNLV is 1-6 SU and 1-2 ATS vs Big 12 foes, being outscored 268-108. Rebels are 6-17 SU in September but have covered 12 of 22 lined games.
Sep. 21	at Toledo	A						UNLV is 3-0 SU in this series with the last meeting in 1991. Rebels are 4-10 ATS on artificial turf the last 5 years.
Sep. 28								This is the 1st time UNLV will play a MAC opponent in a lined game. Rebels are 2-4 SU, 3-3 ATS in games prior to a bye since 1996.
Oct. 5	Nevada	G						Bonus: UNLV is 19-11-1 ATS their last 31 as an away dog. Rebels are 1-4 SU, 2-3 ATS their last 5 games after a bye. UNLV is 15-12 SU all-time and 2-3 ATS vs the Wolf Pack.
Oct. 12	New Mexico (HC)	G						Rebels are 26-19-1 ATS in their last 46 conference games. Could apply: Rebels are 10-5 ATS off a SU win the last 6 years.
Oct. 19	at BYU	G						Rebels are 1-8 SU, 4-1 ATS vs the Cougars, last SU win was in 1981. UNLV is 21-9 ATS away on grass the last 30 games.
Oct. 26	at San Diego St	G						The Rebels are 3-2 SU, 4-1 ATS vs the Aztecs. UNLV is 4-1 ATS since 1996 when visiting a California team.
Nov. 2	Wyoming	G						The Rebels are 3-3 SU but 5-1 ATS vs the Cowboys. UNLV has covered just 5 of 14 November games.
Nov. 9	at Utah	A						UNLV is 10-2 ATS in sandwiched away games the last 6 years. Utes have controlled this series, going 3-0 SU & ATS (avg margin of victory 29 ppg).
Nov. 16	Air Force	G						UNLV is 4-1 ATS the L/5 meetings & have outscored Air Force 68-23 L2Y. The Falcons lead the all-time series 4-3 SU, home team is 1-5 ATS L6Y.
Nov. 23								
Nov. 30	at Colorado St	G						UNLV is 0-6 SU, but 4-2 ATS vs the Rams the last 6 meetings. Rebels are 2-4 SU, but 4-2 ATS the last 6 years in their final road game.

JOHN ROBINSON (Career 119-55-4)
4th Year at UNLV

Robinson's records AT UNLV

15-20	Straight Up	3-3	Home Favorite
18-16	Vs The Spread	3-6	Home Dog
9-10	Off A S/U Loss	4-2	Away Favorite
11-10	Vs Conference	8-5	Away Dog
7-6	Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,19,4)
Lost: 21 (10,11,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 24,503

MOUNTAIN WEST

RB "Jersey" Joe Haro

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STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	1-11	3-8	0-11	3-8	7-5	4-7	20-59
ATS	0-0	8-2-1	5-5	4-7	5-6	7-5	6-5	35-30-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	4-5
Home Dog	0-0	4-1	0-1	1-4	1-4	1-0	1-2	8-12
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-0	4-2
Away Dog	0-0	4-1-1	4-2	3-3	3-2	3-1	2-2	19-11-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	3-4	3-1	8-7
Dog	0-0	8-2-1	4-3	4-7	4-6	4-1	3-4	27-23-1
Grass	0-0	4-1	4-2	3-1	4-6	7-4	5-5	27-19
Artificial	0-0	4-1-1	1-3	1-6	1-0	0-1	1-0	8-11-1
vs Conf	0-0	7-1-1	4-4	4-4	3-4	4-3	4-3	26-19-1
vs Non-Conf	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	3-2	2-2	9-11
Off SU Win	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-2	5-1	1-2	10-5
Off SU Loss	0-0	7-1-1	3-4	4-6	3-4	2-3	4-3	23-21-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Haro	218	1140	33	1107	10	5.1
Jason Thomas	107	583	102	481	4	4.5
Dominique Dorsey	57	381	2	379	4	6.6
Jabari Johnson	67	284	16	268	1	4.0
Steven Costa	26	137	1	136	0	5.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jason Thomas	194	83	42.8	1353	8	12
Kurt Nantkes	38	18	47.4	229	3	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Michael Johnson	25	435	17.4	2	56	
Troy Mason	19	335	17.6	2	41	
Bobby Nero	16	295	18.4	1	60	
DeJhown Mandley	16	174	10.9	3	29	
Earvin Johnson	12	182	15.2	0	42	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Gary Cook	64	2455	38.4	–	34.0	1	18
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dillon Pieffer	4-7	1-2	2-3	0-0	7-12	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Sam Brandon	99	0	1	7	2
Ryan Claridge	71	2	6	2	0
Shanga Wilson	62	3	6	1	1
Adam Seward	60	3	3	2	0
Jamal Wynn	53	0	1	7	0
Kevin Thomas	45	0	1	10	7
Ross Dalton	44	1	2	0	0
Chameion Sutton	35	0	1	4	1
Tosh Burrus	31	1	1	1	0
Ahmad Briggs	26	2	5	1	0
Steve Newton	26	2	2	0	0
Dietrich Canterberry	22	0	1	0	0
Ahmad Miller	22	2	2	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Troy Mason	21	271	12.9	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Troy Mason	11	233	21.2	0
Dominique Dorsey	10	346	34.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	California	NL	Toledo	30-13	–
94	Las Vegas	-5	C Michigan	52-24	W
00	Las Vegas	-1	Arkansas	31-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UNLV'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	25.8	17	215	4.7	144	43.3	13.9	-2	2001	7	24.5	21	158	3.8	189	50.1	14.2
8*	28.5	19	230	5.0	164	53.8	13.8	-5	2000	7	21.2	18	139	3.6	208	52.9	16.4
5	14.5	15	112	3.0	146	53.0	17.7	+5	1999	5	29.5	23	234	5.0	171	53.3	13.7
8	14.2	14	115	3.1	141	45.4	18.0	-8	1998	8	35.4	22	234	4.6	195	58.2	12.1
9*	25.6	23	129	3.8	285	52.9	16.2	-17	1997	8	30.2	22	185	4.3	196	59.6	12.6
7	23.0	22	78	2.6	307	54.2	16.7	-11	1996	5	45.9	27	270	5.8	274	66.2	11.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Arkansas	11	54-258	4.8	4-16	40	1	5	26-25	1.0	12-32	89	2	0
Northwestern	24	41-149	3.6	18-39	304	0	27	49-187	3.8	24-49	224	1	-1
at Arizona	11	37-124	3.4	7-20	156	3	24	37-184	5.0	19-34	256	1	0
BYU	18	49-189	3.9	11-18	132	2	26	35-167	4.8	23-38	281	3	+1
at Nevada	14	50-313	6.3	6-15	80	0	23	43-243	5.7	20-42	165	3	0
San Diego St	23	56-274	4.9	12-19	153	0	12	26-39	1.5	14-28	121	4	-1
Colorado St	20	57-255	4.5	8-21	173	2	14	41-151	3.7	9-21	168	2	-1
at Wyoming	25	53-439	8.3	8-17	129	0	31	38-72	1.9	33-60	382	5	0
Utah	7	26-38	1.5	8-21	118	2	22	55-212	3.9	13-21	180	0	0
at New Mexico	15	42-107	2.5	12-28	159	2	20	45-200	4.4	11-27	140	2	-1
at Air Force	16	42-215	5.1	7-19	138	0	22	61-259	4.2	13-29	77	2	+1
TOTALS	184	507-2361	4.7	101-233	1582	12	226	456-1739	3.8	191-381	2083	25	-2
AVERAGES	16.7	46-215	4.7	9-21	144	1.1	20.5	41-158	3.8	17-35	189	2.3	-0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nevada	+16	14-31	L
at Air Force	+21	24-25	W
Hawaii	-3'	25-15	W
Illinois St	NL	41-6	–
at USC	+25	21-35	W
TCU (OT)	-8	21-19	L
at San Diego St	+7	17-20	W
at Fresno St	+11	28-46	L
Colorado St	+20'	19-45	L
at Wyoming	+19'	23-35	W
San Jose St (OT)	-9'	48-55	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	+17'	7-41	L
Air Force	+18	10-52	L
at Wisconsin	+38	7-52	L
at Colorado St	+36	16-38	W
Nevada	+10'	20-31	L
at BYU	+32	14-38	W
Wyoming (OT)	+21	25-28	W
at SMU	+21	7-10	W
Tulsa	+3'	16-20	L
at Rice	+15'	16-38	L
TCU	+7	18-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Texas	-2	26-3	W
at Baylor	+10	27-24	W
Iowa St	+3'	0-24	L
Utah	+15	14-52	L
at Nevada	+8	12-26	L
at Wyoming	+24'	35-32	W
BYU	+18'	0-29	L
at New Mexico	+8'	6-27	L
at Air Force	+25	16-35	W
San Diego St	+13'	7-37	L
Colorado St	+22	17-35	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+11'	22-37	L
N Texas	-16'	38-0	W
at BYU	+9	7-10	W
Air Force	+5'	34-13	W
Nevada	-21	38-7	W
at Colorado St	+7	19-20	W
Wyoming	-20'	42-23	L
at Mississippi (OT)	+9'	40-43	W
at Utah	-2	16-38	L
New Mexico	-8	18-14	L
at San Diego St	-5'	31-24	W
at Hawaii	-7	34-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas	+5	10-14	W
Northwestern	+3'	28-37	L
at Arizona	+2'	21-38	L
BYU	+7'	31-35	W
at Nevada	-11	27-12	W
San Diego St	-4	31-3	W
Colorado St	-4'	24-26	L
at Wyoming	-9'	47-26	W
Utah	+1	14-42	L
at New Mexico	+2'	17-27	L
at Air Force	+2'	34-10	W

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - You would think that the starting QB job would be safely in QB Casey Kelly's grasp this year, as he led the team to a 5-2 record down the stretch as a starter and the team averaged 31.3 ppg and 402.7 ypg in his 7 starts, after averaging just 331.5 ypg and 21.3 ppg in the first 4 games behind Rudy Caamano. The recent history of New Mexico shows that their incumbent QB has not lasted long. In 1999 Sean Stein started the final 7 games and was productive but Long signed 2 JUCO's and Stein saw the writing on the wall and quit the team after losing his job. Jeremy Denson began the year starting but struggled in his first 2 starts and ended up redshirting due to injuries. Caamano took over and started the final 10, throwing for 1,270 yards (55.7%) with an 11-7 ratio while rushing for 322 yards and he was 5-5 as a Lobo starter. He hit just 45% the last 4 games of the season. Denson elected to transfer. The coaches were very high on Caamano coming into the year, saying that he was vastly improved in his second year in the offense. Caamano, however, hit just 6 of 30 in the opener vs Texas Tech and in his 4 starts he threw for just 473 yards, (35%) with a 2-5 ratio and he ended up quitting the team after the season. For the season, Kelly completed 47% for 1,559 with an 8-12 ratio while rushing for 262 yards. In the final 4 games those numbers were even weaker as he completed just 42.5% with a 3-6 ratio. Kelly was drafted by the Colorado Rockies as a pitcher and is athletic with the strongest arm of the QB's. Kyle Kristick (6-3 217 rFr) was PS#206 but has not played QB since his sophomore year in high school. Long wants to have 5 scholarship QB's available but only signed 1 in Kole McKamey (PS#62). Last year I expected the QB position to be vastly improved with Caamano having experience, but that did not pan out. This year I expect improvement as well, and look for much better stats from Kelly now that he has a year's worth of seasoning provided he can hang on to the job (and he should).

RUNNING BACKS - Holmon Wiggins and Jarrod Baxter were the top two RB's here over the last three years. Wiggins led the team in rushing in 2000 with 727 yards (4.0) and the powerful Baxter had 559 (4.1). Last year it was Baxter who led the team with 907 yards (4.5) while Wiggins added 475 (4.9). Dontrell Moore (PS#97) was the #3 RB going into the season but Long opted to redshirt him. Javier Hanson was the #3 rusher last year and despite having just 50 carries, he had 302 yards and the best ypc (6.0). All three of them depart as does backup FB Sulayman Konte. The leading returning RB is Quincy Wright (PS#214), who has 16 career attempts for 164 yards (10.3 ypc!). I list the 2 deep below and they will clearly miss the power of FB Baxter (250 lbs). Landrick Brody is called "Train" and is 240 lbs but saw little action last season at FB as they used a one-back setup often. I look for good things out of Moore and also Adrian Boyd (PS#183). Moore was injured in the spring but should be 100% for this fall. While there is some talent here, this group is clearly less experienced and Baxter's skills (#5DC of HOU) will be missed. The TB's are smaller and speedier, but less experienced and probably won't be as effective.

RECEIVERS - Last year NM had to replace 4 of their top 6 receivers including their top 2, but one was a FB. Kirk Robbins was the leading returning receiver but he lost his starting job and had just 5 rec's. I projected JUCO Michael Brunker (6-2 171 Jr), who had 40 rec's (20.0) at JC in 2000 as a starter, but he redshirted. JUCO Derrick Shepherd had just 8 rec's (10.5) in 2001. The starting WR's ended up being Dwight Counter (43, 18.0, HM MWC), and Joe Manning, who finally lived up to his talent and had 26 rec's (18.5). Poor practice habits saw him snare zero rec's in 2000 after having 13 in 1999. Others who could contribute this year are Jake Farrel (6-4 213 Sr), who has 2 starts and 9 rec (16.7) in 3 years, and Hank Baskett (6-4 205 rFr, PS#190QB). Terrence Thomas, who started 3 games last year but missed the last 5 with a broken ankle, also returns. They lost TE Joseph Fiola (6 sts, 2 rec) who quit the team in the offseason. I list the TE's below. The only WR losses this year are Robbins as well as Joel Baker (10 rec, 12.7). Speed is a question mark here as their fastest WR last year was Manning who has 4.5 speed. Despite that lack of speed, this group is more experienced and should be much more productive.

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OFFENSIVE LINE - The Lobos had a veteran OL last year with 4 starters returning and that unit helped the offense improve from 3.2 ypc rushing in 2000 to 4.1 while allowing just 20 sacks. This year they lose 2 starters in LT BJ Long (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LG Jeremy Sorenson (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm MWC) as well as backup RG Jon Oliver (1 st). Three players return with starting experience, two of whom earned HM MWC honors. Two JUCO's that redshirted last year join 6 rFr in the competition for the open spots. Not listed in the 2 deep are Matt Poehlmann (6-3 260 rFr), Melvin Foster (6-3 280 So) and Jorge Enriquez (6-4 274 rFr, PS#283). While this unit is not quite as experienced as last year, with 3 starters back they should be close production-wise.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Lobos have finished first in the MWC in rush defense each of the last two years which speaks well of the D-line. Last year they had to replace two starters but had their star DE Brian Johnson returning and overall, four of the top six were back. Johnson, however, suffered through an injury plagued season and saw his sack total drop from 9.5 in 2000 to just 1 last year with 24 tackles in his 11 starts. He departs as does DE Antonio Manning (2 sts, 8 tkls, 3.5 tfl), NT Adrian Terry (1st, 9 tkls, 2 tfl) and DE Tony Mazotti (1 st, 23 tkls, 1.5 tfl). All three projected 1st stringers below do have starting experience and they bring in two JUCO's who will contend for time. Since Johnson was not 100% last year and this unit actually has more starting experience returning, they clearly look like a solid group and will present yet another formidable front.

LINEBACKERS - I know the Lobos play a 3-3-5 scheme but I'll list 4 DB's and discuss the LOBO position with the LB's. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st Team MWC Player and 2 HM MWC players. They moved a SS to the LOBO position so basically they had 2 starters returning and 4 players with starting experience. Gary Davis came through with a tremendous season leading the MWC in sacks (8) and tfl (20). He was also #4 in the conference in tackles per game. This year the losses are heavy with 3 starters departing in MLB Mohammed Konte (11 sts, 61 tkls, 8 tfl, HM MWC), RLB Davis (1st Tm MWC), LOBO Scott Gerhardt (11 sts, 42 tkls, 4 tfl, HM MWC), Amos Wilson (2 tkls) and Frank Rodgers (3 tkls). Three players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below which includes the JUCO's who were in for the spring. There is some decent talent here but the group is less experienced and with the loss of a super productive player like Davis, I will call it weaker in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Lobos finished #24 in my pass D rankings in 2000. Last year they had 3 of their top 4 back but had to replace their top cover CB and then lost their leading returning tackler, Brandon Ratcliff, prior to the season (academics), so they had just one starter returning to the 4 man group. Stephen Persley was the top cover CB last year and led the MWC with 17 PD's (pbu + int) and was also #2 in int's (6). He is the only starter lost this year along with backups CB Dante Childress (9 tkls, 4 pbu) and SS Edwin Garrett (4 tkls, 1 tfl). Three starters return from 2001 and hopefully Desmar Black, who had 11 starts in '99 as a rFr, will be fully recovered from shoulder surgery that has allowed him to play in just 8 games in 2 years. They also add a couple of top-notch JUCO's. I list the 2 deep below. Last year's group finished #43 in my pass D rankings, allowing 51.2% with a 15-15 ratio, and this year's unit is more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Long struggled in this area in his first 2 years here as the unit ranked #110 and #104 in my special teams rankings. In '99 things got so bad in FG kicking (hit 5 of 14 FG's) that they stopped attempting them in the final 2 games. Prior to the 2000 season their special teams coach, Jeff Conway, said the unit was much improved and he proved to be prophetic as they finished a super #14. The first area of improvement was in FG's where they signed JUCO K Vladi.ir Borombozin. He hit 10 of 15 with a long of 49. The Lobos, after not blocking a punt in the previous 21 games heading into 2000, blocked a school record of 5. The team also set individual records for PR's and PR yards, led by Holmon Wiggins. Last year they had to replace their top KR who had 4.31 speed as well as their long snapper who was actually drafted in the 6th round by Baltimore. The unit remained strong as they finished #25 which does not even take into account the accuracy of the FG kicker and Borombozin was one of the best in the NCAA. He was a semifinalist for the Groza Award and hit 14 straight FG's, finishing 17 of 18 with a long of 40. He will be missed. Wes Zunker was called in for the longer FG's and hit 2 of 4 with a long of 51. Borombozin also handled the punts last year and averaged 39.2 with a net of 35.0. Top PR Wiggins (8.7) departs as does top KR Hanson (23.0). I'm concerned about who will take over for Wiggins at PR as he's handled the job the last 2 years but KR looks to be in great shape with Quincy Wright averaging 25.3 on 6 returns last year. The Lobos blocked 4 more punts last year, but clearly with the loss of all of their key players, they look weaker on special teams.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Lobos had just 3 winning seasons the previous 18 years until breaking through last year with a 6-5 mark. Rocky Long has improved by 1 win in each of his seasons, going 3-9, 4-7, 5-7 and 6-5 last year. New Mexico was picked last in the conference in 2000 and 7th last year but has finished 5th and tied for 3rd. Five int's vs Colo St cost them a bowl bid. In their 5-6 season two years ago, they had the lead in the 2H of 9 games. They added 6,000 seats last year to increase their capacity to 37,000 and in the opener drew 41,771 (their largest crowd ever). Naturally with the expanded stadium they set a single season school attendance record, averaging 31,268. Overall last year they had 21 seniors, 15 juniors, 16 soph and 15 freshmen. In 1998 when Long got here, 13 players power cleaned 300 lbs. Last year 34 did and while only 6 players squatted 500 lbs in '98, 33 did last year. Five of New Mexico's last 9 losses have been by 4 points or less and last year they held a potent BYU team to 365 yards, a regular season low. Last year they did get the benefit of playing BYU without RB Staley, UNLV without QB Thomas and vs N Mex St QB Enzminger was not 100% mobile. I rated NM's offense 6th best in the conference last year although they did average 381 ypg in conference play which was 4th best. This year they have 6 starters back on that side of the ball. The offense should be a little more diversified and potent this year. Defensively they had just 5 starters returning last year but I still rated them the 2nd best defense in the conference and they allowed just 327.4 ypg vs MWC teams last year. This year they have 6 starters back. I rate them the #2 defense in the league again. NM has been very tough at home in the past but only get 3 conf games at home this year. One of the key games to their season is probably September 7th at Air Force which could be pivotal to the MWC standings and the overall achievement of the Lobos in 2002. I give Long a decent shot at continuing his win progression and that could put them in the post season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB CASEY KELLY JR. 6-3 190 Drafted by Colorado in MLB. 3 gms, 3 passes in 2000. 7 sts LY, 1559 yds (47%), 8-12 ratio, 262 rush. Kyle Kristick (6-3 217 rFr) PS#206.

RB Dontrell Moore rFr. 5-11 203 PS#97. RS LY. Injured this spring. Quincy Wright (5-10 185 Sr) PS#214. 16 att, 3Y, 10.3 ypc. Tony Frazier (5-6 180 rFr) PS#239WR.

FB Landrick Brody So. 5-11 240 "Train", PS#450. 6 games as rFr. Adrian Byrd (6-1 221 rFr) Off Scout Tm POY. Adrian Boyd (6-0 175 Jr) PS#183. 22 yards last year.

WR DWIGHT COUNTER JR. 6-2 190 3 sts, 13 rec (11.3) as rFr. 10 sts LY, #1 w/43 rec (18.0). **Michael Brunker** was PS#136JC. Deep threat, RS. Derrick Shepherd (6-1 181 Sr) 8 rec LY.

WR JOE MANNING SR. 6-0 180 PS#200. 13 rec (9.4) as rFr. 10 sts LY, 26 rec (18.5), 4.54 spd. Rashaun Sanders (6-2 200 Jr) 5 sts, 7 rec (14.4). Terrence Thomas (6-2 187 Jr) 5 sts, 11 rec 2Y.

TE Zach Cresap Jr. 6-3 228 PS#394JC. Solid rec. Bryan Penley (6-2 241 Jr) PS#109TE. 5 sts, 4 rec here LY. Mike Augustyniak (6-5 253 So) PS#151DL. 10 games LY.

C RASHAD McCLURE SR. 6-3 300 9 sts as rFr, 660 snaps. 12 sts in 2000, 755 of 803 plays, 83 KD's. 10 sts LY, HM MWC, 777 snaps, 86 KD's. Derek Watson (6-3 283 Jr) lettered LY.

RG CLAUDE TERRELL SO. 6-3 320 PS#335. 10 sts as rFr, 757 of 848 snaps, 86 KD's, Fr AA-Football Writers Assoc. Ryan Cook (6-6 340 rFr) massive, invited walk-on.

LG Calvin McDonald Jr. 6-4 340 PS#309JC. 2nd Team All-Conf JUCO & RS LY. Danny Perez (6-3 300 Jr) PS#219JC, 1st Team California AA JUCO and RS in 2001.

RT JASON LENZMEIER JR. 6-5 305 Started last 7 as rFr at RG, 62 knockdowns, 12 games. 11 starts in 2001, HM MWC at RT. Terrance Pennington (6-7 314 rFr) Good size.

LT Justin Colburn Jr. 6-4 286 2 gms as rFr, 48 snaps. 9 games LY, 264 snaps, 33 KD's, Beefmaster Award. Nate Hembree (6-5 285 So) PS#340. 3 games, 3 KD's 1L as rFr.

K Wes Zunker So. 5-8 160 52 yard FG in HS. Hit 2 of 4 FG's as **true** LY, Long of 51. Awarded scholarship. Matthew Goldstein (5-9 178 So) trans from Oklahoma St.

DEFENSE

DE Dan Kegler Jr. 6-3 260 81 tkls, 13 sks, 14 tfl at JC in 2000. 4 sts here, 21 tkls, 1.5 sks, 5 tfl LY. Casey Hamilton (5-11 261 Jr) PS#420JC. Guillermo Morrison (6-4 272 Jr).

NT HEBREWS JOSUE SR. 5-11 280 #8 nationally in HS as hvywt wrestler, 67 tkls, 11.5 sks at JC in 2000. 11 sts here LY, 24 tkls, 2 tfl. Kyle Coulter (6-1 260 So) 8 games in 2001.

DE DJ RENTERIA JR. 6-3 274 PS#255LB. 84 snaps. 11 gms as rFr, 10 tkls, 3 sks.

610 squat, 5 sts LY, 23 tkls, 3.5 sks, 3 tfl. Zach Rupp PS#395JC. Marcus Parker (6-3 250 rFr) PS#332.

LLB Shannon Kincaid Jr. 6-2 225 PS#304DB. 6 tkls as rFr, 2 tfl, Beefmaster. 18 tkls LY. Daniel Gawronski (6-0 247 Jr) PS#290JC, in for spring. Chrishone Harris (6-2 225 So) 5 tkls LY.

MLB CHARLES MOSS SR. 6-0 225 PS#161LB. 8 tkls as rFr. 3 sts, 53 tkls, 5 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 71 tkls, 8 tfl, HM MWC LY. Domingo Villarruel (6-3 220 So) PS#279. 11 tkls LY.

RLB Nick Speegle So. 6-5 235 #4 tklr LY w/56, 4 sts, 2 sacks, 3 tfl as rFr. Mike Mohoric (6-0 212 rFr) PS#173TE. Fola Fashola (5-11 209 Jr) PS#443JC, in for spring.

LOBO Kevin Walton So. 6-0 203 Walk-on at Arizona, sprinter in HS. 1 start LY, 16 tkls, 1 pbu. Sidney Wiley (5-11 185 Jr) PS#297JC, in for spring. Jason Malone (6-0 190 rFr).

CB Desmar Black Sr. 5-9 185 **11 sts** as rFr @S, 62 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Shoulder surgery, little action L2Y. Brandon Gregory (5-9 172 Sr) 5 int, 18 pbu @JC in 2000. Joel Paoli PS#418JC.

CB DAVID CROCKETT SR. 5-10 175 PS#219JC. 9 sts here LY, 27 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu, HM MWC. Curtis Flakes (5-10 160 So) PS#380. 5 games LY. Aaron Brack (5-11 196 rFr) PS#329RB.

SS DAVID HALL SR. 5-10 185 PS#210WR in '99. JUCO. 6 sts here LY, 34 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Josh Bazinet (5-11 195 So) PS#257WR. 7 tkls as rFr. Jerrell Malone (6-1 180 rFr).

FS TERRELL GOLDEN JR. 5-10 200 5 sts as rFr, 35 tkls, 2.5 sks. 11 sts LY, 55 tkls, 2 sks, 8 tfl, 4 pbu. Justin Millea (6-1 200 Jr) PS#177QB. 6 tkls LY. Gabriel Fulbright (5-10 175 rFr) PS#422.

P Norbert Gabaldon So. 5-11 185 #1 punter out of spring. Wes Zunker (5-8 160 So) Hit 2 of 4 FG's as **true** LY, long of 51. Matthew Goldstein (5-9 178 So) trans from Okla St.

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QB	Kole McKamey 6-2 185 PS#62	
LB	Daniel Gawronski 6-0 247 PS#290JC	
LB	Jimmie Taylor 6-1 221 PS#295JC	
DB	Sidney Wiley 5-11 185 PS#297JC	
LB	Billy Strother 6-0 230 PS#385JC	
TE	Zach Cresap 6-3 240 PS#394JC	
DL	Zach Rupp 6-5 240 PS#395JC	
DB	Joel Paoli 5-9 180 PS#418JC	
DL	Casey Hamilton 6-0 261 PS#420JC	
LB	Fola Fashola 6-0 210 PS#443JC	
OL	Marty Moss 6-4 310 PS#473	
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NEW MEXICO LOBOS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The SU winner is 45-9-1 ATS the last 5 years in Lobo games. The home team is 8-4 ATS in the UTEP series, 1-3 ATS the last 4. New Mexico is 7-3 ATS their last 10 lined home openers.
Aug. 24	at N Carolina St (BCA Bowl)	G						NM is 8-3 ATS in their last 11 lined season openers. This is the 1st time in their history that New Mexico is playing an ACC foe.
Aug. 31	Weber St	G						Lobos are 5-0 vs non-lined foes out scoring them 180-79 since 1995. The Weber St Wildcats finished 3-8 LY, and compete in the Big Sky Conf.
Sep. 7	at Air Force	G						Lobos have covered 6 of the last 7 vs the Falcons. NM is 7-4-1 ATS as an away dog the last 3 years, but 0-1-1 last year.
Sep. 14	Baylor	G						New Mexico is 0-5 SU, 0-4-1 ATS vs the Big 12 since 1994. Could apply: NM is 6-2-1 ATS off a SU win the last 2 years.
Sep. 21	at New Mexico St	G						Might apply: Coming into 2002 Lobos are 7-13 ATS their L/20 as a road fav. New Mexico is 8-4-1 ATS vs their instate rival.
Sep. 27	Texas Tech (Fri)	G						The Lobos are 0-7 SU, 2-4-1 ATS vs Texas Tech since 1986. Might apply: NM is 23-13 ATS the last 36 as a home dog.
Oct. 12	at UNLV	G						NM has a bye prior to this game, and the Lobos are 8-1 ATS after a bye. NM is 22-14 ATS in their last 36 October games.
Oct. 19	at Utah St	G						NM is 2-0 SU, 1-1 ATS vs the Aggies. Last time they played NM won 39-36 in 3 OT's. Lobos are 15-6 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
Oct. 26	Utah (HC)	G						New Mexico is 1-6 ATS the last 7 meetings with the Utes. Pending 9/27: NM is 5-2 ATS prior to a bye since 1997.
Nov. 2								Bonus: NM is 15-5-1 ATS in the 2nd of back to back home games.
Nov. 9	San Diego St	G						The underdog is 10-2 ATS and the visitor is 9-2 ATS in this series. Lobos are 11-4 ATS the last 15 vs the Aztecs and 6-1 the last 7.
Nov. 16	at BYU	G						New Mexico has covered 8 of 13 vs the Cougars, but only 1 of the L/4. Pending earlier results, Lobos are 18-12-1 ATS as an AD since 1993.
Nov. 23	at Colorado St	G						New Mexico is 2-6 ATS in the last 8 in this series. The favorite is 3-6 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.
Nov. 30	Wyoming	G						Lobos are 3-9 SU, 5-7 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1986. New Mexico is 9-5 ATS in home finales.

ROCKY LONG (Career 18-28)

5th Year at New Mexico

Long's records AT NEW MEXICO

18-28	Straight Up	6-5	Home Favorite
20-22-1	Vs The Spread	5-5	Home Dog
12-13	Off A S/U Loss	2-5	Away Favorite
15-14	Vs Conference	7-7-1	Away Dog
		5-8-1	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,20,2)
Lost: 25 (12,12,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,268

MOUNTAIN WEST

QB Casey Kelly

STADIUM: UNIVERSITY STADIUM (37,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-5	9-3	3-9	4-7	5-7	6-5	37-43
ATS	4-6	7-3	9-3	2-9	5-5	7-4	6-4-1	40-34-1
Home Fav	1-2	3-0	5-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	4-1	15-8
Home Dog	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-0	7-8
Away Fav	0-1	1-2	3-0	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	6-8
Away Dog	2-1	2-0	1-2	0-3	3-1	4-2	0-1-1	12-10-1
Favorite	1-3	4-2	8-1	1-4	1-2	1-1	5-3	21-16
Dog	3-3	3-1	1-2	1-5	4-3	6-3	1-1-1	19-18-1
Grass	4-5	6-2	8-2	1-9	4-4	7-3	6-4	36-29
Artificial	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0-1	4-5-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	6-3	2-6	4-3	5-2	4-3	30-24
vs Non-Conf	0-2	2-0	3-0	0-3	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	10-10-1
Off SU Win	2-2	2-2	7-2	0-3	0-3	3-1	3-1-1	17-14-1
Off SU Loss	2-4	4-1	1-1	2-6	4-2	4-2	2-3	19-19

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jarrod Baxter	203	961	54	907	11	4.5
Holmon Wiggins	97	504	29	475	1	4.9
Javier Hanson	50	311	9	302	1	6.0
Casey Kelly	**70**	**262**	**119**	**143**	**2**	**2.0**
Joe Manning	**18**	**78**	**6**	**72**	**0**	**4.0**
Rudy Caamano	35	104	59	45	1	1.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Kelly	**227**	**107**	**47.1**	**1559**	**8**	**12**
Rudy Caamano	94	33	35.1	473	2	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dwight Counter	**43**	**774**	**18.0**	**4**	**85**
Joe Manning	**26**	**482**	**18.5**	**3**	**64**
Holmon Wiggins	13	167	12.8	0	31
Joel Baker	10	127	12.7	1	61

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Vladimir Borombozin	72	2819	39.2	–	35.0	0	15

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Vladimir Borombozin	8-9	8-8	1-1	0-0	17-18	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Gary Davis	100	8	12	3	1
Charles Moss	**71**	**2**	**6**	**1**	**1**
Mohammed Konte	61	2	6	0	0
Nick Speegle	**56**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Terrell Golden	**55**	**2**	**8**	**4**	**0**
Scott Gerhardt	42	2	2	6	4
Stephen Persley	40	0	2	11	6
David Hall	**34**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
David Crockett	**27**	**0**	**1**	**11**	**3**
Hebrews Josue	**24**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Brian Johnson	24	1	1	0	0
DJ Renteria	**23**	**3.5**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Tony Mazotti	23	0.5	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Holmon Wiggins	31	271	8.7	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Javier Hanson	7	161	23.0	0
Quincy Wright	**6**	**152**	**25.3**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
43	Sun	NL	SW Texas	0-7	–
45	Sun	NL	Denver	34-24	–
46	Harbor	NL	Montana St	13-13	–
61	Aviation	NL	W Michigan	28-12	–
97	Insight.com	+9'	Arizona	14-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEW MEXICO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.6	19	190	4.1	186	42.6	13.6	0	2001	4	22.1	16	87	2.5	223	51.2	14.1
6*	19.1	15	148	3.2	119	51.9	14.0	+8	2000	6	20.8	17	115	3.2	194	50.9	14.9
7	21.8	19	143	3.6	202	53.5	15.8	+2	1999	7	27.1	19	165	4.2	206	55.3	13.7
5*	22.8	19	139	3.6	228	53.3	16.1	-10	1998	2	33.1	21	173	4.3	222	54.8	11.9
5	31.1	20	201	4.5	194	57.0	12.7	+7	1997	7	21.1	19	161	4.0	160	45.1	15.2
7*	30.1	22	245	4.9	191	60.6	14.5	+10	1996	7	25.5	21	166	4.2	223	54.0	15.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UTEP	19	46-271	5.9	6-30	52	0	13	27-(-53)	-2.0	19-32	223	9	+3
at Texas Tech	17	47-210	4.5	11-24	122	0	22	28-62	2.2	30-49	364	2	+1
at Baylor	13	45-102	2.3	13-29	258	3	18	37-72	1.9	26-47	223	2	-1
at Utah	12	36-146	4.1	10-36	165	3	20	48-255	5.3	15-30	210	1	-1
at Wyoming	17	44-131	3.0	20-30	211	0	16	31-28	0.9	21-36	364	4	+1
BYU	23	48-198	4.1	18-35	180	2	20	31-107	3.5	22-41	258	1	-3
Air Force	32	57-296	5.2	20-41	324	1	9	30-112	3.7	8-16	166	0	0
at San Diego St	13	40-34	0.9	12-33	231	6	11	35-64	1.8	13-36	163	3	0
UNLV	20	45-200	4.4	11-27	140	2	15	42-107	2.5	12-28	159	2	+1
Colorado St	21	41-156	3.8	15-37	255	3	15	43-128	3.0	11-23	171	1	-4
New Mexico St	22	59-350	5.9	5-9	113	0	17	31-79	2.5	15-37	157	1	+3
TOTALS	209	508-2094	4.1	141-331	2051	20	176	383-961	2.5	192-375	2458	26	0
AVERAGES	19.0	46-190	4.1	13-30	186	1.8	16.0	35-87	2.5	17-34	223	2.4	0.0

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Arizona	-8'	33-10	W
New Mexico St	-23	61-24	W
at UTEP	-16'	38-20	W
at Utah St	-1'	25-22	W
SMU	-6	22-15	W
at San Diego St	+4	36-21	W
Rice	-1'	23-35	L
at Utah	+2'	10-15	L
at TCU	-8	40-10	W
BYU	-3'	38-28	W
Tulsa	-14	51-13	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho St	NL	38-9	–
Utah St (3OT)	-12	39-36	L
at New Mexico St	-18	27-28	L
at San Jose St	-7	20-37	L
at Air Force	+16'	14-56	L
UTEP	-4'	19-22	L
San Diego St (OT)	+5	33-36	W
at Hawaii	-6'	30-20	W
Fresno St	+5'	20-28	L
at BYU	+16	21-46	L
Utah	+11	7-41	L
at UCF	+21	6-38	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UTEP	+4'	10-13	W
New Mexico St	-6'	28-35	L
N Arizona	NL	45-14	–
at Boise St	-3	9-20	L
at San Diego St	+15	24-21	W
BYU	+16'	7-31	L
UNLV	-8'	27-6	W
Colorado St	+7	22-36	L
at Utah	+12	7-52	L
at Wyoming	+17	28-42	W
Air Force	+11	33-28	W

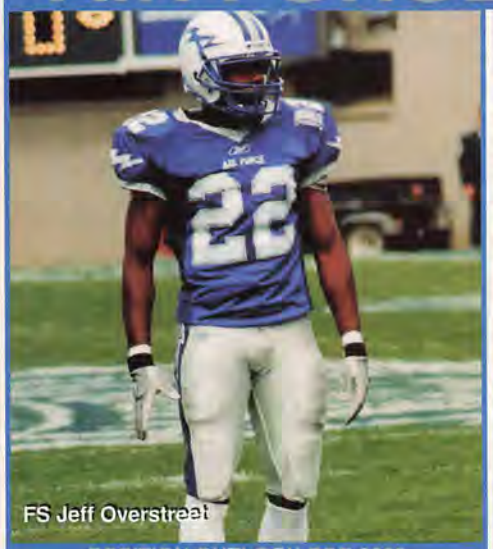
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+16'	3-24	L
Boise St	+1'	14-31	L
Oregon St	+9'	20-28	W
at New Mexico St	+4	16-13	W
N Arizona	NL	35-28	–
Wyoming	+3	45-10	W
at Colorado St	+18'	14-17	W
at Air Force	+11'	29-23	W
Utah	-1'	10-3	W
San Diego St	-5'	16-17	L
at UNLV	+8	14-18	W
at BYU	+6	13-37	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-2'	26-6	W
at Texas Tech	+12	30-42	T
at Baylor (OT)	-4'	13-16	L
at Utah	+8	16-37	L
at Wyoming	-3	30-29	L
BYU	+14	20-24	W
Air Force	-2'	52-33	W
at San Diego St	-2	20-15	W
UNLV	-2'	27-17	W
Colorado St	-3	17-24	L
New Mexico St	-10'	53-0	W

AIR FORCE FALCONS


FS Jeff Overstreet

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Mike Thiessen had a fine senior season in 2000 actually leading the MWC in pass efficiency. He was #2 in the MWC in total offense as he threw for 1,891 yards (56.6%) with a 15-5 ratio. Keith Boyea saw action in 5 games that year with 70 yards total offense after being suspended the previous year. He fought off Bryan Blew and Joe Harridge for the starting QB job last year and actually became the very first senior QB with no starting experience to start and hold on to his job the entire year in the DeBerry era, which started back in 1984. Boyea became the 4th AF QB and only the 13th player in NCAA history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in the same season. He finished the year by far the team's leading rusher with 1,216 net yards and a solid 5.3 ypc while also throwing for 1,253 (52%) with a 6-6 ratio. He was the quickest of the 3 QB candidates last year and was called a street fighter by OC Peterson and was very productive. Blew (5-11 190 Sr) was PS#110 and has been a backup the last couple of years, seeing action in 3 varsity games in 1999 and 2000. Last year he got in 7 pass attempts (completed just 1) and rushed for 42 yards. Blew moved to WR in the spring. Chance Harridge (5-11 180 Jr) actually was 1st string at one point last spring and for the season hit 7 of 24 for 119 yards while rushing for 181 (6.0) net yards. In 1999 he attended the Air Force prep academy, and he QB'd the JV team in 2000, so he does have plenty of experience. Travis Thurmond (5-10 185 Jr) was PS#136DB and spent time with the JV team but missed last year due to injury. Also in the mix are soph's Brad Baca (5-11 200), Ryan Woodham (6-0 175), and Eric Elsner (6-3 196). This unit has a little more experience than it did heading into last year, but Boyea was productive so I'll call them down a notch.

RUNNING BACKS - Air Force normally returns very few players at the RB spot under DeBerry as he prefers to go with a senior RB. In 2000 they had a very experienced group but the leading RB had just 579 yards (4.9) although the team averaged 293 ypg and a solid 4.9 ypc. Last year they had to replace all of their top backs with the leading returning rusher being Leotis Palmer (PS#210WR) who had 316 yards and a 6.6 ypc in 2000. Palmer was the top RB as expected with 516 yards (4.9). Anthony Butler was good enough to play as a true frosh with 375 yards (5.7) and earned one start. Last August there was a logjam at FB with 4 players being listed #1, and eventually James Burns won the starting job. Burns (10 sts, 372 yds, 4.2) is the only major loss to this group. Dan Shaffer (203 yds, 5.3) was the strongest AF player pound for pound and he benches 360 lbs. Whenever an AF FB has topped 100 yards in a game the Falcons are 32-7 SU since 1990. I list the 2 deep below and included is HB Tom Heier (5-9 180 Sr) who had 7 starts last year but only gained 21 rush yards and was lost for the year with injury. He was replaced by Don Clark who started the last 5 and had 78 yards. The numbers were down a little last year as the team averaged 273.3 ypg (4.8 ypc) but that was still good enough for the 3rd best in the NCAA. This is a much more experienced group than it was heading into last season and should be solidly improved.

RECEIVERS - Ryan Fleming had great size (6-5 220) and speed. He was AF's leading returning receiver in 2000 despite having only 8 rec's. He exploded on to the scene that year as he simply led the MWC in receiving yards per game (84.5 regular season) with 53 grabs while averaging a solid 17.8 ypc and earning 1st Team MWC honors. He returned last year and big things were expected but since they were breaking in a new QB, they did not have the same success passing. Fleming, in fact, had just 28 rec's (14.9) although he broke a bone in his hand against New Mexico and finished the season with a cast and then was suspended for the season finale. Brian LaBasco got in just 3 starts but almost matched Fleming in rec's with 25 (14.4) and figures to be the go-to guy. I list the 2 deep below. Ricky Amezaga is a dangerous returnman and had 5 rec's and Anthony Park (5-11 170, PS#230) had 3 rec's. Along with Fleming, this unit loses TE Kevin Runyon (8 sts, 6 rec, 18.7), but everyone else is basically back and they also add former QB Brian Blew. Also in the mix is Alec Messerall (5-11 185 So) who was PS#283QB. Last year's production was down but with the loss of both starters, I still will call this unit a little weaker in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Falcons rarely have many players returning on the offensive front and after having a rare veteran unit in 1999 they had to replace 3 starters in 2000 including both outstanding OT's as well as 2 backups. They still managed to average the same 4.9 ypc they had the previous 2 years. Last year they lost 4 starters but 3 players did return with starting experience and all 5 starters were seniors. Injuries hurt the unit as Matt Joseph only started 7 games and C Matt Mai only started 8, missing the L/4 games. This year the losses are even heavier. Gone are RG Joseph (66 Kd's), LG Brian Strock (12 sts, 192 Kd's, HM MWC), RT Joseph Pugh (12 sts, 134 Kd's), LT Ben Miller (12 sts, 172 Kd's, 2nd Tm MWC), C Mai (84 Kd's) and C Paul Cancino (4 sts, 54 Kd's). The other four 2nd stringers are all back and I list them below and Brett Huyser started the final 5 games last year. Overall the OL paved the way for 4.8 ypc rushing while allowing just **7 sacks** after yielding 22 in 2000. DeBerry always fashions a top-notch OL and while this year should be no different, I'll call it down a notch from last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Falcons usually have to replace a lot of players from this unit. In 2000 they had to replace 4 who combined for 27 starts, having just 2 players back who combined for 6 starts. The unit allowed 4.2 ypc rushing which was the weakest total in 5 years but produced 36 sacks. Last year, coming into the season, DeBerry felt he had the MWC's best DL as they only had to replace one 9 game starter and had 4 players back with starting experience. The Flyboys are usually light up front but the 2001 unit averaged 273 lbs. Surprisingly, AF allowed 5.1 ypc rushing and the defense managed just 14 sacks. They did have to replace all 4 starting LB's which didn't help matters. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DT Dan Probert (12 sts, 22 tkls, 2.5 tfl), NG Zach Johnson (11 sts, 51 tkls, 3.5 sks, 2nd Tm MWC, Tm MVP), DT Justin Pendry (12 sts, 53 tkls, 8 tfl, HM MWC) and backup DT Nate Osborne (6 tkls, 1 tfl). Only 2 of the top 6 return and the 3 projected starters are not only smaller (avg 262 lbs) but combined for only 17 tackles last year and only one projected backup has recorded a tackle. This is a much less experienced group than it was heading into last season, and is probably DeBerry's biggest concern on the team, but he usually finds capable replacements.

LINEBACKERS - In 1999 Air Force had a veteran LB corps with two returning starters and an HT. Last year the group was decimated by graduation as all four starters and a key backup departed. It was probably a big reason for AF's drop in defense last season although DeBerry rarely has a lot of starters back (the most on the defense the L/6Y was 6). This year DeBerry says "Our LB's are potentially the best we've ever had here." Five players return with starting experience and the only losses are ILB Andy Rule (10 sts, HM MWC, 9 tfl, 78 tkls), ILB Jamie Arthur (5 sts, 43 tkls, 6 tfl), ILB Jon Eccles (1 st, 14 tkls) and OLB Tre' Cage (1 st, 1 tkl). I list the 2 deep below and there are a good amount of players with PS#'s in that group. Naturally this unit is far more experienced and I look for big time improvement.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - AF's highest finish in my pass D ratings in the last 6 years had been #68 prior to last year. In 2000 the unit was very inexperienced and finished #101. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 23 starts, including two full-time starters, but did have a fairly experienced group. FS Jeff Overstreet was on his way to an All-Conf-type of season as he was #2 in MWC in tackles when he went down to injury after 5 games. The Falcons improved to #83 in my pass D rankings and while they allowed 249 ypg, they gave up just 54.9% completions with a 19-14 ratio. This year they lose FAL Sam Meinrod (10 sts, 34 tkls, 5 tfl) and Adam Hanes (33 tkls, 2 int) but actually have 7 of the top 9 returning including 7 with starting experience. This is one of the most experienced Falcon secondaries in years, and I look for their best finish in my pass D rankings in seven years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Fisher DeBerry's special teams are just that, special. They are known for blocking kicks and had the second most blocked kicks in the '90's (VT is #1) with 59 and added 9 in 2000 with 4 punts blocked and 7 more in 2001 which included 2 punt blocks, 3 FG's and 2 XP's. AF ranked #22 in my special teams rankings in 1998 but surprisingly slipped to #45 in 1999 and then plummeted to #88 in 2000. Last year was far from a special year for DeBerry and once again they surprisingly ranked very low at #87. My rankings do not take into account the FG kicking and last year they had to replace Dave Adams who hit 22 of 28 FG's in 2000. Brooks Walters stepped in and hit 11 of 18 with a long of 48 but he must be replaced. Joseph Ashcroft handled the KO's last year and had a super 32 TB's on 67 KO's, showing a strong leg. The top returnmen are back in Leotis Palmer (19.5 KR, 9.0 PR) and Ricky Amezaga (8 KR's, 15.8). Amezaga had a 100 yard KR for a TD in last year's spring game and could emerge. Surprisingly, AF allowed 24.4 per KR last year after yielding 21.8 in 2000. Punter John Welsh began the year as the starter, but missed 7 games because a nagging knee injury forced him to undergo surgery. He returned late in the season and had 20 punts (37.0). John Cortney took over and had a 42.4 gross average while the team's net increased to 36.3. This year they must replace Cortney but Welsh (PS#54) is back. I can't imagine DeBerry's special teams staying in the bottom half of the rankings for three consecutive years, so despite losing some key players, I will call this unit improved in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Fisher DeBerry is clearly one of the best coaches in the country. There are many restrictions at service academies including the fact that they are not able to redshirt players and cannot land any NFL caliber prospects. In 1997 and 1998 DeBerry had a 22-4 SU record, accomplishing the first back to back 10 win seasons in AF history. Traditionally the Falcons rely on senior starters, therefore they return very few. As an example, in 2000 they had just 8 returning starters yet went 9-3 including a bowl victory and in 1998 (12-1 season) they had just 9 returning starters. AF is usually potent despite the loss of a lot of starters on offense. However, prior to last season the last 2 times they didn't return an experienced QB and had 5 or less returning starters on offense, they averaged just 19.1 ppg in 1992 and 21.5 in 1997. That is down from their normal 30 ppg average. Last year they were in that situation but scored 28.1 ppg, thanks in part to a +8 turnover margin. This year they are once again in that situation with a brand-new QB and only 2 offensive starters back. AF managed a 6-6 finish last year but were fortunate to achieve that record. They were outplayed by both Navy and Wyoming but won and vs Army and Utah they were outfirstdowned 16-26 and 15-28 respectively but pulled out those victories. This year they have 4 home games in conference play with a manageable non-conf slate including Notre Dame and Northwestern, a couple of big boys who must visit Colorado Springs. AF was actually 3rd in the conference last year in offense, averaging 403.1 ypg in conference play but yielded 478 ypg in MWC play, which was dead last. Overall I rated them the 2nd worst defense last year. They should be stingier on that side of the ball with 6 starters back, which is the most since 1996. Never count Fisher DeBerry out as he has done a lot with lesser talent. He has had just 2 losing seasons in 18 years and since 1997 this team is 12th in the NCAA in wins. Last year's 2-4 record on the road was the team's first sub .500 record on the road since 1993. If the new QB develops quickly, they have a chance to top last year's 6 win total.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Chance Harridge Jr. 5-11 180 AF prep school in '99. QB on JV team in 2000. 5 games in 2001, 119 pass, 0-3 ratio, 181 rush. Travis Thurmond (5-10 185 Jr) **PS#136DB.**

HB LEOTIS PALMER SR. 5-8 175 135 yds (7.9) as true. 1 st, 316 yds (6.6) in 2000. 516 yds (4.9) LY, 507 rec & ret yds. Anthony Butler (5-9 190 So) 1 st, 375 yds (5.7) as true.

HB DON CLARK SR. 6-0 195 PS#255. 4 yds in 2000. 5 sts LY, 78 yds (3.7). **Tom Heier** 2 sts, 151 yds in '99. **7 sts**, 98 yds LY until inj. Darnell Stephens (6-2 200 So) PS#323.

FB Dan Shaffer Jr. 5-11 230 360 bench, 550 squat. JV tm in 2000. 1 st LY, 203 yds (5.3), 8 gms. Todd Leslie (5-10 220 Jr) PS#349RB, 110 yds (4.2) 1 st, 7 gms LY.

WR Brian LaBasco Sr. 5-9 175 4 sts, 18 rec (12.9) in 2000. 3 sts, 25 rec (14.4) LY. Ricky Amezaga (5-11 180 Sr) 9 rec (11.8) 2Y. **Bryan Blew** (5-11 190 Sr) PS#110QB. 149 ttl yds.

TE Adam Strecker Jr. 6-6 240 JV in 2000, 1 rec in 2 games LY. Brian Jarrett (6-5 257 So). Brock Predovitch (6-2 230 So). Dan McInerney (6-3 225 Jr). Matt Pontes (6-5 285 Jr).

C Wayne Southam Sr. 6-2 253 PS#560. JV in '97 & '98. Church mission in '99-2000. 2nd string C L/4 gms LY. Stephen Maddox (6-2 257 Jr). Ramon Young (6-2 270 So).

RG Brett Huyser Jr. 6-4 295 JV in 2000. Last 5 starts at RG in 2001, 97 KD's, 12 games. Abe Leigh (6-4 270 So). Corey Crosetti (6-3 276 Jr). John Peel (6-2 253 So).

LG Jesse Underbakke Jr. 6-3 280 JV in 2000. 2nd string LY, 12 gms, 15 KD's. Jake Anderson (6-5 270 So, PS#401). Howard Turner (6-4 250 Jr) JV in 2000. Moved from DT LY.

RT Scott Meyer Sr. 6-3 275 JV in '99, 2nd string in 2000, 0 gms. 2nd string in 2001, 12 gms, 12 knockdowns. Richard Diehl (6-6 250 Jr). Matt Thompson (6-5 276 So).

LT Blane Neufeld Jr. 6-5 275 JV in 2000. 2nd string LY, 12 gms, 38 KD's. Brett Waller (6-4 270 Jr). Nathan Olsen (6-6 276 Sr) PS#560, JV in '97 & '98. Mission in '99 & 2000. Inj'd LY.

K Joey Ashcroft Jr. 6-0 215 32 TB's on 67 KO's LY, 1 XP. Strong leg. Michael Greenaway (5-10 175 So) #1 out of spring. Kickers were 0-5 in spg gm, Fr may win job.

DEFENSE

OLB MONTY COLEMAN JR. 6-2 230 **PS#323LB.** JV in 2000. 7 starts in 2001, 41 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Felix Cole (6-2 210 Jr) 6 games in 2001, 9 tkls, 1 tfl. Ryan Carter (6-2 225 Jr).

DT Jon Hicks Sr. 6-1 265 **PS#299.** JV in '99. 3 sts in 2000, 12 tkls, 2 tfl. 5 gms LY, 2 tkls. Tyler Terrazone (6-4 255 Jr). Todd Jolly (6-3 260 Jr). Michael Henman (6-0 235 Jr).

NG Nicholas Taylor Jr. 6-4 265 City wrestling champ in HS. JV team in 2000. 5 tkls, 1 tfl, 6 games LY. Ricky Fry (6-3 265 So) PS#333DL. Brandon Conyers (6-0 245 So).

DT Eric Thompson Sr. 6-3 260 JV team in '99. 4 tkls, 3 gms in 2000. 1 st in 2001, 10 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Charles Bueker (6-4 255 Jr). Stacy Merritt (6-3 232 Jr) 1 tkl LY.

OLB MATT McCRANEY SR. 6-2 230 1 st in '99, 10 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. 1 st in 2000 until inj. 11 sts LY, 32 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. **Adrian Wright** (6-0 215 Jr) 1 start, 28 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 5 games!

ILB Marchello Graddy Jr. 6-1 236 **PS#207.** 4 tkls as true. 9 games in 2001, 2 sts, 33 tkls, 1 sk. Lou Tinucci (6-3 225 So) PS#281LB. 1 game as true. Kenny Smith (6-2 215 So).

ILB ANTHONY SCHLEGAL SO. 6-2 245 PS#653. TX wrestling champ. L/6 sts LY, 48 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Trevor Hightower (5-11 225 Jr) 13 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Chase Wiest (6-3 230 So) 9 tkls as true.

CB PAUL MAYO SR. 5-10 180 5 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY, **HM MWC**, 35 tkls, 1 int, **11 pbu. Joel Buelow** (6-1 195 Sr) **PS#193.** 4 sts in 2000. 4 sts LY at OLB. 55 tkls, 4 int, 2Y.

CB WES CRAWLEY SR. 6-0 190 PS#281RB. 9 sts, 31 tkls, 3 pbu in 2000. 11 sts, **HM MWC**, 57 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu LY. Charles Akinyemi (5-8 175 So) PS#429. 1 st, 10 tkls, 8 gms LY.

FAL Larry Duncan Jr. 5-10 200 Last 6 sts in 2001, 60 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu, 3 tfl. Mark Marsh (5-11 205 So) 2 sts as **true**, 33 tkls, 1 pbu, 1 tfl. Jordan Wilkie (5-11 170 So).

FS JEFF OVERSTREET JR. 5-10 180 PS#204QB. 1 st as true, 15 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. 5 sts LY, #2 tklr MWC when inj'd, 34 tkls, 3 pbu. Adam Larson (6-2 205 Jr) PS#253, 2 tkls LY.

P John Welsh Sr. 6-3 195 JV P in 1999. Did KO's on varsity in 2000, 22 of 53 were TB's. 20 punts LY, 37.0 average, missed 7 gms w/inj. Robert Barkers (6-3 185 So).

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

2001	6-2	1996	3-2	1991	7-2
2000	1-7	1995	5-1	1990	5-3
1999	2-4	1994	3-2	1989	5-2-1
1998	7-1	1993	4-2	1988	3-3
1997	6-1	1992	3-0-1		

JV FOOTBALL RECORDS

JV Head Coach: Alex Kleckner

We've listed the records of Air Force's JV teams for the last thirteen years. Freshmen recruits are unavailable.

AIR FORCE FALCONS

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Weather (719) 475-7599

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AF	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 31	Northwestern	G					
Sep. 7	New Mexico	G					
Sep. 14							
Sep. 21	at California	G					
Sep. 28	at Utah	A					
Oct. 5	Navy	G					
Oct. 12	BYU	G					
Oct. 19	Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 26	at Wyoming	G					
Oct. 31	Colorado St (Thur)	G					
Nov. 9	at Army	A					
Nov. 16	at UNLV	G					
Nov. 23	San Diego St	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Falcons are 8-0 SU in NL games & have outscored their foes 311-60.
Air Force is 22-8 ATS their last 30 as a dog.
The Falcons are 20-30-1 ATS their last 51 as away chalk.

In the last meeting in '94, NU got a long fmbl ret in the final minutes for a 14-10 win.
Falcons are 6-1 SU, 3-2 ATS in home openers since 1995.

AF is 1-6 ATS their last 7 vs the Lobos, 0-3 SU the last 3.
Falcons are 7-4 ATS since 1991 the week prior to a bye.

Bonus: Falcons are an impressive 14-6 ATS as an away dog since 1994.

AF is 5-2 SU, but 3-4 ATS in the state of California since 1994.
Air Force is 9-2 ATS in their last 11 road openers.

Lookahead hasn't been a major problem as AF is 12-5 ATS prior to Navy.
AF is 5-6 ATS last 11 in the series, but has covered 4 of the last 5.

Falcons are 19-3 SU last 22 but just 3-7 ATS last 10 vs the Middies.
The visiting team is 9-5 ATS in the last 14 series meetings.

Counting the '98 WAC Title game, AF is 3-2 SU & 4-1 ATS vs BYU.
Could apply: Coming into 2002 Falcons were 8-2 ATS their L/10 as a HD, 5-1 ATS L/6.

Air Force is 1-4 SU, but 4-1 ATS vs the Irish since 1991.
This is the 1st time since 1995 that AF is home for a 3rd straight week.

AF is 14-7 ATS in October road games, but 0-3 ATS last year.
The favorite is 10-5 ATS in the last 15 series meetings.

Falcons are 7-11-1 ATS vs the Rams since 1980, but 3-1-1 ATS the L/5.
AF is 2-15-1 ATS in sandwiched home games.

Falcons are 9-3 ATS (6-2 L/8) on artificial turf.
The home team is 14-4 ATS in the last 18 series battles.

The Falcons are 8-4 SU, but 4-7-1 ATS in road finales since 1990.
AF is 3-2 SU, but 1-4 ATS vs the Rebels last 5 years.

The Falcons are 5-0 SU, 3-2 ATS in home finales.
AF is 4-0 SU, but only 2-2 ATS vs the Aztecs last 4 meetings.

FISHER DeBERRY (Career 141-78-1)
19th Year at Air Force

DeBerry's records AT AIR FORCE

141-78-1	Straight Up	33-36-1	Home Favorite
92-104-2	Vs The Spread	13-12	Home Underdog
30-35	Off A S/U Loss	26-35-1	Away Favorite
60-73-2	Vs Conference	20-21	Away Underdog
	32-31 Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 2
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (16,19,2)
Lost: 21 (10,9,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,438

MOUNTAIN WEST

RB Leotis Palmer

STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (52,480)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	6-5	10-2	11-1	6-5	8-3	6-6	55-26
ATS	7-5	4-7	5-6	9-2-1	3-7	7-3	3-8	38-38-1
Home Fav	2-2	2-3	1-4	3-1-1	1-3	1-2	0-3	10-18-1
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	6-2
Away Fav	2-2	1-2	1-2	5-1	0-3	2-1	0-1	11-12
Away Dog	2-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	2-3	11-6
Favorite	4-4	3-5	2-6	8-2-1	1-6	3-3	0-4	21-30-1
Dog	3-1	1-2	3-0	1-0	2-1	4-0	3-4	17-8
Grass	6-4	3-6	4-5	5-2-1	2-7	6-3	3-7	29-34-1
Artificial	1-1	1-1	1-1	4-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	9-4
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	3-5	6-2-1	1-6	5-2	3-4	26-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	0-4	12-11
Off SU Win	4-3	1-5	5-3	7-2-1	1-5	5-2	2-3	25-23-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	0-2	1-0	2-2	2-1	1-4	10-13

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Keith Boyea	230	1337	121	1216	18	5.3
Leotis Palmer	**106**	**560**	**44**	**516**	**3**	**4.9**
Anthony Butler	**66**	**397**	**22**	**375**	**4**	**5.7**
James Burns	88	372	0	372	3	4.2
Dan Shaffer	**38**	**204**	**1**	**203**	**1**	**5.3**
Chance Harridge	**30**	**197**	**16**	**181**	**1**	**6.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Keith Boyea	196	102	52.0	1253	6	6
Chance Harridge	**24**	**7**	**29.2**	**119**	**0**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ryan Fleming	28	416	14.9	1	40
Brian LaBasco	**25**	**361**	**14.4**	**2**	**43**
Leotis Palmer	**9**	**75**	**8.3**	**0**	**29**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
John Courtney	39	1654	42.4	–	–	1	11
John Welsh	**20**	**740**	**37.0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**7**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brooks Walters	4-4	3-7	4-6	0-1	11-18	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andy Rule	78	1	8	2	0
Larry Duncan	**60**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**3**
Wes Crawley	**57**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**3**
Justin Pendry	53	2	6	3	1
Zach Johnson	51	3.5	5	2	1
Anthony Schlegel	**48**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Jamie Arthur	43	2	4	1	0
Monty Coleman	**41**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Paul Mayo	**35**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**1**
Sam Meinrod	34	1	4	2	0
Jeff Overstreet	**34**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Mark Marsh	**33**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Marchello Graddy	**33**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Adam Hanes	33	0	0	3	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leotis Palmer	**22**	**198**	**9.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leotis Palmer	**12**	**234**	**19.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Liberty	+9	Mississippi	0-13	L
95	Copper	+4	Texas Tech	41-55	L
97	Las Vegas	+4	Oregon	13-41	L
98	Oahu	-3'	Washington	45-25	W
00	Silicon Valley	+1	Fresno St	37-34	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AIR FORCE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
2	28.1	21	273	4.8	119	47.9	14.0	+8	2001	4	32.2	23	204	5.1	249	54.9	14.1
5*	35.1	26	293	4.9	161	55.9	12.9	+10	2000	3	26.0	19	151	4.2	228	54.4	14.6
7	24.0	22	285	4.9	114	48.8	16.6	-4	1999	4	19.8	18	134	3.4	204	57.0	16.7
5*	36.0	20	264	4.9	138	57.4	11.2	+19	1998	4	14.2	17	113	2.8	190	57.2	21.3
5	21.5	18	226	4.0	84	47.2	14.5	0	1997	5	14.6	16	129	3.6	183	53.1	21.3
3*	32.7	24	327	5.8	111	52.8	13.4	+3	1996	6	21.0	20	133	3.4	221	59.3	16.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Oklahoma	15	53-137	2.6	11-28	112	0	21	35-237	6.8	14-31	161	0	-1
Tennessee Tech	19	48-212	4.4	12-17	167	0	14	35-62	1.8	15-27	206	2	0
at San Diego St	25	66-307	4.7	7-15	120	1	21	36-204	5.7	14-27	199	2	+4
at Navy	23	62-293	4.7	7-13	78	0	20	50-223	4.5	13-20	189	2	+1
Wyoming	25	60-332	5.5	11-24	192	2	27	33-189	5.7	21-47	327	3	+1
at BYU	21	52-334	6.4	12-22	168	1	29	37-203	5.5	27-43	408	1	-1
at New Mexico	9	30-112	3.7	8-16	166	0	32	57-296	5.2	20-41	324	1	0
Army	16	47-150	3.2	10-17	132	0	26	45-180	4.0	26-43	256	2	+3
at Colorado St	30	69-359	5.2	13-22	122	1	13	35-184	5.3	6-8	116	0	+2
UNLV	22	61-259	4.2	13-29	77	2	16	42-215	5.1	7-19	138	0	-1
at Hawaii	32	78-545	7.0	4-20	58	0	23	15-67	4.5	32-49	505	1	-3
Utah	15	51-239	4.7	4-11	35	0	28	56-382	6.8	12-22	161	0	+3
TOTALS	252	677-3279	4.8	112-234	1427	7	270	476-2442	5.1	207-377	2990	14	+8
AVERAGES	21.0	56.4-273	4.8	9-20	119	0.6	22.5	40-204	5.1	17-31	249	1.2	0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-17	14-10	L
at Rice	+7	41-12	W
UNLV	-21	25-24	L
at Colorado St	+11	24-0	W
San Diego St (OT)	-7	24-18	L
Citadel	NL	17-3	–
at Navy	-1'	10-7	W
Fresno St	-12	17-20	L
at San Jose St	-15	22-25	L
at Hawaii	-11	34-27	L
Army	-14	24-0	W
Wyoming	+2'	14-3	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+.5	42-0	W
at UNLV	-17'	52-10	W
Colorado St	-3	30-27	T
at TCU	-9'	34-35	L
N Mexico	-16'	56-14	W
Navy	-14'	49-7	W
at Tulsa	-11	42-21	W
SMU	-20	31-7	W
at Army	-13	35-7	W
at Wyoming	-6	10-3	W
Rice	-22	22-16	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	37-13	–
at Washington	+4	31-21	W
Wyoming	-9	7-10	L
at San Diego St	-1'	23-22	L
at Navy	-10	19-14	L
Utah	-4	15-21	L
at BYU	+7'	20-27	W
Army	-15	28-0	W
UNLV	-25	35-16	L
at Colorado St	+2	21-41	L
at New Mexico	-11	28-33	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
CS Northridge	NL	55-6	–
BYU	+2	31-23	W
at Utah	+2'	23-14	W
at UNLV	-5'	13-34	L
Navy	-15'	27-13	L
at Wyoming	-14'	51-26	W
New Mexico	-11'	23-29	L
at Notre Dame (OT)	+13'	31-34	W
at Army	-7'	41-27	W
Colorado St	+3	44-40	W
San Diego St	-9'	45-24	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma	+17'	3-44	L
Tenn Tech	NL	42-0	–
at San Diego St	+3'	45-21	W
at Navy	-15	24-18	L
Wyoming	-14'	24-13	L
at BYU	+12'	33-63	L
at New Mexico	+2'	33-52	L
Army	-13	34-24	L
at Colorado St	+8	21-28	W
UNLV	-2'	10-34	L
at Hawaii	+9'	30-52	L
Utah	+16'	38-37	W

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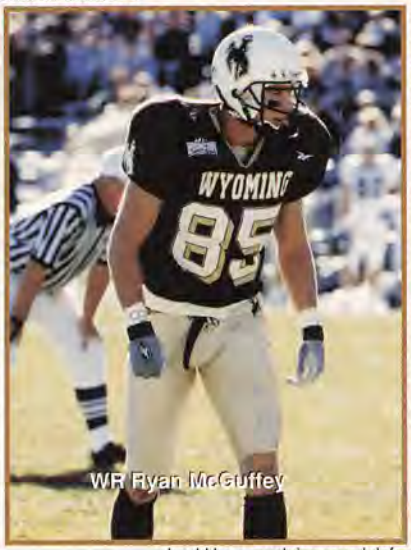
WYOMING COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The QB position was very banged up in 2000 and rFr Casey Bramlet who Koenning says has a cannon for an arm (comparable to John Elway), ended up throwing 57 passes (42.1%) for 288 yards with a 1-1 ratio in relief. Last year he was the only scholarship QB in for the spring as the other returnee, Matt Swanson, had a shoulder injury and ended up missing the entire year. Bramlet threw for 422 yards against Utah St which was the fifth best total in school history but would be bothered by a sore shoulder midseason. His roughest game came vs SD St where he tied a school record with six int's. For the season Bramlet threw for 3,069 yards (52.1%) with a poor 9-20 ratio, and not having his top WR Ryan McGuffey for 2 games also hurt. He was still voted 2nd Team MWC and returns with a year of seasoning. His 3,069 yards last year were actually the 4th best in school history and he was #14 in the NCAA in total offense. J.J. Raterink (6-1 205 So) played in four games with 5 passes for 37 yards. Casey's younger brother, Corey has comparable arm strength to Casey. Last year's top signee, Matt Belshe (PS#51) decided to transfer to S Utah. I look for a much better year out of Bramlet as he has better surrounding talent and now has experience.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cowboys used a RB by committee in 1999, with the leading rusher having just 451 yards, and then were hit hard by graduation and injuries in 2000. Nate Scott emerged as the top RB with 645 yards (5.9) and Derek Armah (PS#255) had 515 yards (3.5). Scott was the team's game-breaker the last 2 years and last year, despite having just 2 starts and playing in only 8 games due to injury, led the team with 550 yards and a solid 5.0 ypc. Armah, who is more of a plodder, had 396 yards with only 3.3 ypc in 6 starts. In 2001 Koenning said that both would have to look over their shoulders for Kit Bradshaw (6-1 208 So) who averaged 12.4 ypc in HS. Bradshaw had one start in 8 games last year with 127 yards (3.6). Lewis James took off his redshirt with 4 games to go last year and got in 16 carries for only 22 yards (1.4), but was dismissed from the team in the offseason. They must replace Scott as well as FB Marcus Ford (1 st, 3 yds). Added to the mix this year are Reymon Murphy who had 1,016 yards (8.0) at JUCO last year, Ivan Harrison (5-10 170 Fr, PS#191, 4.47 speed) and CR Davis (5-10 190 rFr) who was PS#235 but practiced at DB last year. This is an underwhelming group of RB's and with the loss of their top guy could be even weaker than last year's 99.4 ypg rushing which was the MWC's weakest.

RECEIVERS - When Joe Tiller was at the controls of the offense, this unit always had a star. From 1991-1996 a Cowboy led the NCAA in receiving yards in 4 of the 6 years and a Cowboy receiver was ranked in the Top 3 in all 6. They had a very inexperienced group in 1999, and Ryan McGuffey and Malcolm Floyd both set frosh receiving records here in 2000 which is impressive because former WY receivers Marcus Harris and Ryan Yarborough both broke the NCAA's career record for receiving yards. McGuffey, in fact, led the MWC in rec's as a frosh. Last year basically everyone returned. Unfortunately, McGuffey sprained his shoulder vs Utah St on a late hit and missed two games but still managed to top his 2000 total with 65 rec's (11.6). He was #8 in the NCAA in rec's per game. Floyd, who started 10 games, was voted HM MWC and led the team in yards with 790 (14.9). Brock Ralph, (from Canada #2DC of Ottawa CFL) had 36 rec's (16.2) and 11 starts. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Leonard Jones was last spring's star and ended up starting 7 games. Scottie Vines has great leaping ability as he also plays basketball and Sean Bowman (PS#58) is an HT. Last year they started 4 WR's most of the year and all 4 are back. Koenning was disappointed that highly regarded TE Kolby Drube did not bulk up prior to last season. He had just 2 starts, 5 catches and opted to transfer to Montana St. The Cowboys will use the TE more this year as new passing game coordinator Rob Phenicie says TE will be the 2nd most important position on the team being a key for blocking and receiving. Florida transfer Marshall Schaap should be productive this year after not being cleared to play until late October. Not listed below at TE are Chris Cox (6-7 255 So, PS#195) and true frosh Aaron Robbins (6-4 250, PS#133). Also in the mix at WR is Jovon Bouknight (6-1 180 rFr), Matt Mondragon (5-10 180 So) and this year's top frosh. With everyone back from last year and hopefully a healthy McGuffey all season, this should be a much improved unit once again.



WR Ryan McGuffey

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '99 the Cowboys had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and ended up with 3 rFr starting on the OL. That group of Mike Irvin, Adam Goldberg and Rob Kellerman gave Wyoming a good foundation up front. In 2000 the unit was injury plagued and they paved the way for just 3.0 ypc rushing while allowing 48 sacks. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups but 5 OL's were injured in the spring so it set the unit behind. OT Goldberg missed the first game with an injury and surprisingly C Irvin lost his starting job in the 5th game. Kellerman missed 5 games. True frosh Isaac Morales took off his redshirt late in the season and started the last 4 games. Overall, Wyoming averaged just 2.9 ypc rushing but trimmed the sack total to 31. This year almost everyone returns. The only loss is RT Bill Bullert (11 sts). No less than 7 players return with 4 or more career starts under their belt, so this is a very experienced unit and I look for them to make huge strides in overall production this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 this unit was hit extremely hard by injuries and at one point they had 5 players out and were forced to start 233 lb Jon Aimone at NG. Wyoming's D allowed a decent 4.3 ypc rushing but recorded just 17 sacks in 2000. Last year the team had to replace 2 starters including a 5th round DC that led the NCAA with 19 tfl but had 4 players returning with starting experience. They then lost returning starter Brandon Casavan to an ankle injury in the 3rd game, and he was granted a medical RS. This left the Cowboys with only 3 players returning to the front line with starting experience (just 11 combined career starts). As a result of the inexperience the Cowboys allowed 5.3 ypc rushing while the defense recorded just 10 sacks. This year two starters depart in DT Damon Roark (11 sts, 35 tkls, 6 tfl) and BAN Tim Glynn (7 sts, 9 tkls, 2 tfl). They also lose backup DT Daniel Gibson (5 tkls, 2 tfl). I only list 2 starters returning on the front wall below but Jon Aimone had 6 starts with 3 at BAN and 3 at MLB and was productive. Each of the 4 projected starters have started at least 6 games and the backups are fairly experienced. This should be a much improved defensive front in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - The Cowboys had to replace 2 starters last year due to graduation and then suffered some injuries. LB Jason Jones got in 3 starts before going down while Herman White got in 5 starts before missing the final 4 due to a neck burner. They had to move DE Jon Aimone to MLB for the last 3 games. This year they must replace WLB Leo Caires (11 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, 101 tkls, 5 tfl) and MLB Jason Jones (3 sts, 30 tkls, 4 tfl). Aimone moves back to BAN and I am counting White as a returning starter since he has 7 career starts. ROV Jacque Finn started the first 4 at ROV and the last 7 at FS but moves back to ROV this year. This is not an overwhelming group, but White adds talent to the group and makes this unit more experienced than it was at the end of last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Former Coach Dana Dimel cut his teeth in coaching as a DB coach at Kansas St and had some solid secondaries at WY, including a #4 finish in my pass D rankings in 1997. In 2000 they had to replace all 4 starters and went with mostly JUCO's and finished a poor #111 in my pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace 2 backups and had all 4 starters back. FS Al Rich did suffer an injury after 3 games and was lost for the season. CB DaShawn Abram lost his starting spot to Gary Wright. Overall, Wyoming finished #105, allowing 218.1 ypg (59%) with a 17-10 ratio. They are once again going the JUCO route for 2002 with 4 who were brought in to contend for spots. The losses are heavier than last year. Gone are SS Lamar James (10 sts, 45 tkls, 6 tfl), CB Abram (6 sts, 40 tkls), CB Eric Lee (11 sts, 63 tkls, 4 int's, HM MWC), SS Matt Klotz (1 st, 36 tkls, 3 tfl), Rich (3 sts, 6 tkls) and FS Pete Merrill (1 st, 24 tkls). Hopefully this time around Wyoming will have better success with the JC transfers as 3 of them were in for the spring. This group is a lot less experienced but clearly can improve upon the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Wyoming usually has an excellent punter thanks in part to the high altitude and has had many strong finishes in my special teams rankings including #7 and #19 in the last 6 years. In 2000 they fell all the way down to #90. A lack of hang time on the punts was one of the culprits. Last year they also replaced their solid kicker Aaron Elling who was also exceptional on KO's. Everyone else returned. Surprisingly they finished just #103 in my final rankings but that does not include FG kicking or they would have rated much higher. Jarvis Wallum hit an amazing 20 of 23 FG's with a long of 52 and was one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award. While he did have an incredible year, he did miss a crucial xp vs New Mexico which would have forced OT. Their KR defense did fall allowing 19.6 but that number should improve in Wallum's second year. Luke Donovan took over the punting duties and while averaging one yard less per punt (40.6) than the 2000 punter, the net was stronger at 35.1. Ryan McGuffey led the team in PR's in 2000 (7.9) average and avg'd 8.5 on just 6 returns last year. Scottie Vines took over the bulk of the duties (6.0) and with both players back you can expect improvement. Vines also plays basketball and is an exceptional vertical leaper. He blocked a crucial xp against Utah St which gave WY a 1 point victory. The KR's were below average as Leonard Jones averaged 17.5 and Roderrick Jackson 18.3 on a combined 23. With everyone back this should be a solidly improved group in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Wyoming had been to 4 bowls from 1987-1993 but has not been to a bowl since. Coming into the 2000 season they did not have a losing team since 1992 but it was obviously a rebuilding year with just 7 starters back and a brand new head coach and I pegged them last in the MWC. WY fell from 7-4 in 1999 to just 1-10 in 2000 and at one point Coach Koenning called them "the worst team I've ever been associated with." In 2000 they went 0-7 in league play and were outscored by an average of 26.1 ppg. Last year they had a much more veteran squad with 14 starters back but once again went 0-7 in conference play and this time they were outscored by 17.8 ppg (getting better). Overall Wyoming had my #7 rated offense in the league and #8 rated defense. Despite having 6 starters back on defense last year, they actually got weaker, going from allowing 401 ypg to 464 ypg overall. This year there is no doubt Wyoming is a much stronger and deeper team than they were in 2001 and Koenning says "Overall our depth is much better than a year ago." He is just 3-19 here in 2 years but gradually the team is getting more and more scholarship players. Overall they lose 18 lettermen which happens to be the fewest lost in the MWC and they have 16 starters back which is the most in the conference. They lose OC Burns who left for Cincinnati but are enough of a veteran unit to overcome that loss. Offensively they should be far more potent with 10 starters back and I like Casey Bramlet's arm strength. The defense still looks weak but will be stronger than last year with 6 starters back. I look for the Cowboys to pick up 1 or 2 MWC victories which would be the first in the Koenning era and finally escape the basement. They do have 3 winnable non- conf games, so this team should definitely improve upon last year's record and should they catch a break or two, could even head towards the Mendoza Line.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CASEY BRAMLET JR. 6-4 220 PS#164. 288 yds (42%) as rFr. 11 sts LY, 3069 yds (52.1%), 9-20 ratio, **2nd Tm MWC**. JJ Raterink (6-1 205 So). Corey Bramlet (6-4 205 rFr) PS#204.

RB DEREK ARMAH JR. 5-10 205 7 sts as true, 515 yds (3.5). 6 sts LY, 396 yds (3.3). **Kit Bradshaw** (6-1 208 So) 1 st, 127 yds (3.6). **Reymon Murphy** (5-9 170) 1016 yds (8.0) at JC LY.

WR MALCOM FLOYD JR. 6-6 210 7 sts as rFr, 43 rec (8.4). 10 sts in 2001, 53 rec (14.9), HM MWC. 4.5 speed. Sean Bowman (6-2 210 So) PS#58WR. 3 gms, 1 rec as rFr.

WR BROCK RALPH SR. 6-3 182 #2 DC of CFL! 100M champ. 11 sts, 30 rec (14.2) in 2000. 11 sts LY, 36 rec **(16.2)**. Scottie Vines (6-2 203 Sr) 5 sts LY, 27 rec **(20.4)**, JC trans.

WR RYAN McGUFFEY JR. 6-1 204 PS#170. **#1 in MWC** as rFr w/63 rec (11.0). 8 sts LY (inj), **1st Tm MWC**, 65 rec (11.6). **Leonard Jones** (5-9 163 Jr) PS#191. **7 sts** as rFr, 23 rec (9.6).

TE MARSHALL SCHAAP JR. 6-4 245 PS#48TE. Orig signed w/Florida. 1 st here LY, 3 rec (14.0), not cleared until late Oct. Scott Sorensen (6-4 243 Sr) PS#221QB. #2 TE LY.

C TRENTON FRANZ SO. 6-3 272 PS#314. 2nd string as true, but RS. Started L/7 at C LY as rFr. **Mike Irvin** (6-3 276 Sr) 10 sts (2 at C, 8 at G) in '99. 11 sts at C in 2000. 4 sts LY.

RG HENRY RANDLE JR. 6-3 301 PS#456JUCO. 9 starts here in 2001, 7 KD's. Added 20 lbs. Tim Riley (6-2 265 So) PS#375DL. Jeff Warren (6-2 271 rFr) PS#530OL.

LG Isaac Morales So. 6-5 303 PS#529. Took off redshirt last year. **Started last 4 games as true**. Rano Sasa (6-2 296 Jr) PS#435. 5 sts as true. 4 sts in 2001, 4 KD's.

RT ROB KELLERMAN SR. 6-6 305 11 sts as rFr (5 at G, 6 at T), 65 KD's. 10 sts in 2000 (5 at G, 5 at T). 6 sts LY (5 at G), inj'd, 17 KD's. Brandon Avery (6-4 275 rFr) PS#203.

LT ADAM GOLDBERG SR. 6-7 330 PS#348. 11 sts, 63 KD's as rFr. 11 sts in 2000. 10 sts LY, **1st TM MWC**. Dan Fisher (6-6 290 rFr) PS#107TE. David Gough (6-6 250 So) lettered LY.

K JARVIS WALLUM SR. 5-11 195 1 of 20 Lou Groza Semifinalists in 2001. Hit super 20 of 23 FG's, long of 52, 4-4 from 40+. Scott Parker (6-0 182 rFr) PS#76K in 2001.

DE JOSH ROLLINS SR. 6-3 267 PS#78JC. 13 sks, 15 tfl @JC in 2000. 10 sts here LY, 51 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl. Casey Adams (6-5 260 Jr) PS#256. Garry Gotfredson (6-3 257 Jr).

DT Brandon Casavan Jr. 6-5 286 **8 sts** at DE as **true**, 44 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. 1 st, 5 tkls LY until inj. Added 28 lbs. **Drew Severn** (6-1 283 rFr) **PS#112**. Jacob Bonde (6-3 280 So).

NG CHAD BEUHLER SR. 6-2 265 PS#451JUCO. 5 sts at NG, 23 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 27 tkls, 3 tfl. Tam Pruitt (6-3 274 Sr) PS#340DL. Derrick Glasper (6-1 275 rFr).

BAN Jon Aimone Sr. 6-4 238 16 tkls, 2 tfl at NT in 2000. 6 sts LY, 36 tkls, 4 tfl. Zach Morris (6-2 265 So) PS#207. 11 tkls as true. Anthony Jones (6-5 250 So) 1 st, 2 tkls LY.

WLB Tyler Gottschalk Jr. 6-4 235 2 sts as **true**, 75 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. 29 tkls in 2001. Ryan Zodda (6-2 230 Jr) PS#498JUCO. John Wilson (6-3 238 Sr) 23 tkls in 2000. 33 tkls LY.

MLB HERMAN WHITE SR. 6-0 226 PS#84LB. 2 sts, 63 tkls 1998-2000. 5 sts LY (inj), 40 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. John Flora (6-3 248 rFr) **PS#66TE**. Andy Deselms (5-11 211 Sr).

ROV JACQUE FINN JR. 6-2 196 PS#275DB. 4 sts at FS as rFr, 49 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. 11 sts LY, 79 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Jay McNeal (6-1 190 So) PS#442JUCO. In for spring.

CB Chris Dixon Jr. 6-0 180 PS#438JC. In for spg. Roderrick Jackson (5-11 164 Jr) PS#290WR. 9 tkls as true. 9 tkls LY. Ryan Calahan (5-10 188 Sr) 1 st, 14 tkls 2 yrs.

CB GARY WRIGHT SO. 5-9 158 PS#187. Orig signed at Vandy. **10.39 in 100M.** Last 5 sts here last year as true, 22 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Chad White (6-2 195 rFr) PS#281WR.

SS GUY TUELL SO. 6-1 202 PS#482DB. 7 sts at Rover as **true, HM MWC**, 45 tackles, 1 int, 1 tfl. Tom Vincent (6-2 199 So) PS#291DB. 3 tackles in 2 gms as rFr.

FS Nate Young Jr. 6-1 175 PS#453JC. In for spring. Armand Woodson (6-1 190 Jr) PS#463JUCO. In for spring, Darren's brother. John Levingston (6-2 202 Jr) PS#450.

P LUKE DONOVAN JR. 6-0 188 57 punts in 2001, 40.6 avg, 10 inside 20, only 2 TB's, 11 were fair catches, net of 35.1. **Scott Parker** (6-0 182 rFr) PS#76K. **38.1 net in HS!**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL Jason Karcher 6-3 300 PS#123
QB Jeff Rush 6-3 230 PS#110
WR Josh Barge 6-0 190 PS#133
DB Dorsey Golston 6-2 190 PS#151
DL Chase Johnson 6-7 270 PS#183
OL Mark Schwarz 6-5 265 PS#236
RB Ivan Harrison 5-10 170 PS#191
DL Jason Schneider 6-6 240 PS#311
DB Chris Dixon 6-0 180 PS#439JC
DB Nate Young 6-1 186 PS#453JC
DB Jay McNeal 6-1 190 PS#443JC
RB Reymon Murphy 5-9 170 PS#462JC
DB Armand Woodson 6-1 190 PS#463JC
DB Charles Oliver 5-11 180 PS#423

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WY	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Tennessee	G						Wyoming is 21-35-4 SU vs the Utah St Aggies, but the two teams have only met 1 time since 1978. The Cowboys are 0-3 ATS on artificial turf, being outscored 42-87 the L4Y.
Sep. 7	at C Michigan	A						The Cowboys are 4-9 ATS since 1989 in their 1st lined game of the season. Wyoming is 20-11 ATS their last 31 tries as an away dog.
Sep. 14	Boise St	G						Cowboys are 4-12 ATS in their 2nd straight away game. Could apply: UW is 4-15 as an away favorite since 1992.
Sep. 21	at Washington	A						Cowboys are 3-7 ATS vs current WAC schools since 1997. Wyoming is 4-1 SU and ATS in lined home openers since 1994.
Sep. 28								Cowboys are 1-3 ATS the last 4 games prior to a bye. Wyoming is 1-3 SU and ATS vs the Pac 10 since 1986.
Oct. 5	The Citadel	G						Wyoming is 9-0 SU vs NL foes & have a 15 ppg margin of victory since '86. The Citadel Bulldogs went 3-7 LY as a member of the Southern Conf.
Oct. 12	at Colorado St	G						The visiting team is 9-1 ATS in the last 10 series meetings. Wyoming is 14-25 ATS in their last 39 conference games.
Oct. 19	San Diego St (HC)	G						Cowboys are 3-7 ATS since 1998 in October home games. The home team is 5-2 ATS in the last 7 series meetings.
Oct. 26	Air Force	G						UW is 3-6 ATS last 9 in their second straight home game. The favorite is 10-5 ATS in the last 15 series meetings.
Nov. 2	at UNLV	G						Wyoming is 3-3 SU but 1-5 ATS vs the Rebels. The dog is 5-1 ATS in the last 6 series meetings.
Nov. 9	at BYU	G						Pending LW: Cowboys are 7-12 ATS in November the last 6 years. Wyoming is 6-1 ATS vs BYU since 1991.
Nov. 16	Utah	G						The Cowboys trail in this series 30-43-1 SU vs the Utah Utes. Wyoming is 2-7 ATS their L/9 vs the Utes & the HT is 1-4 ATS the L/5.
Nov. 23								
Nov. 30	at New Mexico	G						Cowboys are 9-3 SU, 7-5 ATS vs the Lobos since 1986. Wyoming is 4-12 ATS in their last 16 final road games.

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3rd Year at Wyoming

Koenning's records AT WYOMING

3-19 Straight Up	1-2 Home Favorite
9-12 Vs The Spread	3-4 Home Dog
8-9 Off A S/U Loss	0-1 Away Favorite
6-8 Vs Conference	5-5 Away Dog
3-4 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (22,19,2)
Lost: 18 (7,11,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,955

MOUNTAIN WEST

K Jarvis Wallum

STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (33,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	10-2	7-6	8-3	7-4	1-10	2-9	41-39
ATS	7-4	6-6	6-7	5-5	4-6	4-7	5-5	37-40
Home Fav	4-1	4-2	3-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	0-0	15-13
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	3-2	4-6
Away Fav	1-1	1-3	1-4	1-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	4-13
Away Dog	2-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-1	3-2	2-3	14-8
Favorite	5-2	5-5	4-7	3-4	1-5	1-3	0-0	19-26
Dog	2-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	3-1	3-4	5-5	18-14
Grass	6-3	5-5	4-7	5-3	4-6	4-7	5-4	33-35
Artificial	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	4-5
vs Conf	5-3	6-3	2-6	3-5	3-4	3-4	3-4	25-29
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	4-1	2-0	1-2	1-3	2-1	12-11
Off SU Win	4-1	6-4	2-5	4-4	3-4	0-1	1-1	20-20
Off SU Loss	3-2	0-1	3-2	1-1	1-1	4-5	4-4	16-16

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Nate Scott	111	575	25	550	3	5.0
Derek Armah	121	425	29	396	4	3.3
Kit Bradshaw	35	132	5	127	2	3.6
Casey Bramlet	89	213	234	-21	6	-0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Bramlet	432	225	52.1	3069	9	20
JJ Raterink	5	3	60.0	37	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ryan McGuffey	65	751	11.6	1	40
Malcom Floyd	53	790	14.9	4	80
Brock Ralph	36	584	16.2	2	66
Scottie Vines	27	550	20.4	2	56
Leonard Jones	23	221	9.6	0	33
Nate Scott	7	67	9.6	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Luke Donovan	57	2317	40.6	–	35.1	0	10

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jarvis Wallum	6-7	10-12	3-3	1-1	20-23	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Leo Caires	101	0	5	1	1
Jacque Finn	79	0	3	8	2
Eric Lee	63	0	2	9	4
Josh Rollins	51	1	4	0	0
Guy Tuell	45	0	1	1	1
Lamar James	45	0	6	4	1
Herman White	40	2	2	0	0
DaShawn Abram	40	0	0	2	0
Jon Aimone	36	2	2	0	0
Matt Klotz	36	0	3	0	0
Damon Roark	35	2	4	0	0
John Wilson	33	0	2	0	0
Jason Jones	30	1	4	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Scottie Vines	18	108	6.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leonard Jones	12	210	17.5	0
Roderrick Jackson	11	201	18.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
76	Fiesta	+20	Oklahoma	7-41	L
87	Holiday	+4	Iowa	19-20	W
88	Holiday	+2'	Oklahoma St	14-62	L
90	Copper	+7	California	15-17	W
93	Copper	+3'	Kansas St	17-52	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WYOMING'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	20.8	20	99	2.9	282	52.1	18.3	-5	2001	6	33.5	23	246	5.3	218	59.0	13.9
4*	15.5	18	106	3.0	190	57.4	19.2	-10	2000	3	35.7	20	183	4.3	218	60.1	11.2
6*	27.5	22	148	3.6	250	58.7	14.5	+2	1999	7	24.5	20	158	3.9	241	53.2	16.3
7*	20.2	19	126	3.3	226	56.7	17.4	+7	1998	5	19.5	19	182	4.4	185	52.5	18.8
3	24.8	20	151	3.9	217	48.7	14.9	+8	1997	6	17.5	18	147	3.6	181	45.2	18.8
10*	38.7	26	140	4.0	359	61.5	12.9	+2	1996	8	23.7	23	139	3.6	300	61.6	12.7

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
2001 STATS BY GAME													
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Furman	23	39-91	2.3	30-48	331	0	15	33-180	5.5	12-25	169	1	+2
Texas A&M	18	32-102	3.2	11-26	171	2	26	42-166	4.0	30-42	341	0	-1
at Utah St	28	34-166	4.9	22-38	422	1	30	35-294	8.4	31-47	277	0	0
Colorado St	13	40-116	2.9	13-26	162	3	23	52-302	5.8	13-22	133	2	-1
New Mexico	16	31-28	0.9	21-36	364	4	17	44-131	3.0	20-30	211	0	-1
at Air Force	27	33-189	5.7	21-47	327	3	25	60-332	5.5	11-24	192	2	-1
at Utah	8	25-33	1.3	18-33	117	3	19	45-190	4.2	17-25	275	1	+1
UNLV	31	38-72	1.9	33-60	382	5	25	53-439	8.3	8-16	129	0	0
BYU	23	37-118	3.2	24-52	358	2	24	41-247	6.0	23-38	268	1	+3
at San Diego St	17	32-57	1.8	21-40	307	3	20	59-199	3.4	12-25	183	2	-7
at Kansas	19	39-121	3.1	14-32	165	5	25	50-230	4.6	13-27	221	1	0
TOTALS	223	380-1093	2.9	228-438	3106	31	249	514-2710	5.3	190-322	2399	10	-5
AVERAGES	20.3	35-99	2.9	21-40	282	2.8	22.6	47-246	5.3	17-29	218	0.9	-0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+30	10-24	W
Iowa St	-14'	56-10	W
at Hawaii	-11	35-6	W
San Jose St	-29	30-10	L
at Colorado	+14'	19-20	W
Montana	-11'	28-13	W
at Nevada	-8	34-30	L
Colorado St	-2	7-14	L
at SMU	-6	17-22	L
San Diego St	-14	41-17	W
UNLV	-19'	35-23	L
at Air Force	-2'	3-14	L
at Fresno St	-6	7-24	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	17-9	–
at Georgia	+19'	9-16	W
Louisiana Tech	-7'	31-19	W
Utah	-8'	27-24	L
SMU	-9'	12-7	L
at UNLV (OT)	-21	28-25	L
Rice	-7'	34-24	W
at TCU	-3'	34-27	W
at Colorado St	+6'	27-19	W
Air Force	+6	3-10	L
at Tulsa	-10'	0-35	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+24	17-42	L
Weber St	NL	41-16	–
at Air Force	+9	10-7	W
Idaho	-9'	28-13	W
UNLV	-24'	32-35	L
at UL Monroe	-22'	38-20	L
Colorado St	-2'	13-24	L
at Utah	+8	43-29	W
BYU	+7'	31-17	W
New Mexico	-17	42-28	L
at San Diego St	-1'	7-39	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	+12'	21-35	L
at Texas A&M	+14	3-51	L
C Michigan	-13	31-10	W
Nevada	-16'	28-35	L
at New Mexico	-3	10-45	L
San Diego St	-3'	0-34	L
Air Force	+14'	26-51	L
at UNLV	+20'	23-42	W
at BYU	+18	7-19	W
Utah	+14'	0-34	L
at Colorado St	+29	13-37	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Furman	NL	20-14	–
Texas A&M	+15'	20-28	W
at Utah St	+4'	43-42	W
Colorado St	+3'	14-42	L
New Mexico	+3	29-30	W
at Air Force	+14'	13-24	W
at Utah	+17'	0-35	L
UNLV	+9'	26-47	L
BYU	+24	34-41	W
at San Diego St	+6'	16-38	L
at Kansas	+4	14-27	L

SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

WR J.R. Tolver

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 San Diego St lost their starting QB in the third game of the season and Lon Sheriff (PS#129) was thrown into the starting role. Sheriff struggled in his first three games with zero TD's and six interceptions. Over the rest of the season he had a 6-5 ratio and showed solid improvement, including a 393 yard effort vs Colo St and 328 yards vs UNLV (both bowl teams). He also generated 4Q comeback wins vs BYU and New Mexico. He finished the 2000 season throwing for 2,163 yards (53.4%) with a 6-11 ratio. Last year he had some stiff competition for the starting job. Adam Hall (PS#53) originally signed at Texas. A pair of rFr were also in the mix in Jon Stoner (PS#28) and Danny Armstrong (6-0 200 So) who was PS#94. Those two frosh appeared in three games apiece in 2001. Sheriff suffered a right thumb injury in the spring (never 100%) and lost his starting job to Hall after five games. Hall struggled against UNLV and Sheriff reclaimed the job until another injury sidelined him in the finale. Last year Sheriff threw for 1,295 yards (47%) with a poor 3-12 ratio and the thumb injury forced him to change his grip on the ball. His thumb has finally healed and he was back to 100% this spring. Hall threw for 600 yards (48.9%) with a 2-3 ratio. Stoner opted to transfer and Hall was #1 after the spring game hitting 33-54 for 291 yds with a 4-0 ratio, but Craft said that Sheriff could still win the job in the fall. The Aztecs could double last year's passing yards with more emphasis on throwing the football.

RUNNING BACKS - Larry Ned spent the entire summer lifting weights and running and was far more effective in 2001 (357 yds in 2000). Ned (#6DC of OAK) rushed for 1,549 yards (5.0) with 15 TD's, which surprisingly was the 3rd best performance in San Diego St history, even better than two of Marshall Faulk's top three years. Ned managed his statistics despite suffering a high ankle sprain against Ohio St and wearing a protective boot for the rest of the season and missing substantial practice time. At the start of the year his backup RB's, Garric Simmons (knee), Jason Van (PS#122, concussion) and James Truvillion (hamstring) were all banged up. Truvillion, who ran a 4.35 in the 20 yard shuttle run, elected to redshirt. Van, who rushed for 113 yards in 2000, had just 40 last year in 7 games. Simmons rushed for just 67 yards (4.8) in 8 games after rushing for 215 yards (3.5) in 2000. Darryl Conyer (5-10 220 rFr) was PS#47 in 1998 and originally signed with Arizona. He is an intriguing prospect and could have an immediate impact. The #2 rusher was Justin Green (6-0 220 So, PS#34) who had 133 yards (5.5), but transferred to JC. Craft is leaving his options open on who the feature back will be. Also in the mix is DeAngleo Nedd (5-11 205 Jr, PS#227DB) who had 6 tackles at SS the last 2 years, true frosh Frederick Collins (PS#34), Fale Poumele (6-0 250 So, PS#208LB), Freddie Keiaho (6-0 210 rFr, PS#225) and Michael Franklin (5-7 170 rFr, PS#163), whose nickname is "MF II" as he is from the same hometown as Marshall Faulk. The top 3 RB's in the spring were Franklin, Truvillion & Nedd. With the loss of a very productive RB like Ned, this unit clearly looks weaker, but does have potential.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Aztecs returned their leading receivers from 2000 in JR Tolver and Derrick Lewis. Tolver had 62 rec (13.0) while Lewis had just 31, but almost matched Tolver in yards with 782 and a lofty 25.2 ypc. Not only were those two returning but they added two super transfers in Ronnie Davenport (from California) and Paul Nelson (PS#14) from UCLA. Unfortunately, neither Nelson or Davenport saw the field and Tolver suffered a cut on his right hand late in August which hampered him some. Lewis missed most of August while working on his grades and his ypc suffered as he had 28 catches for 14.2. Tolver was clearly the main man with 63 rec's (13.9) in 2001 and he has more rec's than any other player in the MWC the last 2 years. This year they must replace Lewis as well as TE Gray McNeill (10 sts, 18 rec, 9.1), TE Brian Gelt (8 sts, 4 rec), TE Sakimo Randall (4 sts), WR Thomas Howard (2 rec) and WR Deric Martin (2 rec). I list the 2 deep below and Davenport and Cal-Poly transfer Kassim Osgood formed a potent scout team last year. Osgood had 1,377 receiving yards in IAA ball in 2000. Since their top guy is back and they have some solid additions including two JUCO TE's, who were in for the spring, I'll call this unit improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 they had to replace 5 players who combined for 44 starts including a couple of NFL DC's and naturally the unit struggled, averaging just 2.3 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks. Last year 8 players returned with starting experience including all 5 full-time starters and a 7 game starter from 2000 who lost his starting spot, and naturally the unit improved with the experience, averaging 3.8 ypc while giving up 31 sacks. This year the losses are a bit heavier. Gone are RG David Moreno (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, 1 st Tm MWC), LG Mike Houghton (#6DC of GB, 11 sts, 3 yr st'r), LT Chester Pitts (#2DC of HOU, 11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backups C David Mayhew and G Zach LaMonda. This year's edition is huge, as no less than 12 OL's weigh in at 300+ lbs. They do add 3 JUCO's, two of whom were in for the spring and get a VHT back in Steve Nevarez (PS#36), who suffered a shoulder injury last year. Also adding depth are Sikoti Uipi (PS#334JC) who started 2 games here at RG in 2000, and Cameron Casper (6-2 310 So, PS#362OL) who originally signed at BYU. I like the talent level here and while it is far less experienced than last year's group, could come close to matching the production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aztecs had one of the best DL's in the country in 1999 but suffered some heavy losses in 2000 and went from allowing 2.8 ypc to 3.5 while recording just 19 sacks. Last year almost everyone returned but the unit was hit by injuries and at one point in the season had just 4 completely healthy DL's with the rest nursing injuries. Also DE Akbar Gbaja-Biamila was moved to DT and he says he is more effective at DE and moves back there this year. They lose DT Jerome Haywood (11 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, 6.5 tfl, 4 yr st'r) and DE Andrew Brigham (9 sts, 29 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl, HM MWC). Haywood is a big loss but 6 of the top 8 are back and they get some outstanding additions including Sagan Atuatasi (PS#46) who originally signed with USC and PS#59JUCO Brook Miller. I list the rest of a talented 3 deep below and there are 4 DE's with starting experience and there's a possibility that Anthony Foli could move inside to DT if needed. Not listed below is Blake Lobel (6-3 255 So, PS#300), Brandon Rager (6-4 260 Jr, PS#440JC), DE Jason Perry (6-2 225 So, PS#188LB) and Robert Miller (6-6 235 rFr). Despite the 2 losses, I think this has the makings of an excellent defensive front and could help the defense improve upon last year's 3.5 ypc rushing allowed and 26 sacks.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 the Aztecs had a very lightly experienced LB corps with a combined total of 4 starts returning. Jomar Butler emerged as the star with 112 tackles and was 2nd Team MWC that year. Last season 3 players returned with starting experience and those players had a combined 16 starts between them. A super JUCO transfer, Loo Heather (PS#18), was projected to start but was suspended for an off field incident. Starting MLB Beau Trickey then went down to a knee injury in the 4th game and was replaced by rFr Kirk Morrison who earned HM MWC honors. This year they must replace SLB Dylan Robles (10 sts, 52 tkls, 9 tfl, HM MWC), WLB Jomar Butler (9 sts, 68 tkls, 4.5 sks, HM MWC) and WLB Jay Kos (1 st, 22 tkls). Trickey and Morrison are both back, but the unit is not overly deep and could use a healthy Rodney Allen, as he has been plagued by injuries the last 3 years. They also get a San Jose St transfer in Heath Farwell. This year's unit is a little less experienced, and I don't think it is as deep.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aztecs have had some pretty solid defenses throughout the years, but surprisingly their best finish in the pass D ratings was #65 in 1998. Last year they had to replace 1 starter but had 7 of the top 8 back although CB Donte Gamble, who started 6 games in 2000, had just 2 tackles last year. An experienced secondary managed to move up to #67 (from #98 in 2000) allowing 198 ypg (55%) with a 15-13 ratio. This year they must replace SS Will Demps (11 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 92 tkls), FS Garret Pavelko (10 sts, 63 tkls, 4 int's, 4 tfl, HM MWC), CB Greg Taylor (2 sts, 12 tkls) and Gamble (2 tkls). It's always nice to have both of your starting CB's back including their top cover CB in Ricky Sharpe and they do have some talent at the safety position. This unit is less experienced and with the loss of a couple of top-notch safeties, I'll call it weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ted Tollner did a fine job with special teams and in fact in 1996 the unit finished #2 in my rankings thanks to a great punter. After dropping to #26 and #55 the next two years, they plummeted to #100 in 1999 and #104 in 2000. They do have an outstanding punter/ KR man in Brian Simnjanovski who returns for his senior season after being 2nd Team MWC in each of his first two seasons. His average has been 42.8 and 43.6 in the two seasons but the net has been just 32.9 and 35.4 and should continue to improve. The Aztecs allowed 4 blocked punts in 2001, so eliminating those should be a priority. Tommy Kirovski hit 10 of 13 FG's with a long of 42 and is back for his senior season and he kicked for Craft at JUCO. The top KR and PR man turned out to be Donte Gamble who had average numbers with 20.5 on KR's and 6.9 on PR's and he must be replaced. I look for a stronger return game and with good punting and kicking I look for the Aztecs to improve upon their #83 rating of last season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Aztecs had a very experienced team last year with 19 starters returning and they lost the fewest lettermen in the MWC (10). They played good defense once again, yielding just 338.5 ypg, good enough to rank #48 overall in my defensive rankings. They held BYU QB Doman to his lowest output of the year (154 yards). Offensively, despite the presence of RB Larry Ned they struggled again and the 16.4 ppg they scored vs MWC teams was the weakest in the conference. They did manage 2 conference wins to avoid the basement but were outscored by 11.4 ppg in conference play and after yet another underachieving year, Head Coach Ted Tollner was gone. Tom Craft withdrew from the Aztec coaching job saying he was not 100% excited about the commitment it would take to be the head man here. Two days later he was hired. In 1976, Craft was a QB here and went 10-1. He was also the OC here from 1994-'96, and the team avg'd 38.9 ppg in his final season. While at Palomar Junior College, he led the team to 3 National Titles and a 115-56-1 record. SDS has had 3 straight losing years for the first time since 1983-'85 and if they have a 4th it will be the first time since 1957-'60. They must replace 22 lettermen and have just 9 starters back (lowest in the MWC). The Aztecs also have to play 8 road games this year. The offense has just 4 starters back but has the potential to outscore last year's woeful bunch as there is talent at all of the skill positions. The defense has 5 starters back and looks a notch weaker. The Aztecs almost qualified for my "Turnovers=Turnaround" article (pg 295), as they were -9 in turnovers, and were only saved from having a double digit negative turnover ratio by posting a +7 turnover margin in their season finale vs Wyoming. They have to play 4 MWC games on the road however most of those are the winnable ones as they play 3 of the league's top 4 teams at home. The potential is there for a surprise season as I see some talented athletes on both sides of the ball, but more likely it looks like a 4th straight losing season for the Aztecs.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB ADAM HALL JR. 6-3 215 PS#53. Orig@**TX**, 600 pass LY, 1 st. Lon Sheriff (6-3 210 Sr) 9 sts, 2163 yds (53%), 6-11 ratio in 2000. 10 sts, 1295 yds (47%), 3-12 ratio LY.

RB James Truvillion Sr 5-10 195 PS#231RB, 255 yds (3.9) in 2000. **Darryl Conyer**, **PS#47** and played pro baseball 3Y. Jason Van (5-10 195 Jr) 34 att (4.5) 2 years.

WR Ronnie Davenport Sr. 6-1 195 PS#197. **10 sts at Cal**, 15 rec (14.1) in '99. Trans. Susp LY. **Clint Bingham** (5-10 170 Jr) is **PS#42JC**. 53 rec (14.5), 25 PR (14.0) at JC LY.

WR J.R. TOLVER SR. 6-2 205 10 sts, 62 rec, (13.0) as So. 11 sts LY, 63 rec (13.9). **2nd Tm MWC**. Jeffrey Webb (6-2 190 So) PS#165, 16 rec (13.2) as **true**. Wesley Williams is PS#241JC.

WR Kassim Osgood Sr. 6-5 210 **IAA 1st Tm AA**@Cal-Poly in 2000, 83 (16.6) 14 TD's. Lonnel Penman (6-2 200 So) PS#280. Adam Gray-Hayward (6-2 200 So) PS#175.

TE Raleigh Fletcher Jr. 6-4 280 PS#92. 1 st, 4 rec as rFr. 1 st, 3 rec LY. Tyson Thompson (6-2 255 Sr) PS#340JC. Jason Dion (6-3 265 Sr) PS#339JC. David Gorman (6-5 250 Jr).

C JOHNATHAN INGRAM SR. 6-2 300 PS#336. 127 snaps as rFr. 8 sts in 2000, HM MWC. 11 sts in 2001, HM MWC, 85% grade, allowed 1.5 sacks. Danny Negrete (6-1 315 rFr).

RG Zachary Barnes Jr. 6-1 325 PS#71JC in 2001. DNP last year at JC. In for spring. Shawn Dickie (6-5 300 Jr) 7 games in 2000. Lettered LY. Gerald Sykes is PS#186JC.

LG Steve Nevarez So 6-3 280 **PS#36**. Inj'd LY. **Raul Gomez** (6-3 305 Sr) PS#213. **7 sts** in 2000 (1@LG, 2@C, 4 @RT). 2nd string LY. Jasper Harvey (6-3 295 rFr) PS#324.

RT Mike Kracalik So. 6-9 330 PS#253OL. 2nd string as rFr LY. +50 lbs in 2Y. Nicholas Penalosa is PS#291JC. In for spring. Justin Vold (6-5 315 rFr) was PS#459OL.

LT BRENDAN DARBY JR. 6-7 290 6 sts as rFr (inj'd). 11 sts LY, 700+ snaps & 2.5 sks allowed. Sikoti Uipi (6-2 305 Sr) JC. 2 sts in 2000 here. Cameron Casper is a BYU transfer.

K TOMMY KIROVSKI SR. 5-11 195 PS#29JC. 11 of 12 FG's on Craft's JUCO team in '99. 10 of 13 FG's here in 2001, long of 42, 1 of 2 from 40-49. Brian Simnjanovski.

DEFENSE

DE RYAN IATA SR. 6-5 270 PS#249. 8 sts in 2000, 24 tkls, 2 sks. 9 sts LY, 24 tkls, 3.5 tfl. **Anthony Foli** (6-4 290 Jr) **8 sts** in 2000, 34 tkls, 6 tfl. **4 sts** LY, 19 tkls, 2 sks, miss 4 inj.

DT Brook Miller Jr. 6-4 270 **PS#59JC**. 11 sks, 2 years at JUCO. Jared Ritter (6-3 260 Sr) PS#201. 9 tkls, 2 years. Curtis Robinson (6-2 320 Jr) PS#373JUCO.

DT Sagan Atuatasi So. 6-2 320 PS#46DL and orig at **USC**. JUCO. Marcus Levi (6-4 290 So) **PS#157DL.** 5 tkls as rFr. Cody Ballard (6-2 260 Jr) PS#274JUCO.

DE AKBAR GBAJA-BIAMILA SR. 6-5 275 2 sts, 14 tkls, 2 tfl in '99. 1 st, 7 tkls, 2 tfl until inj in 2000. 10 sts at DT LY, 29 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl. Amon Arnold (6-4 265 Sr) 6 sts in 2000. 2 sts LY. 5 sks in 2Y.

SLB Stephen Larsen So. 6-1 230 PS#176LB. 1 st, 10 games as rFr, 21 tkls. Heath Farwell (6-1 220 So) PS#251LB. 10 tkls as true at San Jose St. Jerald Watkins (6-2 215 Sr).

MLB KIRK MORRISON SO. 6-2 235 PS#222RB. Last 7 sts as rFr, 69 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **HM MWC**. Matthew McCoy (6-0 205 rFr) PS#309. Kwan Howard is PS#256.

WLB Beau Trickey Jr. 6-1 240 2 sts as rFr, 26 tkls, 1 pbu. First 4 sts LY until inj, 24 tkls, 1 tfl. Rodney Allen (6-0 220 Sr) PS#160. 15 tkls, 19 games in inj plagued career.

CB RICKY SHARPE SR. 6-1 190 PS#260. 11 sts in 2000, 65 tkls, 1 int. 10 sts LY, 43 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu, HM MWC. Shane Russell (5-10 190 rFr) PS#294. Jacob Elmimian (5-10 170 rFr).

CB JEFF SHOATE JR. 5-11 180 13 tkls, 1 int as true at Montana. 9 sts here LY, 48 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. Hubert Caliste (6-2 190 So) PS#188DB. 1 tkl as true, 10 games.

SS Joshua Dean So. 6-0 210 PS#124WR. 1 st as rFr, 4 tkls. Marcus Demps (6-0 190 rFr) PS#230DB. LaVance Ray (6-0 180 Jr) PS#172DB in 1999. 64 tkls, 2 sks @ JC.

FS Marviel Underwood So. 5-10 200 PS#213RB. 1 st as rFr, 13 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Reggie Grigsby is PS#100DB. Hector Nunoz (5-10 205 So). Keith Ellison is PS#174DB.

P BRIAN SIMNJANOVSKI SR. 6-3 230 55 punts in 2000. 42.8 avg, & net of 32.9, 2nd Team MWC. 63 punts in 2001, L/64, 43.6 avg, net of 35.4, 22 inside 20 **2nd Team MWC** again.

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OL	Nick Penalosa	6-5 290 PS#291JC
DB	LaVance Ray	6-0 180 PS#320JC
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SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SDSU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 29	at Fresno St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 7	at Colorado	G					
Sep. 14	Arizona St	G					
Sep. 21	at Idaho	A					
Sep. 28	UCLA	G					
Oct. 5							
Oct. 12	Utah	G					
Oct. 19	at Wyoming	G					
Oct. 26	UNLV (HC)	G					
Nov. 2	at BYU	G					
Nov. 9	at New Mexico	G					
Nov. 16	Colorado St	G					
Nov. 23	at Air Force	G					
Dec. 7	at Hawaii	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

SDSU is 17-27-1 ATS off a SU win the last 9 years.
Aztecs are 2-6 ATS their last 8 vs the Big 10 in the regular season.
San Diego St is 9-6-1 ATS as a double digit favorite the last 9 years.

SDSU has dropped 8 of their last 9 road openers ATS.
Marshall Faulk's alma mater is 7-17 ATS in non-conf AG's since 1987.

Aztecs are 6-1 ATS vs Big 12 foes since 1981.
SDSU is 7-16 ATS in their 2nd straight road game the last 23.

Aztecs are 12-3 ATS in their first lined home game since 1987.
SDSU is 8-16 ATS their last 24 tries vs Pac 10 teams.

Including bowl games, SDSU is 3-6 SU and 3-5-1 ATS on art turf S/'96.
Aztecs are 10-5 ATS in sandwiched road games.

SDSU is 0-9 SU, 1-8 ATS vs UCLA S/'85 & have been outscored 382-138.
Aztecs are 2-5 ATS prior to a bye since 1995.

Bonus: SDSU is 8-5 ATS vs Utah since 1986.

San Diego St is 4-8 ATS their last 12 after a bye.
Aztecs are 14-28-1 ATS at home vs conference foes since 1991.

SDSU is 4-6 ATS vs the Cowboys but have covered 4 of the last 5.
San Diego St is 9-2 ATS in their first conference away game.

SDSU is 6-2 SU and 5-2 ATS in their last 8 Homecoming games.
Aztecs are 2-3 SU and 1-4 ATS in this series since 1996.

SDSU is 1-6 SU and 2-5 ATS vs BYU since 1993.
Aztecs are 5-1 ATS the last 3 years as double digit away dogs.

The visitor and the dog are 9-2 ATS the last 11 in this series.
SDSU is 6-3 SU but 2-7 ATS the last 9 years vs the Lobos.

Aztecs are 3-7 ATS since 1992 in home finales.
The road team is 6-1 ATS in this series.

Aztecs are 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS their last 4 trips to Colorado Springs.
The dog is 6-3 ATS in the last 9 in this series.

Aztecs are 11-2-1 SU & 12-1-1 ATS vs Hawaii S/'85 (9 SU wins in a row).
SDSU is 6-2 ATS in their last 8 road finales.

TOM CRAFT (Career 0-0)

1st Year at San Diego St

Craft's records AT SAN DIEGO ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,18,4)
Lost: 22 (11,11,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,518

MOUNTAIN WEST

STADIUM: QUALCOMM STADIUM (54,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	8-3	5-7	7-4	5-6	3-8	3-8	39-40
ATS	6-6	6-5	6-6	4-6-1	6-4	5-6	4-6	37-39-1
Home Fav	2-4	5-1	2-2	1-1-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	11-11-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-4	0-2	5-10
Away Fav	2-0	1-3	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	6-5
Away Dog	1-2	0-1	3-3	1-2	3-1	4-2	3-2	15-13
Favorite	4-4	6-4	3-2	2-2-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	17-16-1
Dog	2-2	0-1	3-4	2-4	5-2	5-6	3-4	20-23
Grass	4-6	6-4	5-4	3-6-1	5-3	5-5	4-6	32-34-1
Artificial	2-0	0-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	5-5
vs Conf	5-4	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	4-3	3-4	3-4	27-26-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-1	2-2	1-2	10-13
Off SU Win	4-4	3-4	2-3	2-3-1	2-2	0-3	0-2	13-21-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-1	3-3	2-2	4-2	4-3	4-3	20-16

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Larry Ned	311	1612		63	1549	15	5.0
Justin Green	**24**	**137**		**4**	**133**	**1**	**5.5**
Garric Simmons	**14**	**72**		**5**	**67**	**1**	**4.8**
Adam Hall	**19**	**55**		**55**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**
Lon Sheriff	**33**	**12**		**172**	**-160**	**0**	**-4.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Lon Sheriff	**236**	**111**	**47.0**	**1295**	**3**	**12**
Adam Hall	**94**	**46**	**48.9**	**600**	**2**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
J.R. Tolver	**63**	**878**	**13.9**	**2**	**45**
Derrick Lewis	28	398	14.2	0	39
Gray McNeill	18	164	9.1	3	26
Jeffrey Webb	**16**	**212**	**13.2**	**0**	**29**
Larry Ned	16	138	8.6	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Simnjanovski	**63**	**2747**	**43.6**	**–**	**35.4**	**3**	**22**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tommy Kirovski	**5-6**	**4-5**	**1-2**	**0-0**	**10-13**	**42**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Demps	92	0	9	3	2
Kirk Morrison	**69**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Jomar Butler	68	4.5	4	4	0
Garret Pavelko	63	1	3	1	4
Dylan Robles	52	4	5	1	1
Jeff Shoate	**48**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**3**
Jerome Haywood	43	1.5	5	1	0
Ricky Sharpe	**43**	**0**	**1**	**11**	**2**
Akbar Gbaja-Biamila	**29**	**5**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Andrew Brigham	29	3	4	1	0
Ryan Iata	**24**	**1.5**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Beau Trickey	**24**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Jay Kos	22	0	0	1	0
Stephen Larsen	**21**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Donte Gamble	28	193	6.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Donte Gamble	29	594	20.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
67	Camellia	NL	San Francisco St	28-6	–
69	Pasadena	NL	Boston University	28-7	–
86	Holiday	+7'	Iowa	38-39	W
91	Freedom	-2'	Tulsa	17-28	L
98	Las Vegas	+7	N Carolina	13-20	T

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SAN DIEGO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	16.7	17	148	3.8	175	48.0	19.3	-9	2001	8	26.4	17	141	3.5	198	55.0	12.8
5*	15.5	17	78	2.3	227	51.6	19.7	-5	2000	2	24.8	19	146	3.5	205	57.9	14.1
9*	24.7	20	176	4.4	206	52.9	15.5	-4	1999	6	20.5	16	108	2.8	197	57.5	14.8
5*	20.3	18	192	4.4	146	52.9	16.7	0	1998	5	20.3	18	137	3.5	188	56.4	16.0
6	21.4	17	113	3.1	220	51.8	15.5	-4	1997	8	27.8	20	155	3.6	224	58.5	13.6
8*	38.9	24	172	4.3	303	65.3	12.2	+8	1996	8	27.5	23	171	4.2	282	59.8	16.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Arizona	14	29-41	1.4	18-38	160	3	17	37-55	1.5	21-32	176	2	-2
at Arizona St	11	35-88	2.5	10-29	102	5	24	39-154	3.9	27-36	271	0	-1
at Colorado St	19	50-170	3.4	17-25	200	3	9	29-93	3.2	11-30	119	2	0
Air Force	21	36-204	5.7	14-27	199	2	25	66-307	4.7	7-15	120	1	-4
E Illinois	30	50-356	7.1	18-31	273	3	9	23-27	1.2	15-28	199	5	-2
at UNLV	12	26-39	1.5	14-28	121	4	23	56-274	4.9	12-19	153	0	+1
at Ohio St	15	37-117	3.2	15-32	202	1	19	40-136	3.4	15-32	198	4	-4
BYU	19	41-285	7.0	14-33	130	1	20	37-184	5.0	19-24	266	2	-3
New Mexico	11	35-64	1.8	13-36	163	3	13	40-34	0.9	12-33	231	6	0
at Utah	16	31-64	2.1	15-29	194	4	16	45-225	5.0	10-20	138	1	-1
Wyoming	20	59-199	3.4	12-25	183	2	17	32-57	1.8	21-40	307	3	+7
TOTALS	188	429-1627	3.8	160-333	1927	31	192	444-1546	3.5	170-309	2178	26	-9
AVERAGES	17.1	39-148	3.8	15-30	175	2.8	17.5	40-141	3.5	15-28	198	2.4	-0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-4'	45-31	W
at Washington	+23'	3-36	L
at Wisconsin	+9'	10-36	L
at Air Force (OT)	+7	18-24	W
at Arizona	+12	28-31	W
New Mexico	-4	21-36	L
UNLV (OT)	-7	20-17	L
at Hawaii	-6'	10-3	W
at Wyoming	+14	17-41	L
San Jose St	-14	48-21	W
at Fresno St	+3'	20-19	W
Colorado St	+14'	17-38	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	+10	14-26	L
at USC	+19	6-35	L
Arizona	+16	16-35	L
at Tulsa	+10	24-14	W
Hawaii	-22	35-13	T
at New Mexico (OT)	-5	36-33	L
Utah (OT)	+2'	21-20	W
at BYU	+10	0-13	L
Fresno St	-1	10-0	W
at San Jose St	-4'	34-6	W
UTEP	-13	34-29	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Florida	NL	41-12	–
at Illinois	-3'	10-38	L
at USC	+24	21-24	W
at Kansas	+1	41-13	W
Air Force	+2	22-23	W
New Mexico	-15	21-24	L
at Colorado St	+6	17-10	W
at Utah	+6'	16-38	L
BYU	+6'	7-30	L
at UNLV	-13	37-7	W
Wyoming	+1'	39-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona St	+4	7-10	W
Illinois	+6'	13-49	L
at Arizona	+19'	3-17	W
at Oregon St	+16'	3-35	L
at Wyoming	+3'	34-0	W
Utah	+5	7-21	L
at BYU	+13'	16-15	W
Colorado St	+8	22-34	L
at New Mexico	+5'	17-16	W
at Air Force	+9'	24-45	L
UNLV	+5'	24-31	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-2	10-23	L
at Arizona St	+7	7-38	L
at Colorado St	+6'	14-7	W
Air Force	-3'	21-45	L
E Illinois	NL	40-7	–
at UNLV	+4	3-31	L
at Ohio St	+22'	12-27	W
BYU	+14	21-59	L
New Mexico	+2	15-20	L
at Utah	+17'	3-17	W
Wyoming	-6'	38-16	W

WAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 WAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Luke McCown, La Tech	Timmy Chang, Hawaii	Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise St	Tyler Gooch, Tulsa
RB	Chance Kretschmer, Nevada	ShanDerrick Charles, SMU	Robbie Beck, Rice	Rayvon Johnson, SJS
RB	Derrick Ward, FSU	Brock Forsey, Boise St	Joe Smith, La Tech	Eric Richardson, Tulsa
WR	Bernard Berrian, FSU	Jerome Janet, Tulsa	Chris Cunningham, SMU	Justin Colbert, Hawaii
WR	Kendrick Starling, SJS	Nate Burleson, Nevada	DJ Curry, La Tech	Maurice Mann, Nevada
TE	John Hampton, SMU	Jarrod Roach, Tulsa	Jonas Crafts, UTEP	Alec Greco, FSU
C	Rodney Michael, FSU	Ben Stephens, Rice	Uriah Moenoa, Hawaii	Cody Johnson, Nevada
G	Vince Manuwai, Hawaii	Matt Black, Tulsa	Victor Taifane, FSU	Thornton Chandler, SMU
G	Keith Meyer, Rice	Fitu Tu'ua, FSU	Mike Holman, Rice	Rob Vian, Boise St
T	Damian Lavergne, La Tech	Trey Darilek, UTEP	Logan Mankins, FSU	Tim Provost, SJS
T	Ariel Famaligi, UTEP	Joe Schey, FSU	Wayne Hunter, Hawaii	Ryan Santos, Hawaii
DL	Brandon Green, Rice	Travis LaBoy, Hawaii	Karmul High, UTEP	Jorge Cordova, Nevada
DL	Bobby Hammer, Boise St	Eddie Brown, SJS	Warrie Birdwell, SMU	Johnnie Thomas, Nevada
DL	Lute Croy, SMU	B.J. Forguson, Rice	Isaak Sopoaga, Hawaii	Sam Rayburn, Tulsa
DL	Nicholas Burley, FSU	Laanui Correa, Hawaii	Chris Hines, Nevada	Josh Walker, Tulsa
LB	Adam McConathy, La Tech	Michael Dulaney, Tulsa	Chauncey Ako, Boise St	Daryl Towns, Nevada
LB	Chris Brown, Hawaii	Travis Burgher, Boise St	Robert Rodriguez, UTEP	Chad Kalilimoku, Hawaii
LB	Vic Viloria, SMU	Pisa Tinoisamoa, Hawaii	Curtis Randall, La Tech	Carl LaGrone, Nevada
CB	Jonas Rutledge, SMU	Kelvin Millhouse, Hawaii	Kevin Ford, Rice	Gabriel Franklin, Boise St
CB	Weldon Cooks, UTEP	Kevin Garrett, SMU	Kendall Edwards, FSU	Demorieux Reneau, FSU
SS	Quinton Mikell, Boise St	Michael John Lenard, La Tech	Bryce McGill, FSU	Greg Gatlin, Rice
FS	D.J. Walker, UTEP	Jeremy Hamilton, La Tech	Ronnie Hardiman, Nevada	Corey Evans, Rice
K	Josh Scobee, La Tech	Justin Ayat, Hawaii	Asen Asparuhov, FSU	Nick Calaycay, Boise St
P	Jason Simpson, FSU	Mat McBriar, Hawaii	Travis Hale, Rice	Cort Moffit, Tulsa
KR	Chad Owens, Hawaii	David Mikell, Boise St	Bernard Berrian, FSU	Jahmal Fenner, UTEP
PR	Bernard Berrian, FSU	Chris Cunningham, SMU	Jahmal Fenner, UTEP	Chad Owens, Hawaii

Louisiana Tech QB Luke McCown

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 WAC FORECAST

1. BOISE ST - I will be the first to admit it when I am wrong and last year I thought BSU had a lot going against them. The Broncos were moving from the Big West to the WAC, had to replace their head coach and all assistants, lost their starting QB, had 3 starters back on defense and benefited from +10 turnovers the previous year. As expected, their record dropped from 10-2 but only to 8-4. They were very competitive in WAC play, narrowly missing out on the title and ending Fresno St's home unbeaten streak. This year the group is much more experienced, losing the least amount of lettermen in the WAC (11) and they were -8 in turnovers last year so good things should be in the offing. Overall 14 starters are back including QB Dinwiddie who had a tremendous first year as a starter.They outscored WAC teams at home by an average of 47-10.0 and get their 3 toughest opponents this year all on the friendly blue carpet. That makes Boise my favorite to win the WAC.

2. LOUISIANA TECH - Tech is very capable of repeating last year's WAC Title. They did win a lot of close games last year but have the most potent offense in the league, led by QB Luke McCown, and should be improved defensively with 7 starters back. Overall 42 lettermen return from last season's squad which gained a lot of confidence in winning the WAC and going to a bowl game. The key game for Tech this year is probably November 16th when they travel to face Boise St which will most likely be played in inclement weather. A victory there would probably give Tech the title and it should go down to the wire.

(Tie) 3. FRESNO ST - At midseason last year Fresno was ranked #8 in the polls, undefeated and had beaten teams from the Big 10, Pac 10 and Big 12. Unfortunately they lost at home to Boise St which ended their 17 game home unbeaten streak and would lose once more in league play costing them the WAC Title. This year's team is capable of winning it all as they have my #2 offense in the WAC and #4 rated defense. Last season's group did benefit from +21 in turnovers and may not be as fortunate this season. They also must replace their star QB Dave Carr (#1DC of HOU). Fresno must travel to both Boise St and Louisiana Tech, two very tough sites but is almost unbeatable at home and is just a road upset away from contending for the WAC Title.

(Tie) 3. HAWAII - I do 7 sets of power ratings and 2 of them have UH as the best team in the conference. Last year's team benefitted from +9 in turnovers but had a super 9-3 finish and should achieve another winning record this year. Eight of their 13 games are at home but they do have to travel to both Boise St and Fresno St, the 2 toughest venues in the conference. They have my #3 rated defense overall and will be very potent offensively provided Timmy Chang is 100% recovered from last year's injury. UH is a clear contender in this year's WAC conference and I rate the top 4 teams in the league a cut above the other six.

5. SMU- SMU has a new sheriff in town in Phil Bennett who comes over from Kansas St and he inherits a defense that was #1 in my rankings last year and that I rate #1 again this season with 6 starters back. Keep in mind Bennett molded some fine units at KSU including 3 top 5 finishes the last 3 years defensively. Offensively the team should be more potent with 7 starters back and they avoid Boise St in conf play. They were -7 in turnovers last year and I will call for the Mustangs to break into the upper half of the standings this year.

6. NEVADA - The Wolf Pack are a much improved team for the 2nd straight year but only improved by 1 win last year going from 2-10 to 3-8. Despite being much improved again this year, the margin of improvement could be about the same. Nevada has my #3 rated offense in the league and Zack Threadgill should do fine in his first year as a starter. Of course, the star of the team is Chance Kretschmer who led the NCAA in rushing last year and got bigger, stronger and faster once again during the offseason and will be running with a veteran offense. Defensively 10 starters are back. They do have some tough road trips including Hawaii, Louisiana Tech and Fresno St all in league play but they should at least match last year's 3 WAC win total and could surpass it.

7. TULSA - Tulsa really disappointed me last year as I pegged them for 3rd in the WAC and after winning their first game vs a IAA team, they promptly lost their final 10 games. Coaches usually fare best in their 3rd season as most of the players are their own. That should be the case here as only 3 of the starters this year are leftovers from the Rader regime. Tulsa is the most improved team in the league this year and should QB Gooch and RB Richardson remain healthy, I think their offense will be vastly improved. Defensively they were 3rd worst in the league last year and once again with 8 starters back on that side of the ball, they can only get better. They face all of the big boys this year but should be able to escape the WAC basement from which they resided in 2001.

8. UTEP - Just 2 years ago UTEP won the WAC Title although they only outscored foes by 5.2 ppg. Coach Nord puts a priority on conference games but after a 7-1 finish in 2000 an inexperienced UTEP team last year finished just 1-7 in league play. This year they are much more experienced with 16 starters back and only 16 lettermen lost. They also were -11 in the turnover category last year and if you read my Turnovers=Turnaround article, you will know that better things are in the future. UTEP was very tough at home in 2000 and should they recapture that home edge, they are easily capable of moving up into the upper half of the standings as a couple of their road games in WAC play are on the winnable side. They feature a vastly improved defense which I rate 5th best in the conference and the only question mark comes on offense. Jon Schaper however should do a fine job and I look for UTEP to move up in the standings from last year and they could be a surprise team like they were in 2000.

9. RICE - I've been very high on Rice the last 2 years and last year they did not disappoint with an outstanding 8-4 record including 5-3 in league play. Interestingly for the season they were actually outscored by 2 points despite having 4 more victories. This year Rice is in a rebuilding season. They have to replace 29 lettermen, the highest in the conference and last year they benefitted from +8 in turnovers. The only team in the conference they don't play is the one I pick for 10th place in San Jose St so the schedule is rough. Rice does not rate much of a home field edge due to their small crowds and the road slate is difficult, but they do play 3 of the league's top 4 teams at home. I do think Ken Hatfield does a tremendous job here with the talent on hand though Rice is still a very dangerous team this year, especially if their QB's remain healthy but with the schedule and inexperience, I'll call for them to drop in the standings.

10. SAN JOSE ST - I pegged the Spartans for 10th place last season and they surprised me with 3 conference victories. Last year's team was very experienced with 45 lettermen returning and just 18 lost. This year they have the lowest percentage of returning lettermen in the league (50.8%) with 30 back and 29 lost. They also have just 7 starters returning including 2 on defense. I do think the defense will be stronger but the team is going to need QB Marcus Arroyo to regain the form of the 2000 season. Last season he was benched at times during the year. The inexperienced and tough schedule could make it a long season for SJS. Although they proved me wrong last year, I will peg them last once again.

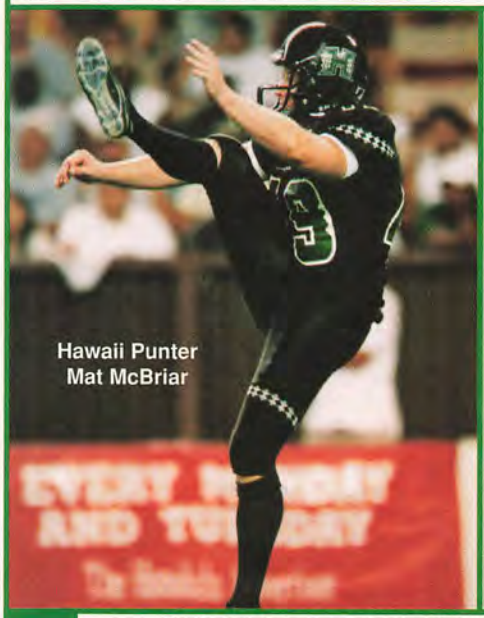
WAC Notes: The WAC only had two teams go to bowls last year and unfortunately both came up short. Three WAC teams will be bowl bound this year and all will likely play in their own back yard if Boise hosts the Humanitarian, Fresno the Silicon Valley and Hawaii the new Hawaii bowl. Last year's WAC champ Louisiana Tech was not thrilled with the prize (December in Idaho) so commissioner Karl Benson is working on getting this league better bowl lineups. This year Fresno St has 6 players on my 1st team All WAC while SMU and LA Tech each have 4. Fresno has 14 players on my top 3 teams while Hawaii has 13 and SMU and LA Tech each have 9. The WAC was just 4-14 (4-16 including the bowls) vs BCS affiliated conferences (Rice beat Duke) and they were 8-6 vs the MAC, Sun Belt, MWC and CUSA. Last year league newcomers LA Tech and Boise St combined to go 13-3 in conference play.

2001 WAC VS WAC TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
9	Fresno St	41.3	1	507.3	1	168.6	6	4.5	4	338.6	63.6	1	12.3	12	18
28	Hawaii	34.6	4	408.0	7	83.9	10	3.2	10	324.1	56.6	4	11.8	16	28
32	Louisiana Tech	38.9	2	455.3	5	126.3	9	3.9	8	329.0	62.6	3	11.7	11	18
47	Nevada	31.1	6	485.9	2	215.6	1	4.8	1	270.3	56.2	5	15.6	9	19
51	Boise St	38.4	3	463.1	4	174.8	5	4.2	6	288.4	63.0	2	12.1	17	21
56	San Jose St	30.1	7	483.9	3	187.6	3	4.6	3	296.3	55.2	7	16.1	22	7
70	Rice	34.1	5	429.3	6	299.4	1	4.7	2	129.9	46.5	10	12.6	10	21
106	SMU	23.6	8	335.6	10	177.5	4	4.1	7	158.1	50.7	9	14.1	23	21
107	Tulsa	16.6	10	341.1	9	143.9	7	4.3	5	197.3	52.7	6	20.5	16	7
108	UTEP	21.3	9	349.0	8	141.0	8	3.9	9	208.0	55.0	8	16.4	21	22

2001 WAC VS WAC TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
39	SMU	26.5	4	321.1	1	117.0	2	3.10	2	204.1	54.2	2	12.1	15	18
51	Boise St	23.0	2	365.3	3	125.5	3	3.54	4	239.8	56.2	6	15.9	10	19
56	Fresno St	23.9	3	359.0	2	99.0	1	2.67	1	260.0	54.7	4	15.0	25	27
74	Rice	30.9	6	455.6	7	126.3	4	3.88	5	329.4	57.6	7	14.8	18	21
81	Hawaii	22.5	1	369.0	4	151.5	5	3.43	3	217.5	51.9	1	16.4	21	20
95	Louisiana Tech	27.9	5	435.1	6	198.6	7	4.55	6	236.5	54.6	3	15.6	17	18
99	UTEP	40.8	10	431.9	5	229.0	9	4.80	7	202.9	55.7	5	10.6	12	9
105	Tulsa	38.1	8	500.6	8	255.8	10	5.68	10	244.9	66.7	10	13.1	9	17
106	San Jose St	36.9	7	517.9	10	197.0	6	5.32	8	320.9	57.6	8	14.0	19	13
111	Nevada	39.6	9	504.4	9	220.3	8	5.39	9	284.1	63.3	9	12.7	10	19


Hawaii Punter
Mat McBriar

2001 WAC STANDINGS

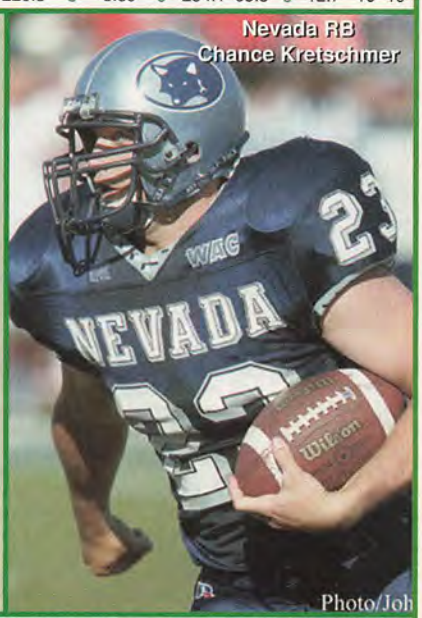
	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana Tech	7	1	311	223	7	4	382	341
Fresno St	6	2	330	191	11	2	525	300
Hawaii	5	3	277	180	9	3	483	318
Boise St	6	2	307	184	8	4	411	280
Rice	5	3	273	247	8	4	333	335
SMU	4	4	189	212	4	7	226	295
Nevada	3	5	249	317	3	8	286	431
San Jose St	3	5	241	295	3	9	295	461
UTEP	1	7	170	326	2	9	235	414
Tulsa	0	8	133	305	1	10	191	387

2000 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UTEP	7	1	283	167	8	3	355	298
Fresno St	6	2	235	144	7	4	283	214
San Jose St	5	3	250	240	7	5	374	357
Tulsa	4	4	155	165	5	7	240	283
Rice	2	6	186	215	3	8	237	322
Hawaii	2	6	197	276	3	9	294	399
SMU	2	6	118	248	3	9	181	352
Nevada	1	7	144	317	2	10	207	464

1999 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Fresno St	5	2	226	141	8	4	397	265
Hawaii	5	2	214	161	8	4	348	332
TCU	5	2	245	123	7	4	334	199
Rice	4	3	198	161	5	6	237	261
SMU	3	3	107	113	4	6	193	235
UTEP	3	4	183	235	5	7	306	389
San Jose St	1	5	120	268	3	7	258	402
Tulsa	1	6	129	220	2	9	230	386


Nevada RB
Chance Kretschmer

2001 WAC CONF LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
David Carr, FSU	477	309	64.8	7	4308	9.0	42	166.8
Ryan Dinwiddie, BSU	**322**	**201**	**62.4**	**11**	**3043**	**9.5**	**29**	**164.7**
Nick Rolovich, Hawaii	405	233	57.5	9	3361	8.3	34	150.5
Luke McCown, LA Tech	**469**	**277**	**59.1**	**14**	**3337**	**7.1**	**28**	**132.6**
Clint Carlson, SJSU	167	96	57.5	8	1298	7.8	8	129.0
David Neill, Nevada	256	138	53.9	5	1918	7.5	11	127.1
Marcus Arroyo, SJSU	**261**	**141**	**54.0**	**14**	**1915**	**7.3**	**12**	**120.1**
Wesley Phillips, UTEP	257	143	55.6	11	1839	7.2	10	120.0
David Page, SMU	193	104	53.9	7	1209	6.3	8	112.9
Josh Blankenship, Tulsa	230	128	55.7	6	1350	5.9	5	106.9

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Chance Kretschmer, Nevada	**11**	**302**	**1732**	**5.7**	**15**	**157.5**
Brock Forsey, BSU	**12**	**246**	**1207**	**4.9**	**13**	**100.6**
Joe Smith, LA Tech	**10**	**172**	**874**	**5.1**	**7**	**87.4**
ShanDerrick Charles, SMU	**10**	**134**	**860**	**6.4**	**7**	**86.0**
Paris Gaines, FSU	13	210	1018	4.8	7	78.3
Kyle Herm, Rice	**12**	**205**	**897**	**4.4**	**11**	**74.8**
Jarmar Julien, SJSU	12	174	820	4.7	12	68.3
Robbie Beck, Rice	**12**	**126**	**634**	**5.0**	**7**	**52.8**
David Mikell, BSU	**11**	**107**	**560**	**5.2**	**5**	**50.9**
Chris Porter, UTEP	9	79	454	5.7	4	50.4

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Chad Owens, Hawaii	**24**	**807**	**2**	**33.6**
David Mikell, BSU	**25**	**709**	**1**	**28.4**
Bernard Berrian, FSU	**27**	**668**	**1**	**24.7**
Jahmal Fenner, UTEP	**20**	**490**	**1**	**24.5**
Charles Pauley, SJSU	**19**	**463**	**0**	**24.4**
Ronnie Hardiman, Nevada	**20**	**485**	**0**	**24.2**
Erick Franklin, LA Tech	**21**	**508**	**0**	**24.2**
Clint Hatfield, Rice	**23**	**551**	**0**	**24.0**
Jonas Rutledge, SMU	**21**	**471**	**1**	**22.4**
Brock Forsey, BSU	**17**	**362**	**0**	**21.3**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Ashley Lelie, Hawaii	12	84	1713	19	142.8	7.0	20.4
Edell Shepherd, SJSU	12	83	1500	14	125.0	6.9	18.1
Rodney Wright, FSU	13	91	1331	10	102.4	7.0	14.6
Bernard Berrian, FSU	**13**	**76**	**1270**	**13**	**97.7**	**5.8**	**16.7**
Donald Shoals, Tulsa	10	75	908	4	90.8	7.5	12.1
Delwyn Daigre, LA Tech	9	60	770	6	85.6	6.7	12.8
DJ Curry, LA Tech	**9**	**52**	**756**	**8**	**84.0**	**5.8**	**14.5**
Nate Burleson, Nevada	**9**	**53**	**737**	**2**	**81.9**	**5.9**	**13.9**
Jeb Putzier, BSU	12	44	824	12	68.7	3.7	18.7
John Simon, LA Tech	11	71	743	4	67.5	6.5	10.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING			PASSING		TOT OFFENSE	
	G	CAR	NET	ATT	YDS	YDS	YDSPG
David Carr, FSU	13	89	90	477	4308	4398	338.3
Nick Rolovich, Hawaii	10	49	4	405	3361	3365	336.5
Luke McCown, LA Tech	**11**	**87**	**144**	**469**	**3337**	**3481**	**316.5**
Ryan Dinwiddie, BSU	**11**	**71**	**97**	**322**	**3043**	**3140**	**285.5**
David Neill, Nevada	9	83	319	256	1918	2237	248.6
Marcus Arroyo, SJSU	**11**	**11**	**-13**	**261**	**1905**	**1892**	**172.0**
Kyle Herm, Rice	**12**	**205**	**897**	**142**	**1121**	**2018**	**168.2**
Chance Kretschmer, Nevada	**11**	**302**	**1732**	**2**	**0**	**1732**	**157.5**
Josh Blankenship, Tulsa	9	28	57	230	1350	1407	156.3
Wesley Phillips, UTEP	11	49	-133	257	1839	1706	155.1

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jason Simpson, FSU	**13**	**61**	**2672**	**43.8**
Mat McBriar, Hawaii	**12**	**40**	**1736**	**43.4**
Dustin Upton, LA Tech	**11**	**57**	**2377**	**41.7**
Casey Lipscomb, Tulsa	11	65	2627	40.4
Derek Jones, Nevada	**11**	**53**	**2107**	**39.8**
Adam Walterscheid, SMU	11	59	2322	39.4
Travis Hale, Rice	**12**	**66**	**2581**	**39.1**
Bryce Benekos, UTEP	**11**	**52**	**1796**	**34.5**

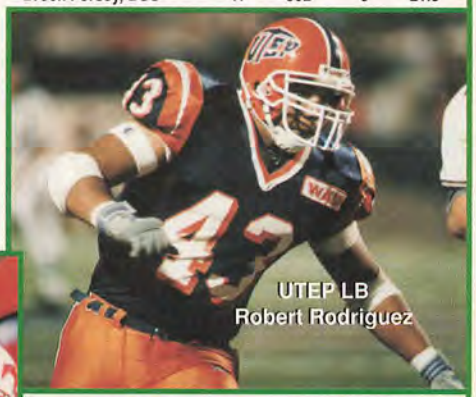
PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Bernard Berrian, FSU	**39**	**552**	**1**	**14.2**
Jahmal Fenner, UTEP	**18**	**237**	**0**	**13.2**
Chad Owens, Hawaii	**18**	**216**	**1**	**12.0**
Chris Cunningham, SMU	**22**	**241**	**0**	**11.0**
Marlon McLaughlin, Nevada	**19**	**198**	**1**	**10.4**
John Simon, LA Tech	18	159	0	8.8
Tim Gilligan, BSU	**39**	**334**	**0**	**8.6**
Charles Pauley, SJSU	**16**	**118**	**0**	**7.4**

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Josh Scobee, LA Tech	**11**	**18**	**22**	**81.8**	**48**
Asen Asparuhov, FSU	**13**	**23**	**30**	**76.7**	**48**
Justin Ayat, Hawaii	**12**	**19**	**29**	**65.5**	**55**
Damon Fine, Nevada	**11**	**15**	**23**	**65.2**	**58**
Jacob Crowley, SMU	10	13	20	65.0	48
Keith Robinson, UTEP	**10**	**6**	**10**	**60.0**	**39**
Nick Gilliam, SJSU	**12**	**10**	**17**	**58.8**	**44**
Chris Earnest, Tulsa	11	6	12	50.0	47
Nick Calaycay, BSU	**12**	**5**	**10**	**50.0**	**45**
Brandon Skeen, Rice	**12**	**6**	**16**	**37.5**	**31**

SMU TE John Hampton


UTEP LB
Robert Rodriguez

TFL

	NO	YDS
Alan Harper, FSU	20	101
Brandon Green, Rice	**20**	**93**
Sam Rayburn, Tulsa	**16**	**47**
Jamie Nichols, LA Tech	16	36
Drew McLaughlin, Tulsa	13	57
Jeremy Castillo, UTEP	**13**	**48**
Vic Viloria, SMU	**13**	**42**
Nick Burley, FSU	**12**	**51**
Travis LaBoy, Hawaii	**11**	**54**
JD Morscheck, Nevada	**11**	**38**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Brandon Green, Rice	**12.0**	**79**
Alan Harper, FSU	12.0	79
Nick Burley, FSU	**7.0**	**24**
Nick Sabula, Rice	**6.0**	**33**
Jeremy Castillo, UTEP	**5.5**	**32**
David Coats, SJSU	5.0	39
JD Morscheck, Nevada	**5.0**	**31**
Drew McLaughlin, Tulsa	5.0	27
Pisa Tinoisamoa, Hawaii	**5.0**	**20**
Kevin Aldridge, SMU	4.5	28

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Robert Rodriguez, UTEP	**11**	**77**	**60**	**137**	**12.5**
Chris Brown, Hawaii	**12**	**84**	**40**	**124**	**10.3**
Jacob Espiau, Hawaii	12	80	39	119	9.9
Pisa Tinoisamoa, Hawaii	**9**	**67**	**19**	**86**	**9.6**
Nate Jackson, Hawaii	12	79	35	114	9.5
Bobby Gray, LA Tech	11	70	33	103	9.4
Daryl Towns, Nevada	**11**	**59**	**44**	**103**	**9.4**
Michael Dulaney, Tulsa	**10**	**42**	**51**	**93**	**9.3**
Jason Hebert, Rice	12	70	33	103	8.6
Vic Viloria, SMU	**11**	**55**	**39**	**94**	**8.5**

BOISE ST BRONCOS

I foresee TB Brock Forsey becoming BSU's career leader in rushing & all-purpose yds.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Boise had to replace Bart Hendricks who shattered 10 school records and was the Offensive MVP of the Big West in each of his final two years at BSU. Hendricks had 3,611 yards passing with a 36-9 ratio in his senior year, leading the nation in TD passes, pass efficiency and points responsible for. His backup, Ryan Dinwiddie (PS#104), played in just 8 games with 19 passes but took all of the snaps with the 1st string in the spring and actually had a higher completion percentage in his 1st year as a starter than Hendricks did in his senior season. Dinwiddie, who does not possess Hendricks' mobility (Hendricks rushed for 515 yards as a senior), threw for 3,043 yards (62.4%) with a super 29-11 ratio while also rushing for 256 yards and was 4th in the NCAA in pass efficiency. He missed the final game of the season after an off-field incident but should end up breaking a lot of Hendricks' school records. He cleared up his legal problems in time to take the field for the spring game and hit 10 of his first 11 passes with the first string offense. BJ Rhode (6-4 240 Sr) was PS#177 and has played in 20 games in the last 3 years, throwing for 415 yards (46.7%) with 52 yards rushing. He started the season finale vs C Mich and directed the team to the win. He is the team's strongest QB, benching 356 lbs in the spring. Mike Sanford (6-4 206 So) was PS#125 and played in 2 games last year completing his only pass for 9 yds. Walk-on Rafe Espinoza (6-1 194 rFr) had a solid spring. They also signed an HT this year in Legedu Naanee (PS#99). With everyone back this group is far more experienced than it was heading into last year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Boise had a RB by committee with 4 backs each having over 45 rush attempts. Brock Forsey became the feature back in 2000, rushing for 982 yards (4.7), and the second leading rusher that year was David Mikell (352, 5.5) who has 4.46 speed. Forsey finished #6 in the NCAA in all-purpose yards as he had 455 yards receiving and 566 yards in KR's and also had 17 TD's which accounted for 25% of the team's total. Forsey did even better in 2001, rushing for 1,207 yards (4.9) with 13 TD's while adding 369 yards receiving and 362 KR yards. Mikell, who missed 2 games due to injury, did have 121 yards rushing against Nevada and finished with 568 (5.3). Donny Heck (5-10 199 So, PS#289) was the Offensive Scout Team POY in 2000 and had 123 yards rushing and 76 receiving last year. All 3 TB's return as well as Jeff Carpenter (5-9 188 rFr, PS#170). I list the FB's below and they may put Mikell there at times to get him on the field more. Forsey was 1st Team WAC last year and the team Offensive MVP. He should also become the school's career leader in both rushing and all-purpose yards if he stays healthy. With everyone back I look for continued improvement out of this position.

RECEIVERS - In each of the last four years Boise has produced an all-conference TE but each time they have lost him to graduation. Last year it was Jeb Putzier who moved from WR to TE and had 44 rec's with a super 18.7 and was 1st Team WAC. His size and 4.55 speed helped him lead the team in receiving yards with 824 and in fact he led all TE's in the NCAA in yards and TD's (12). In 2000 Boise had 4 receivers earn All Big West mention and 3 returned last season. This year they lose Putzier (#6DC of DEN) as well as backup WR Brian O'Neal (3 rec, 5.0). They do return Jay Swillie, who led last year's team with 48 rec's, Lou Fanucchi and Billy Wingfield (4.47 speed, fastest WR here) who chipped in with 30 and 27 respectively. Not listed below are Jerry Smith (5-10 171 Jr) who has 11 rec's in 2 years, TJ Acree (5-10 167 So), Trent Lundin (6-2 231 So, N Ariz trans) and Aeneas Washington (5-9 173 rFr, PS#384). Can Boise make it five in a row for TE's that make All Conference honors? There is a possibility and this unit is even a little more experienced than it was heading into last season as most of their top receivers are now seniors.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 Boise had to replace 5 players who combined for 38 starts, including 1st & 2nd Team Big West performers. Despite the losses the team improved to 4.5 ypc rushing but allowed 44 sacks. Last year 9 of the top 10 returned with just 1 starter lost. With a tougher schedule Boise dropped to 4.1 ypc rushing but did better protecting the QB with just 33 sacks allowed. This year the losses are heavy as they must replace starting RT Matt Hill (#5DC of SEA, 1st Tm WAC, 3 yr st'r), LG Jeff Cheek, LT Peter Naumes (2 yr st'r) and backup LT Derek Olley. I list the 2 deep below and there are 4 HT's in the group. It is less experienced than last year's version and I will call it weaker.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 Boise had to replace both starting DE's but had both DT's back. The defense slipped some, allowing 3.6 ypc rushing although the unit had 40 sacks. Last year the losses were even heavier as they had to replace 3 starters and then their only returning starter, Tony Altieri, went down in the 6th game with a knee injury and was lost for the year. Boise ended up surprisingly allowing just 3.3 ypc rushing but the sack total did drop to 29. This year they lose their top 3 DE's in Mike Phillips (29 tkls, 7 tfl), Sky Dumont (35 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl) and Marcus Purkiss (31 tkls, 6 tfl). True frosh Daniel Zynn (PS#111) is good enough to play this year. There is a chance that Altieri may not make it back this year from injury but the team is hopeful he will make the comeback. I list the 3 deep below and there are some JUCO transfers and a couple of HT's in the mix. Despite the losses, this group is actually more experienced than it was last season.

LINEBACKERS - Boise changed their terminology on defense last year, going from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3. Last year the unit had to replace 4 players who combined for 24 starts, or essentially 2 starters. This year they once again lose 2 starters but are in better shape. Gone are SAM Greg Sasser (71 tkls, 10 tfl), and MLB LaGary Mitchell (57 tkls, 11 tfl). Not only do 4 of the top 6 from last year return but they add some talented rFr. They also bring in HT Travis Burgher (PS#70) over from safety where he had 60 tackles last year despite being limited in the final 7 games with a broken wrist and Chauncey Ako (PS#73JC) should be stronger in his 2nd year. Despite losing 2 starters, this looks like one of the WAC's better LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 Boise finished #27 in my pass D rankings but even though they had their top 2 players, SS Quentin Mikell (Big West co-Def POY in 2000) and CB Dempsy Dees (2 time 1st Tm Big West), returning they lost 5 of their top 8 players and dropped to #64. Last year the losses were even heavier as they had to replace 3 starters due to injury plus a couple of backups and they ended up with a soph and a frosh starting at CB. Despite the inexperience, Boise actually rose in the rankings to #41, allowing 251.5 ypg, 56.6% and an 18-9 ratio. While those type of numbers would rank lower in the NCAA's ratings, they faced one of the nation's toughest slates of opposing QB's in 2001 and my rankings take that into account. This year the unit is vastly more experienced and have some solid additions like Machtier Clay, who started 3 games at Arizona St in 2000, JUCO Terrial Hall who was PS#151 in 1999, and 3 rFr including Lee Marks (PS#174). The secondary is in much better shape than it was heading into last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - While Boise ranked a poor #97 in my special teams rankings in 1998, this unit has indeed been special the last three years, ranking #32, #23 and #28 in that span. Boise blocks a lot of punts with 8 in the last 3 years but only one of those came last season. They had to replace their punter and signed JUCO Keith Schuttler to handle the duties. Schuttler averaged 42 ypp (#4 in JUCO) in 2000 but only avg'd 37.0 here last year (32.4 net). He unfortunately tore his Achilles' in the spring and is very questionable for the fall. Nick Calaycay hit 16 of 17 FG's with a long of 46, leading the NCAA in FG percentage in 2000. He slumped last year, hitting just 5 of 10 FG's. Three of his kicks were blocked. They lose their top cover guy from last year in Greg Sasser who earned the team's Iron Man Award last year and excelled on this unit for 4 years. The return game is what makes this unit special and David Mikell averaged 28.4 per KR with Brock Forsey averaging 21.3. Mikell missed 2 games with injury and now returns. Tim Gilligan took over the PR duties (8.6) with Quintin Mikell averaging 8.8 on 36 PR's in 2000 and both are back. Naturally with practically everyone back this year and the fact Boise usually finishes at the top, they are a definite contender for a Top 20 finish.

POWER SWEEP

THE NATION'S #1 NEWSLETTER!!!

UNDERDOG PLAY OF THE WEEK

42-23 65% L/5Y

Including 9-4 69% last year

w/5 OUTRIGHT UPSET WINNERS!

Nevada +20 over BYU	7-52	loss
UAB +27 over Florida St	**7-29**	**WIN!**
N Carolina +17 over Florida St	**41-9**	**WIN!!**
LSU +9' over Tennessee	**18-26**	**WIN!**
LSU +13 over Florida	15-44	loss
Wash St +4 over Stanford	**45-39**	**WIN!!**
Stanford +8 over Oregon	**49-42**	**WIN!!**
S Carolina +8 over Tennessee	**10-17**	**WIN!**
Notre Dame +7' over Tennessee	18-28	loss
S Carolina +11' over Florida	17-52	loss
USC +5 over UCLA	**27-0**	**WIN!!**
Colorado +10 over Nebraska	**62-36**	**WIN!!**
Virginia Tech +13' over Miami	**24-26**	**WIN!**

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last season I pegged Boise St for 9th place in the WAC due to the facts that they lost their starting QB, head coach, and most of their assistants from the previous year and were taking a big step up in competition, moving from the Big West to the WAC. Last year's team also had just 3 starters back on the defensive side of the ball and they had benefitted from +10 turnovers the previous year. While the Turnovers=Turnaround formula was successful as Boise's record dropped from 10-2 to 8-4, their record clearly surprised me as they did far better than I expected. During the season they ended Fresno St's 17 game home winning streak and unbeaten season with a 35-30 upset on the road and narrowly lost to Louis Tech on the road in a game that would have given them the WAC Title. They also upset a strong Hawaii team on the Islands. They were very strong at home in conference play, winning by an average of 47-10! They accomplished all of this despite being -8 in turnovers. This year it is a far more veteran group and Head Coach Dan Hawkins now has a year of experience under his belt. Overall Boise returns 40 lettermen with the lowest amount of lettermen lost (11) in the WAC. With 7 starters back on offense, it will be more potent than last year's crew which averaged 34.2 ppg and last year's defense surprised me allowing just 23.3 ppg and should be equally tough this year with 7 starters back. Overall I rate them as having the 2nd best defense in the league and the key to the season is the fact that they face most of the big boys in the WAC at home as they get Hawaii, Fresno St and Louis Tech on the new and improved blue carpet. They are my favorite to win the WAC Title this season and top last year's 8 win total.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RYAN DINWIDDIE JR. 6-1 196 PS#104. 161 yds as rFr. 11 sts LY, 3043 yds (62.4%), 29-11 ratio, 256 rush. BJ Rhode (6-4 240 Sr) PS#177. 1 start in 2001, 247 yards.

TB BROCK FORSEY SR. 6-0 203 PS#296. 10 sts in 2000, 982 yds (4.7), 27 rec (13.1). 12 sts LY. **1st Tm WAC**. 1207 yds (4.9). 35 rec (10.5). David Mikell (5-10 204 Jr) 920 yds rush (5.4), 2Y.

FB MATT STROHFUS SR. 6-2 241 PS#251LB. 13 tkls on spec tms in 2000. 12 sts at FB LY, 19 yds. Greg Swenson (5-10 218 Jr), 53 yds, 2Y. **David Mikell** 4.46 spd, could play here.

WR LOU FANUCCHI SR. 5-11 190 4.52 spd. 12 sts, 43 rec (19.3). 1st Tm BW in 2000. 30 rec (20.9) LY. Billy Wingfield (5-10 178 Sr) PS#182. 23 rec (10.7) in '99, 27 rec (12.6) LY.

WR JAY SWILLIE SR. 6-3 214 29 rec (14.4) in '99. 37 rec (16.3). 2nd Tm BW in 2000. 48 rec (14.0) LY. Tim Gilligan (5-8 164 Jr) PS#229WR, 9 rec (8.1), 39 PR's (8.6) LY.

TE Rocky Atkinson Sr. 6-2 237 PS#450JC. 2 rec here, 10 gms in 2000. 3 rec (11.3) LY. Kevin Louwsma (6-4 247 Jr) PS#269DL. 6 rec, 18 gms, 2Y. Andy Weldon is PS#285JC.

C SCOTT HUFF SR. 6-2 286 PS#455OL. 6 sts as rFr until inj. 11 starts in 2000. 12 sts at C in 2001, 3 letters. Mike MacLeod (6-2 266 Jr) 1 letter, backup in 2000.

RG ROB VIAN SR. 6-5 307 3rd in OR as hvywt wrestler in HS. 1 st in '99. 12 sts, 561 snaps in 2000. 380 bench, 605 squat 12 sts LY. Michael Ansel (6-3 285 So) PS#435.

LG Matt Navest Sr. 6-4 285 2nd string in '99. Inj'd L/2Y. **Tyrone Tutogi** (6-1 276 Jr) started at CS Northridge. **Kellen Wright** (6-2 285 Fr) PS#193 LY, enrolled this year.

RT Russell Colburn So. 6-4 300 PS#435 in 2000. 2nd string as rFr and lettered. Jason Turner (6-4 274 Jr) **PS#240DL**. 2nd string in 2000, 7 games. 2nd string in 2001.

LT Darryn Colledge rFr. 6-5 270 PS#423 in 2001. Jess Hernandez (6-3 294 Jr) PS#236JC. Two time all-conf at JUCO, RS here LY. Kevin Worack (6-7 300 Fr) PS#239.

K NICK CALAYCAY SR. 5-7 171 PS#360RB. 16 of 21 FG's in '99, L/46 (3 of 7 40+). **Led NCAA** in FG % in 2000, 16 of 17, L/46 (5 of 6 40-49). Only 5 of 10 LY, L/45, 3 blk'd.

DE Ryan Nelson Sr. 6-1 237 70 tkls, 18 sks at JC in 2000. 17 tkls, 2 sks. 4 tfl, 2 pbu here LY. Maurice Sapp (6-1 235 So) 2 tkls. Brad Chase (6-3 233 Sr). Mike Williams (6-3 235 Fr) PS#180.

DT BOBBY HAMMER SR. 6-2 266 **PS#106**. 2 sts in '99, 1 in 2000. 12 sts LY, **485 bench**. 47 tkls, 3 sks. **Top DL Awd**. 7 tfl. Paul Allen (6-2 297 Jr) 20 tkls, 3 tfl LY. **Loa Emmsley** is **PS#204JC**.

DT TONY ALTIERI SR. 5-10 274 11 sts in 2000, 35 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. 5 sts LY until neck inj. 13 tkls, 1 tfl. Questionable for fall. Dane Oldham (6-2 270 Jr) PS#203. 26 tkls, 4 sks, 1 tfl LY.

DE Julius Roberts So. 6-5 235 **PS#315**. Def Scout Tm POY in 2000. 4.75 spd. 5 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. Fernando Yanez (6-2 265 Jr) PS#373JC. Tim Hefty (6-1 195 So) 4 tkls, 8 gms LY.

WLB ANDY AVALOS SO. 5-10 213 PS#363. 49 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 pbu as st'r as rFr. **Kris Foster** (5-11 225 Sr) 39 tkls, 1 sk. Howard Schwenke (6-0 228). Nick Stranberg (6-1 256 So) 1 tkl, 1 gm LY.

MLB Chauncey Ako Sr. 5-11 222 **PS#73JC**. 31 tkls here LY, 1 sk, 1 tfl. 1st Team All Conf at JUCO twice. Chris Barrios (6-0 212 rFr) PS#231LB. Jeff Parks (6-3 213 rFr) **PS#122**.

SLB Travis Burgher Jr. 6-1 214 **PS#70DB**. Def Scout POY in '99. 24 tkls as rFr. 60 tkls LY (#4) despite broken wrist! Kameron Merritt (6-2 232 Sr) PS#449JC, 19 tkls here LY.

CB GABRIEL FRANKLIN SO. 5-10 181 PS#380. Fastest CB here. 60 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu LY. Lee Marks (5-7 173 rFr) PS#174. Terrial Hall (5-11 167 Jr) PS#151 in '99. 3 int, 12 pbu at JC in 2000, RS LY.

CB JULIUS BROWN JR. 5-10 182 8 sts, 2 int. 4 pbu as rFr. 12 sts LY, 42 tkls, 1 int, 11 pbu. **Machtier Clay** (5-10 185 Jr) PS#246. **3 sts at Ariz St** in 2000, 15 tkls, 5 pbu. Trans LY.

SS QUINTIN MIKELL SR. 5-10 206 100 tkls, 7 tfl, 9 pbu as rFr. 127 tkls, 13 pbu, 8 tfl. BW Co-Def MVP. **1st Tm WAC LY**, 87 tkls, 10 pbu. 7 tfl. Deshan Cabaong (6-1 187 So) 7 tkls LY.

FS WES NURSE JR. 5-10 187 40 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu as rFr. Last 7 starts last year, #2 w/72 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Chris Carr (5-9 176 So) PS#261RB, 32 tkls as **true** at CB.

P KEITH SCHUTTLER SR. 5-11 195 PS#240JUCO, averaged 42.0 per punt at JUCO. 39 punts here last year, 37.0 avg, net of 32.4. ? for fall. Sean Steichen (6-0 190 rFr) PS#188QB.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL	Daniel Zynn 6-4 285	PS#111
RB	Derry Jackson 6-0 195	PS#131
QB	Legedu Naanee 6-2 212	PS#99
DL	Loa Emmsley 6-4 280	PS#204JC
DL	Mike Williams 6-3 235	PS#180
OL	Kevin Worack 6-7 300	PS#239
TE	Andy Weldon 6-3 240	PS#285JC
TE	Ryan Keating 6-4 300	PS#77
DL	Fernando Yanez 6-2 265	PS#373JC
WR	Jovan Hutchinson 6-0 175	PS#385
RB	Jon Helmandollar 5-11 215	PS#424
QB	Jared Zabransky 6-2 185	PS#420
RB	Quinton Jones 5-10 170	PS#692
RB	Brad Lau 6-1 240	PS#691

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	Idaho	A					
Sep. 7	at Arkansas	G					
Sep. 14	at Wyoming	G					
Sep. 21							
Sep. 28	Utah St	A					
Oct. 5	Hawaii (HC)	A					
Oct. 12	at Tulsa	A					
Oct. 19	Fresno St	A					
Oct. 26	at San Jose St	G					
Nov. 2	at UTEP	A					
Nov. 9	Rice	A					
Nov. 16	Louisiana Tech	A					
Nov. 23	at Nevada	A					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

BSU is 0-4 SU and ATS vs Washington St since 1997.
Broncos have a perfect 12-0 ATS mark in their L/12 conference HG's.
The visitor and the favorite are 3-1 ATS in the C Michigan series.

Boise St has outscored Idaho 156-51 in the last 3 meetings.
BSU is 5-0 ATS (4-1 SU) the last 5 years vs the Vandals.

The Broncos are 6-3-1 ATS in their last 10 grass games.
This is only the 3rd SEC opp for the Broncos, they are 0-2 SU, 1-0-1 ATS.

Could apply: BSU is 12-3 ATS off their last 15 SU losses.
None LY for Hawkins, but BSU has won & covered their L/2 prior to a bye.

Broncos are just 2-2 SU but 3-1 ATS after their last 4 bye weeks.
Pending the opener, BSU is 12-2 ATS at home over the last 3 years.

BSU is 22-6 ATS in their last 28 conference games.
They started their WAC era with a 6-2 ATS conference mark last year.

Boise came into 2002 with a 14-7 ATS mark off their last 21 SU wins.
Pending LW's outcome, the SU winner is 11-0 ATS when BSU plays a current WAC foe.

LY BSU ended the Bulldogs perfect season winning 35-30 as a 16 pt AD.
BSU is 7-2 SU, 6-0 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1997.

Could apply: BSU was 1-2 ATS LY and is 4-6 ATS L3Y as away chalk.
Only 4th trip to California since 1995, 1-2 SU and ATS their last 3 trips.

Despite going only 2-2 ATS LY, BSU is 12-2 ATS in November since 1997.
Pending 10/12 result, BSU is only 8-6 ATS away on artificial turf.

BSU is 6-1 SU and 4-2 ATS vs option oriented teams since 1997.
Their only SU loss in that span came last year vs these Owls.

Broncos are 0-3 SU in this series, they have split the last 2 meetings ATS.
I won a 4★ Late Phone Play on the Bulldogs in last year's matchup.

Boise leads the all-time SU series 16-12 but has dropped 3 of the last 5 SU.
Broncos are 6-0 SU and ATS in their road finale since 1996.

DAN HAWKINS (Career 8-4)

2nd Year at Boise St

Hawkins' records AT BOISE ST

8-4 Straight Up	4-1 Home Favorite
7-4-1 Vs The Spread	0-1 Home Dog
3-1 Off A S/U Loss	1-2 Away Favorite
6-2 Vs Conference	2-0-1 Away Dog
1-2-1 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (19,19,2)
Lost: 11 (5,6,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,831

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	2-10	4-7	6-5	9-3	9-2	8-4	45-35
ATS	0-0	2-7	7-3	4-4	7-3	7-2	7-4-1	34-23-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	3-0	4-1	11-4
Home Dog	0-0	0-4	2-0	1-1	3-0	0-0	0-1	6-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-2	1-2	4-6
Away Dog	0-0	2-2	4-2	2-2	2-1	1-0	2-0-1	13-7-1
Favorite	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	6-2	5-3	15-10
Dog	0-0	2-6	6-2	3-3	5-1	1-0	2-1-1	19-13-1
Grass	0-0	1-2	1-0	2-2	1-1	3-1	1-1-1	9-7-1
Artificial	0-0	1-5	6-3	2-2	6-2	4-1	6-3	25-16
vs Conf	0-0	1-3	4-0	3-2	5-1	4-1	6-2	23-9
vs Non-Conf	0-0	1-4	3-3	1-2	2-2	3-1	1-2-1	11-14-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-2	2-1	3-3	5-2	5-2	4-3	19-13
Off SU Loss	0-0	2-4	5-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	3-1	14-7

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brock Forsey	246	1281	74	1207	13	4.9
David Mikell	107	604	36	568	5	5.3
Donny Heck	32	132	9	123	1	3.8
Ryan Dinwiddie	71	256	159	97	3	1.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Dinwiddie	322	201	62.4	3043	29	11
BJ Rhode	42	19	45.2	227	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jay Swillie	48	673	14.0	8	54
Jeb Putzier	44	824	18.7	12	80
Brock Forsey	35	369	10.5	3	40
Lou Fanucchi	30	626	20.9	2	72
Billy Wingfield	27	340	12.6	2	48
Tim Gilligan	9	73	8.1	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Keith Schuttler	39	1443	37.0	–	32.4	1	7

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Calaycay	1-1	3-4	1-5	0-0	5-10	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quintin Mikell	87	2	5	10	2
Wes Nurse	72	0	1	2	1
Greg Sasser	71	2	8	3	0
Travis Burgher	60	0	2	2	1
LaGary Mitchell	57	2	9	1	0
Gabe Franklin	50	2	3	13	3
Andy Avalos	49	0	6	2	0
Bobby Hammer	47	3	7	1	0
Julius Brown	42	0	1	11	1
Kris Foster	39	1	6	4	1
Sky Dumont	35	3	4	1	0
Chris Carr	32	0	1	0	0
Marcus Purkiss	31	3	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tim Gilligan	39	334	8.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Mikell	25	709	28.4	1
Brock Forsey	17	362	21.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Humanitarian	+1'	Louisville	34-31	W
00	Humanitarian	-9	UTEP	38-23	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BOISE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	34.3	23	169	4.1	275	60.5	13.0	-8	2001	3	23.3	19	118	3.3	252	56.6	15.8
7*	44.3	23	175	4.5	316	60.4	11.1	+10	2000	5	22.8	19	137	3.6	226	50.6	15.9
5*	33.1	22	163	3.8	259	55.1	12.8	+11	1999	9	21.3	18	116	3.2	221	49.5	15.8
10*	29.9	23	176	4.2	246	51.9	14.1	-4	1998	10	31.8	20	126	3.4	270	50.0	12.4
7	25.9	19	154	3.6	212	50.5	14.1	-4	1997	5	32.5	22	154	4.3	285	56.5	13.5
4	20.0	17	120	3.3	212	50.7	16.6	-20	1996	3	23.0	24	223	4.8	233	60.4	19.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at S Carolina	13	26-91	3.5	18-32	162	2	20	41-172	4.2	18-26	220	0	0
Washington St	20	31-54	1.7	18-38	316	7	19	39-110	2.8	24-35	380	2	-2
UTEP	20	53-224	4.2	8-13	155	2	16	42-160	3.8	16-28	153	3	0
at Idaho	26	41-209	5.1	18-24	328	1	25	31-57	1.8	29-55	427	6	+1
at Rice	17	21-36	1.7	22-34	368	1	27	82-430	5.2	4-7	86	1	-3
Tulsa	32	43-165	3.8	27-37	405	2	9	18-34	1.9	22-35	186	3	-1
at Fresno St	22	38-108	2.8	20-32	297	5	26	37-109	2.9	30-50	345	3	0
Nevada	20	46-319	6.9	11-17	169	2	23	29-85	2.9	30-53	297	0	+1
at Louisiana Tech	28	39-155	4.0	30-49	351	2	22	26-52	2.0	30-47	464	2	-3
at Hawaii	25	49-187	3.8	18-32	211	2	23	20-80	4.0	23-46	258	4	-2
San Jose St	25	44-204	4.6	19-32	351	5	12	30-54	1.8	13-33	129	3	+1
C Michigan	26	64-277	4.3	13-27	191	2	9	31-74	2.4	10-25	73	2	0
TOTALS	274	495-2029	4.1	222-367	3304	33	231	426-1417	3.3	249-440	3018	29	-8
AVERAGES	22.8	41-169	4.1	19-31	275	2.8	19.3	36-118	3.3	21-37	252	2.4	-0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cal St-Northridge	-4'	23-63	L
at Wisconsin	+40	24-28	W
at C Michigan	+16	26-44	L
Weber St	+4	24-7	W
at Washington St	+39	0-58	L
New Mexico St	-3	52-10	W
at N Texas	+11	17-14	W
Louisiana Tech	+13	27-31	W
at Utah St	+22	20-24	W
Nevada	NL	42-56	–
at Idaho (OT)	+10	30-23	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cal St-Northridge	NL	26-13	–
Washington St	+11	21-33	L
Portland St	NL	42-24	–
at Utah	+17	31-28	W
at Louisiana Tech	+10'	28-63	L
N Texas	-7'	13-21	L
Weber St	NL	24-13	–
Utah St	-2'	30-16	W
at Nevada	+11	24-52	L
at New Mexico St	+4	55-51	W
Idaho (OT)	+2'	35-36	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCLA	+27	7-38	L
S Utah	NL	35-27	–
at Hawaii	-6'	19-34	L
New Mexico	+3	20-9	W
Utah	+16	26-20	W
E Washington	NL	41-7	–
at N Texas	-7	10-17	L
Nevada	+2	52-17	W
at Utah St	+3	33-27	W
Arkansas St	-9'	63-10	W
New Mexico St	-8	45-26	W
at Idaho	+2'	45-14	W

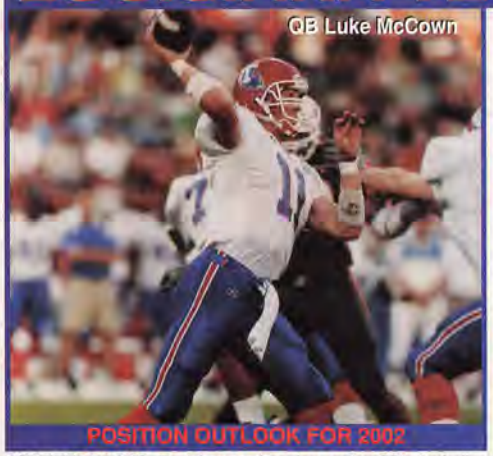
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	-1'	31-14	W
N Iowa	NL	42-17	–
at Arkansas	+13'	31-38	W
at C Michigan	-10'	47-10	W
at Washington St	-2'	35-42	L
E Washington	NL	41-23	–
N Texas	-27	59-0	W
at New Mexico St	-8	34-31	L
at Arkansas St	-14	42-14	W
Utah St	-16	66-38	W
Idaho	-14'	66-24	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+19	13-32	T
Washington St	+5	20-41	L
UTEP	-5'	42-17	W
at Idaho	-11'	45-13	W
at Rice	-4'	14-45	L
Tulsa	-12'	41-10	W
at Fresno St	+16	35-30	W
Nevada	-22	49-7	W
at Louisiana Tech	-1'	42-48	L
at Hawaii	+4	28-21	W
San Jose St	-15	56-6	W
C Michigan	-24	26-10	L

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Tech has produced some fine QB's, including Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. In 1997 they had to replace their all-time passing leader Jason Martin. Tim Rattay stepped in and left as the #2 player in NCAA history in career passing yards despite playing only three seasons. Brian Stallworth, who threw a game winning TD pass vs Alabama with :09 left in 1999, began 2000 as the starter but tore his ACL in the fourth week of the season. Maxie Causey (6-4 194 Jr) took over and got in one start, passing for 316 yards, but was pulled at halftime in the Tulsa game and true frosh Luke McCown took over. McCown set a lot of Div I frosh records including completions, attempts and TD passes in a game. He threw for 2,544 yards (66%) with a 21-15 ratio in 7 starts. Overall the QB position in 2000 had the 2nd most int's of any LT team in a season. McCown was stronger last year in his 2nd year as a starter. In his first 2 games he had just one TD pass due to the fact that his receiving corps was banged up but after that would throw for 3,190 yards (58%) with a 28-14 ratio while also rushing for 336 yards. His 139 net yards rushing was the most for a QB here since 1979. "Cool Hand Luke" has good size and arm strength and threw for 464 yards vs Boise. Stallworth left the team prior to 2001 and Causey was the backup (as he will be again this year) and led the team on its game winning drive against Nevada after McCown suffered an ankle injury. Matt Kubik (6-3 205 rFr, PS#92) and Patrick McMahon (6-1 216 rFr, PS#111) add depth. As long as McCown stays healthy, he is one of the best.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Tech's leading RB was John Simon. He was more of a receiving back as he had 565 yards rushing (5.2) but 711 yds receiving (9.9). In fact he led all RB's in the NCAA in rec's with 72 and also had 419 yards in returns. Simon was used mostly as a WR last year, leading the team with 78 (10.8). He departs after setting an NCAA record with a reception in every one of his 47 games here. A big key to the Tech offense was the emergence of powerful Joe Smith down the stretch. Smith, a JUCO transfer in 2000 that redshirted that year, rushed for 931 (5.0) and had four 100 yard games including his 190 yards vs Tulsa. Smith should have a solid year and Bicknell described him as "a big sucker with a burst of speed." He led the team in rushing despite being suspended for the opener vs SMU. Arthur Jefferson (5-7 188 Sr) was the quickest of the backs but he was banged up and rushed for just 24 yards (3.0). This year they bring in a top-notch JUCO in Ralph Davis (6-1 220 Jr) who had 1,334 yards at JUCO last year. He had a super spring, but he may redshirt like Smith did so he will have 2 years of eligibility left when Smith is gone. Also in the mix is Allyn Sloan (5-9 201 rFr, PS#333) and true frosh Ryan Moats (5-9 195). With Smith back and the addition of Davis this group looks even stronger in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year Tech had to replace four of their top five WR's in terms of receptions. They did bring in super recruit Freddie King (PS#42) who was scheduled to contend for playing time as a true frosh but got injured early and redshirted. They also brought in JUCO Ahmad Harris (PS#227JC) who finished #4 on the team in rec's with 28 (10.3). In the first two games of the season their top 2 WR's, DJ Curry (injured) and Allen Stark (suspended), were both out. Curry, who McCown said, "has unbelievable hands and is a great athlete" finished 3rd with 55 rec's (14.1). Stark had 27 rec's (15.4). Their leading receiver after 9 games was Delwyn Daigre (70 rec, 13.5 ypc) but he was injured and finished second to RB/WR Simon. TE Major Richmond had just 9 rec's. This year they must replace Daigre, Stark, Simon and Frank Thompson (1 rec). I list the 2 deep below including the TE's who both return. Overall they lose 3 of their top 5 receivers. Not listed below are Danny Wilson (5-10 204 So) who moves over from RB, Alton Bryant (6-1 192 rFr), Shawn Piper (6-1 179 Jr), Julius Cosby (6-1 201 So, PS#290) and this year's true frosh signees. I list the 2 deep below and this unit is just as experienced as it was last year and I think that King should become a star.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Dogs lost 4 starters to graduation and another to injury in 2000 but only allowed 27 sacks while paving the way for 3.7 ypc rushing. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup and had 5 players returning with starting experience. They averaged 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 30 sacks despite throwing 540 passes. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are RG Thomas Coury (9 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Randy Richard (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), LT Logan Hulett (8 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backup C Kiso Aab (7 games). They actually have 18 scholarship players battling for 5 spots on the OL. There are a large amount of JUCO's and some talented returnees including 3 who started 7 or more games last year. Tywoin Breaux (PS#53JC) got injured and took a medical redshirt in 2001 and will probably find a spot on the line this year. They are so deep I couldn't list everyone. Not listed are Lester Brown (6-4 320 Jr, PS#400JC), Jamie Spigener (6-4 253 rFr), Phillip Recio (6-2 300 rFr), Ricky Maricle (6-6 282 rFr) and Nathan Gills (6-4 297 Jr). I like the depth and talent level and despite being less experienced than last year's group, they should come close to matching their production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 they had to replace their top 7 DL's and not a single returnee had starting experience. As expected the defense struggled, allowing 5.0 ypc rushing while netting just 15 sacks. The unit was also on the light side, averaging anywhere from 239 to 249 lb per man, depending on the starting lineup. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 5 starts but had everyone else returning from the 2 deep on their 3 man front. The team recorded 24 sacks while allowing 4.5 ypc. This year they switch to a 4-3 and starting WLB Carlin Thomas moves to a DE slot. They must replace DE Clint Ellsworth (12 sts, 50 tkls, 3.5 tfl), NT Jamie Nichols (7 sts, 70 tkls, 16 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC) and backup DT Moses Love (29 tkls, 3 sks). Nichols is a huge loss as he was very productive and his 306 lbs clogged the middle. Four players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below and they bring in some JUCO's as well. This year's group is a little less experienced but could come close to matching last year's production.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tech had to replace 2 full-time starters and 2 backups but had 3 starters back with starting experience in the 4 man unit. All 3 starting LB's (Gerome Wallace, Antonio Crow and Carlin Thomas) were injured against Auburn, forcing 3 backups to start vs the Rice wishbone. The starters would combine to start just 4 games the rest of the year, giving Chris Marshall, John Nash (6-0 246 So) and Jonte Price plenty of experience. This year they are in much better shape as basically everyone returns. The only losses are Montoya Gipson (1 st, 29 tkls, 2.5 tfl) and Andrius Vitto (14 tkls). The WLB position has basically been moved to DE so of the 3 positions left, six players return with starting experience plus they get the huge addition of Adam McConathy (PS#19) who originally played at Texas. This will be the best LB corps LT has seen in years and is one of the WAC's best.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech's highest recent finish in my pass D rankings has been #33 back in 1997. In 2000 they finished #77. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 9 starts but had 4 players back with starting experience. They finished #50, allowing 55.6% with a 19-19 ratio. The 2 stars of the group both depart and they were ROV Bobby Gray (#5DC of CHI, 12 sts, 1st Tm WAC, #1 tkl'r, 6 tfl) and CB Jason Olford (11 sts, 55 tkls, 5 int's, 16 pbu). Also gone is FS Quincy Davis (5 sts, 56 tkls, 3 int's, 6 pbu). They do have 4 players back with starting experience plus get the large addition of Jeremy Hamilton, a rare VHT. There is a decent amount of talent here but with the loss of the 2 most productive players, I'll call this unit down a notch or two.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 LT had to replace both their K and P and dropped all the way down to #109 in my special teams rankings and P Dustin Upton had a net of only 27.4. Upton, who has a strong leg, went to a kicking camp and learned a lot last summer and he improved his average to 40.9 (32.2 net). Upton finished #2 in the WAC in punting. FG accuracy is not included in the rankings or LT would have ranked higher in both years. K Josh Scobee had a solid freshman year, hitting 10 of 17 with a long of 51 and 3 of his misses were from 50+. Last year he improved to hit 19 of 23. He also had 2 game winning FG's. Overall LT finished just #113. PR John Simon (8.8) departs while KR Erick Franklin (24.5) is back. LT has gone 524 KR's without a TD dating back to '89 and would like to break that streak this year. The team allowed 14.7 per PR and 23.8 per KR, both very poor numbers, and also allowed 3 blocked punts while blocking one. They did also block a game winning FG attempt by Rice and have 7 blocked kicks in Bicknell's tenure. Last year I expected this group to improve significantly in the rankings which did not happen but they will likely move up this season as Upton continues to improve.

PHIL'S FORECAST

LT was one of my patented Turnovers=Turnaround teams last year as they were -17 in turnovers in 2000 and finished just 3-9 but last year finished +4 in turnovers and not only achieved a winning record at 7-5 but won the WAC championship. They did have some narrow escapes as SMU had a 286-245 yard edge vs them and LT used 2 defensive TD's for the victory, they hit a FG with :05 left to beat Nevada, blocked Rice's a 42 yard FG attempt on the last play (sending it to OT) and Boise St was intercepted at their 21 late in the game when trailing by just 6. Tech only outscored foes overall by 16 points on the year but in WAC play, outscored league foes by an average of 11 ppg. Head Coach Jack Bicknell III was voted WAC Coach of the Year and last year's offense under new OC Conroy Hines recorded 40 points in 7 straight games for the first time in school history. This year they return 6 starters back on that side of the ball including QB McCown and RB Smith and I rate them as having the most potent offense in the league this season. Defensively they have 7 starters back so they should yield less than the 32.5 ppg allowed last season. They do have 7 road games this season including road trips to Clemson, Penn St and Texas A&M so the non-conf slate is rough. Overall they have 42 lettermen back and they are a definite threat to repeat their WAC Title.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB LUKE McCOWN JR. 6-4 199 **PS#36.** Set 4 NCAA frosh record in 7 sts as true. 2544 yds (66%), 21-15 ratio. 12 sts LY 3665 yds (58%) 29-17 ratio, 356 yds rush, 2nd Tm WAC.

RB JOE SMITH SR. 6-1 218 PS#301. 1100 yds at JC in '99. RS in 2000. 9 sts LY, 931 yds (5.0), 8 rec (12.3), **2nd Tm WAC**. Ralph Davis (6-1 220 Jr) PS#93JC. 1334 yds at JC LY.

WR Freddie King rFr. 5-7 156 **PS#42.** 1 st as true, 3 rec but inj RS. Corey Berlin (5-11 174 Sr) PS#210. 2 sts LY, 13 rec (11.7). Danny Wilson (5-10 204 So) 4.5 speed.

WR D.J. CURRY JR. 5-10 167 9 rec (9.7) as rFr. 10 sts LY, 55 rec (14.1). Erick Franklin (5-11 191 Jr) **PS#103DB**. PQ out of HS. 3 sts, 13 rec (10.8), 24 KR (24.5).

WR Ahmad Harris Sr. 6-0 176 PS#227JC & orig at LSU. 57 rec (17.6) at JUCO in 2000. 11 sts here LY, 28 rec (10.3). Tramissian Davis (6-0 170 So) PS#254. RS LY.

TE MAJOR RICHMOND SR. 6-3 215 PS#170. 4 rec in '99-00. 12 sts LY. 9 rec (14.8). Aaron Capps (6-6 245 So) PS#99, 4 rec LY. Steve Brown (6-3 229 Jr) PS#322JC, in for spg.

C SHAWN MURFF SR. 6-4 294 PS#455. 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts in 2000. 12 sts at C LY, +12 lbs. Adam Bass (6-2 302 Jr) PS#210DL. Jeremy Batiste (6-3 310 Jr) PS#425JC.

RG Adrian Gonzalez So. 6-5 310 PS#339. 2nd string LY. 5 games. Ira Horyna (6-4 300 Jr) PS#325JUCO, in for spring. Jordan Lang (6-5 309 Jr) PS#289JC, in for spring.

LG Aaron Lips rFr. 6-5 272 PS#105. Marcus Stewart (6-3 281 rFr) PS#401. 2nd string LY but RS. Darius Livingston (6-4 280 Jr) PS#163JC. Clint Walker (6-3 309 Jr).

RT DAMIAN LAVERGNE SR. 6-6 328 9 gms as 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts in 2000. 12 sts at RT in 2001. **1st Tm WAC**. Clarence Casey (6-3 300 Jr). 2nd string LY and 4 gms, +11 lbs.

LT Michael Gilmore Jr. 6-5 311 2nd string as rFr and lettered. 3 sts at RG and L/4 sts at LT in 2001. **Tywoin Breaux** (6-5 300 Sr) PS#53JC. Lettered in 2000, med RS LY.

K JOSH SCOBEE JR. 6-1 184 PS#78. 10 of 17 FG's, long of 51 as true. Hit 19 of 23, long of 48, 1 miss from 50+ LY, **2nd Tm WAC**. 1 of 20 Groza semifinalists.

DEFENSE

DE CARLIN THOMAS SR. 6-3 238 21 tkls, 7.5 tfl in '98 and '99. 12 sts in 2000, 59 tkls, 7 tfl. 8 sts at WLB, 22 tkls, 4 tfl. Travon Brown (6-2 242 So) 23 tkls, 1 sk. Wendell Crowe (6-3 230 rFr).

DT Quincy Myles Sr. 6-3 307 12 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 1st 5 sts LY, 50 tkls, 6.5 tfl. Chris Van Hoy (6-4 273 So) PS#360DL. 1 st as rFr, 35 tkls, 2 sks. Lacorey Street PS#475JC.

DT Spencer Young Sr. 6-3 265 PS#468JC. 24 tkls, 1 tfl here LY. Jemelle Cage (6-1 280 Jr) PS#375, 5 tkls. Devian Mims (6-1 310 Jr) **PS#301JC**. Ladarius Love is PS#115OL.

DE BRANDON AVANCE SR. 6-4 253 PS#328LB. 22 tkls as rFr. 37 tkls, 3 sks in 2000. 12 sts at DT LY, 48 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. Booker Washington (6-3 257 Sr) PS#415, 23 tkls, 0.5 sks LY.

BLB CHRIS MARSHALL SR. 6-0 233 PS#375JC. 5 sts LY, 74 tkls, 7 tfl. **Antonio Crow** (6-0 236 Jr) PS#235QB. 20 tkls in 2000. 7 sts, 67 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Myron Hawthorne (6-3 234 Jr) PS#380.

MLB ADAM MCCONATHY SR. 6-4 247 **PS#19 & orig at Texas, LSU. Gerome Wallace** (6-2 243 Sr) 8 sts, 70 tkls, 5.5 tfl in 2000. 7 sts, 58 tkls, 5 tfl LY. John Nash 600 lb squat. 5 sts, 45 tkls, 4 tfl.

WLB CURTIS RANDALL SR. 6-3 225 PS#147LB. 12 sts at DE in 2000. 47 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm WAC**, 49 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl. Jonte Price (5-11 230 Jr) 2 sts, 26 tkls, 2 tfl.

CB Corey Brazil Jr. 5-8 189 PS#219DB. PQ in 2000. 41 tkls, 7 pbu, 1 st in 2001. Kevin Brown (5-10 180 Jr) 7 games, 9 tkls in 2001. Damien Newton (6-0 176 Jr).

CB WILLIE SHEPPARD SR. 5-10 198 2 sts, 40 tkls, 7 pbu in 1999. 40 tkls, 7 pbu in 2000. 12 sts LY, 61 tkls, 2 int, 15 pbu, 2 tfl. Jerron Wishom (5-11 185 So) PS#450RB, knee inj LY.

SS MICHAEL JOHN LENARD SR. 6-0 205 PS#106. 10 sts, 70 tkls in '99. 12 sts, 79 tkls, 5 pbu in 2000. 7 sts, #2 w/74 tkls. 3 int. Lee Johnson (6-2 192 So) 28 tkls. Orlandus Williams is PS#429JC.

FS Jeremy Hamilton rFr. 5-11 205 **PS#24LB!** 1 tkl LY but med RS. **Michael Johnson** (5-8 183 Jr) **PS#164RB**. 1 sts, 31 tkls, 2 pbu LY. Thadrick Love (6-0 190 Jr) PS#332LB.

P DUSTIN UPTON JR. 5-11 210 47 punts, 35.9 in 2000 net of 27.4. P camp last summer. 63 punts in 2001. 40.9 average (#2 WAC), 32.2 net. Tommy Hebert (5-10 171 So) PS#77.

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LB	Ike Ihekweazu 6-2 230 PS#166	
WR	Eric Newman 6-0 185 PS#195	
OL	Jordan Lang 6-5 309 PS#289JC	
DT	Devian Mims 6-1 310 PS#301JC	
RB	Lewis Carter 6-1 180 PS#222	
TE	Steve Brown 6-3 229 PS#322JC	
DL	Ira Horyna 6-4 300 PS#325JC	
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LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score LT	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Aug. 31	Oklahoma St (Shreveport)	G						
Sep. 7	at Clemson	G						
Sep. 14	Tulsa	G						
Sep. 21	at Penn St	G						
Sep. 28	at Texas A&M	G						
Oct. 5	at Rice	A						
Oct. 12								
Oct. 19	at SMU	G						
Oct. 26	Nevada (HC)	G						
Nov. 2	Fresno St (Shreveport)	G						
Nov. 9	at San Jose St	G						
Nov. 16	at Boise St	A						
Nov. 23	UTEP	G						
Nov. 30								

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

LA Tech is 6-51-2 SU all-time vs current SEC foes.
Bulldogs are 0-9-1 SU vs Auburn.
LT football was established in 1901 and they have a 508-357-37 SU mark.

Louisiana Tech is 6-1 ATS as a home dog since 1995.
LT is 0-9 SU and 4-5 ATS vs current Big 12 schools since 1994.

LA Tech lost to Clemson LY 49-24 in the Humanitarian Bowl as a 6' pt dog.
Bulldogs are 2-5 SU but 6-1 ATS in their last 7 road openers.

LT leads the all-time SU series 5-1 & the HT is 3-0 ATS the L/3 meetings.
LA Tech is 10-3 SU and 9-2 ATS in sandwiched home games.

LT's last trip to this Valley was hardly Happy as they lost 67-7 as a 15 pt dog.
That game vs PSU was the 1st game ever vs a Big 10 team for LT.

Bulldogs are 6-12 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.
LT is 0-7 SU & 1-2 ATS vs the Aggies, being outscored by an avg of 42-13.

Louisiana Tech is 3-7 ATS their last 10 on artificial turf.
Last year's 41-38 OT win was the 1st time LT played Rice since 1965.

Louisiana Tech is 2-4 SU and 1-5 ATS after a bye since 1997.
Tech is 2-3-1 SU and 1-5 ATS in the final game of a 3 or more gm road trip.

Pending 9/14: Bulldogs are 9-3 ATS their last 12 as a home favorite.
These teams have met only twice but have avg'd a combined 90.5 ppg in those gms.

Pending the opener: Tech is 40-20-3 SU all-time at Independence Stadium.
FSU owns a 3-0 SU lead in the all-time series, 1-1 ATS.

Louisiana Tech is 2-6 ATS in their last 8 November road games.
Bulldogs are 1-2 SU & ATS in this series, but won LY 41-20 as a 7 pt HF.

LT is 1-6 ATS in their last 7 road finales.
LA Tech is 4-0 SU but the home team is 3-0 ATS in the last 3 meetings.

Louisiana Tech is 4-1-1 SU and 2-0 ATS vs the Miners.
Bulldogs are 6-1 SU and 5-0 ATS in their last 7 home finales.

JACK BICKNELL III (Career 18-17)

4th Year at Louisiana Tech

Bicknell's records AT LOUISIANA TECH

18-17	Straight Up	4-2	Home Favorite
17-14	Vs The Spread	2-1	Home Dog
5-7	Off A S/U Loss	4-6	Away Favorite
9-7	Vs Conference	7-5	Away Dog
		8-7	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (17,23,2)
Lost: 18 (9,9,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,433

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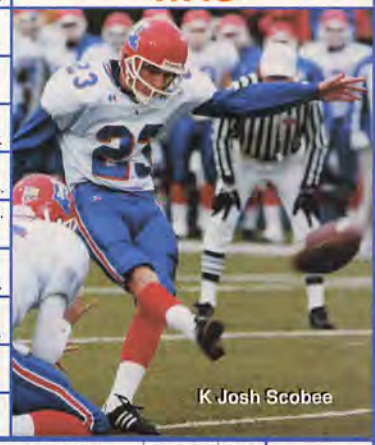
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STADIUM: JOE AILLET (30,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-5	9-2	6-6	8-3	3-9	7-4	44-35
ATS	5-4	5-4	6-5	7-4	6-4	4-6	7-4	40-31
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	10-6
Home Dog	1-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-1
Away Fav	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	3-1	0-3	1-2	9-10
Away Dog	2-3	2-2	2-1	2-3	2-1	2-3	3-1	15-14
Favorite	2-1	1-2	3-4	5-1	4-2	1-3	3-3	19-16
Dog	3-3	4-2	3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	4-1	21-15
Grass	4-3	3-3	6-4	6-3	5-4	4-2	4-1	32-20
Artificial	1-1	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-4	3-3	8-11
vs Conf	1-0	0-2	2-2	4-1	2-2	2-2	5-3	16-12
vs Non-Conf	4-4	5-2	4-3	3-3	4-2	2-4	2-1	24-19
Off SU Win	2-2	3-2	4-4	3-3	5-3	1-2	4-2	22-18
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	2-0	3-1	0-1	3-4	2-2	14-12

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Smith	**186**	**972**	**41**	**931**	**8**	**5.0**
Luke McCown	**98**	**356**	**217**	**139**	**5**	**1.4**
John Simon	29	151	17	134	2	4.6
D.J. Curry	**8**	**41**	**3**	**38**	**0**	**4.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Luke McCown	**521**	**302**	**58.0**	**3665**	**29**	**17**
Maxie Causey	**16**	**8**	**50.0**	**124**	**0**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
John Simon	78	839	10.8	4	65
Delwyn Daigre	70	948	13.5	7	39
D.J. Curry	**55**	**776**	**14.1**	**8**	**68**
Ahmad Harris	**28**	**289**	**10.3**	**4**	**36**
Allen Stark	27	416	15.4	3	56
Corey Berlin	**13**	**152**	**11.7**	**1**	**26**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Dustin Upton	**63**	**2578**	**40.9**	**–**	**32.2**	**2**	**11**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Scobee	**9-9**	**6-7**	**4-6**	**0-1**	**19-23**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bobby Gray	106	0	6	5	2
Michael Lenard	**74**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**3**
Chris Marshall	**74**	**0**	**7**	**1**	**1**
Jamie Nichols	70	4	12	2	0
Antonio Crow	**67**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Willie Sheppard	**61**	**0**	**2**	**16**	**2**
Gerome Wallace	**58**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Quincy Davis	56	0	0	6	3
Jason Olford	55	0	3	16	5
Quincy Myles	**50**	**1.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Clint Ellsworth	50	0.5	3	1	0
Curtis Randall	**49**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Brandon Avance	**48**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Josh Nash	**45**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Simon	19	162	8.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Erick Franklin	**24**	**587**	**24.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
74	Pioneer (Div II)	NL	C Michigan	14-35	–
77	Independence	NL	Louisville	24-14	–
78	Independence	NL	E Carolina	13-35	–
90	Independence	+1'	Maryland	34-34	W
01	Humanitarian	+6'	Clemson	24-49	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LOUISIANA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	33.8	23	105	3.5	320	57.8	12.6	+4	2001	8	32.5	25	212	4.5	241	55.6	13.9
5	26.4	24	103	3.7	310	65.4	15.6	-17	2000	5	33.0	22	211	5.0	198	56.6	12.4
9*	35.4	25	68	2.9	403	65.7	13.3	+6	1999	9	27.8	23	165	4.1	210	56.1	13.5
6*	41.1	26	110	4.5	432	66.9	13.2	+2	1998	7	33.5	23	173	4.2	232	56.5	12.1
7	33.1	24	136	4.7	360	60.6	15.0	+5	1997	8	25.5	24	154	3.8	240	51.0	15.4
7*	31.9	22	107	3.8	343	58.6	14.1	0	1996	4	31.1	23	203	4.6	209	54.7	13.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
SMU	15	24-56	2.3	22-35	189	2	23	32-72	2.3	25-54	216	1	+2
at Oklahoma St	20	26-13	0.5	29-54	286	3	18	48-165	3.4	11-22	137	1	0
at Fresno St	22	23-69	3.0	32-60	368	3	28	43-247	5.7	26-42	319	3	-3
San Jose St	30	30-168	5.6	31-42	407	1	19	42-206	4.9	12-27	192	1	+2
at Nevada	34	32-105	3.3	30-49	456	2	26	52-321	6.2	19-27	196	4	0
at Auburn	25	25-152	6.1	27-52	381	1	29	40-173	4.3	28-48	381	0	-2
Rice	23	37-104	2.8	30-45	384	4	28	57-199	3.5	17-32	273	4	-2
Boise St	22	26-52	2.0	30-47	464	2	28	39-155	4.0	30-49	351	2	+3
at UTEP	24	43-223	5.2	20-31	227	1	22	39-198	5.1	18-30	229	2	+3
at Kansas St	9	20-31	1.6	16-38	144	2	30	66-338	5.1	16-24	205	3	+2
at Tulsa	22	43-233	5.4	16-28	137	3	18	45-191	4.2	12-30	116	1	+1
†Clemson	25	26-49	1.9	29-59	401	6	28	55-273	5.0	16-29	275	2	-2
TOTALS	271	355-1255	3.5	312-540	3844	30	297	558-2538	4.5	230-414	2890	24	+4
AVERAGES	22.6	30-105	3.5	26-45	320	2.5	24.8	47-212	4.5	19-35	241	2.0	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-8	30-23	L
NE Louisiana	-9'	17-16	L
C Michigan	-5	56-28	W
at Arkansas	+11	13-17	W
California	+9	41-34	W
at Auburn	+24	13-49	L
Arkansas St	-24	42-14	W
at Boise St	-13	31-27	L
at Alabama	+19	26-20	W
at UAB	-8'	32-29	L
at SW Louisiana	-22	63-24	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+35	27-56	W
UCF	-3'	30-64	L
at Texas A&M	+22'	7-28	W
SW Louisiana	-20	77-14	W
at Wyoming	+7'	19-31	L
Boise St	-10'	63-28	W
at NE Louisiana	-13'	44-14	W
UAB	-17'	54-23	W
at Auburn	+6'	17-32	L
Nicholls St	NL	56-28	–
at Arkansas St	-18	69-21	W
at Tulane	+12	30-63	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida St	+36	7-41	W
Texas A&M	+14'	17-37	L
Sam Houston St	NL	55-17	–
at Alabama	+13'	29-28	W
at SW Louisiana	-15	41-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-30	42-18	L
at UCF	-5'	46-35	W
at Toledo	-6	34-17	W
NE Louisiana	-26	58-17	W
at UAB	-8	41-20	W
at USC	+1	19-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miss Valley St	NL	63-10	–
at Kansas St	+27'	10-54	L
at Penn St	+15	7-67	L
Stephen F Austin (OT)	NL	31-34	–
at Tulsa	+6'	10-22	L
at Mid Tenn St	-2	21-49	L
Louisiana-Lft	-6	48-14	W
at Auburn	+32	28-38	W
at Miami (Fla)	+40'	31-42	W
UCF	+6'	16-20	W
at UL Monroe	-23'	42-19	L
at Hawaii	-1	10-27	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-5	36-6	W
at Oklahoma St	+10	23-30	W
at Fresno St	+22	28-38	W
San Jose St	-7	41-20	W
at Nevada	-9	45-42	L
at Auburn (OT)	+12'	41-48	W
Rice (OT)	-3'	41-38	L
Boise St	+1'	48-42	W
at UTEP	-14	53-30	W
at Kansas St	+21	7-40	L
at Tulsa	-20	19-7	L

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Fresno has produced some fine QB's through the years including Trent Dilfer and Billy Volek. David Carr was so impressive running the scout team in '99 that their DC said that he was the best QB the defense faced the entire year. Carr red-shirted during Volek's senior season and in his first year as a starter threw for 2,729 yards (61.9%) with a 23-12 ratio. In his second year as a starter he outdid Trent Dilfer's single season record for passing yards with 4,839, winning both the Johnny Unitas and Sammy Baugh Awards and placing 5th in the Heisman Trophy balloting. Carr, who benches 390 lbs and has 4.67 speed, was the top overall pick in the NFL Draft. He was 2nd in the NCAA in pass efficiency last year and will be missed. Last season Jeff Grady (6-2 210 Jr) was the 2nd string QB all year but managed to keep his redshirt. He has hit 11 of 22 passes in his career for 182 yards and has impressive arm strength. Coach Hill said, "The only question mark we have on offense is at RB as I believe in what Jeff Grady brings to the table." Nathan Ray (6-1 190 So) was PS#194QB and was the Scout Team MVP in 2000. He saw action in 10 games last year, hitting 3 of 5 passes, but moves to FS. Paul Pinegar (6-5 220 rFr) has great size and was PS#156. This year they signed Jordan Christensen (PS#104) who Hill calls his franchise QB of the future. Going from an experienced veteran with premium NFL talent to a lightly experienced, lesser talented QB means this unit should have a significant drop off in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Hill usually does a good job here as they had a 1,000 yard rusher in 1997 and 1998 despite not having blue chip talent available and in other years he has used a RB by committee approach that has worked well. In 1999 Derrick Ward and Paris Gaines combined for 1,568 yards rushing with Ward earning 875 (6.0) of them. In 2000 Ward rushed for 216 yards (4.3) but then was injured and lost for the season. Gaines rushed for 375 yards (3.9) and Josh Levi led the team in rushing with 397 yards (4.3). Gaines was coming off a torn ACL and was nowhere near 100% in 2000 but did recapture his 1999 form last year when he showed breakaway speed. He led the team with 1,044 yards (4.7) despite being banged up down the stretch including the bowl where he had just 26 yards rushing. Ward is a power back with speed who sat out last year but should be allowed to return and could be the feature back. An intriguing athlete is Therrian Fontenot who was also recruited by USC and UCLA but was a PQ in 2000. He has 4.38 speed and rushed for 266 yards (4.4), mostly on sweeps last year. James Cummings (5-10 210 rFr) and Malcolm Tears (5-9 185 rFr) add depth. JUCO Rodney Davis had 688 yards (7.6) at JC last year and true frosh Robbie Dubois (PS#118) had 2738 yards and 34 TD's as a Sr in HS. Gaines rushed for 203 yards against Louis Tech and will be missed along with Levi (460 yds, 5.1). I like the talent available here and Fontenot got his 1st spring under his belt this year so he should have a bigger impact.

WR Bernard Berrian

RECEIVERS - The Bulldogs suffered through an injury plagued 2000 in this area and had basically everyone returning last year. Rodney Wright was 1st Team WAC in 1999 with 74 rec's (14.4) but had just 6 starts in 2000. There have been some great WR's here over the years like Henry Ellard, Brian Roberson and Charlie Jones but Wright set a school record last year with 104 rec's in just 10 starts. He capped the year with an amazing 299 yard game setting an all-time bowl record for any WR. Unfortunately he departs this year (#7DC of BUF). WR Charles Smith missed last spring due to an injury and also the first 3 games of the season and got in just six starts with 35 rec's (15.3) and also departs along with WR David Shabaglian (2 sts, 10 rec, 8.5). I list the 2 deep below and basically everyone else returns including Bernard Berrian who also topped 1,000 yards receiving last year and set a WAC record for all-purpose yards in a season. TE Jeremy Johnson started the first 3 games last year before breaking his wrist. His replacement, Alec Greco, had 24 rec's and both are back although Johnson was moved to WR. Not listed below is Lenny McCormick (6-0 170 So) who was PS#254 and TE Mark Wood (6-4 250 So). I like the talent of this year's group but with the loss of someone like Rodney Wright, I'll call it down a few notches this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 FSU had to replace 3 starters and due to injuries and were forced to have 9 different starting combinations. They went from averaging 4.5 ypc in 1999 down to 3.6 in 2000 while allowing 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace their top OL (2nd Team WAC) and 2 players who started 7 and 8 games, respectively. They brought in a top-notch JUCO and ended up with their biggest OL ever averaging 6-5 310 lbs across and the group had 4 players coming back who had started 7 or more games in 2000. They opened up holes for a solid 4.1 ypc rushing and protected David Carr well, allowing only 31 sacks (542 passes). This year's line looks to be in even better shape as the only loss is C Mike Stovall (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm WAC). Once again 5 players return with starting experience and this year JUCO Victor Taifane, who has caught the eyes of some NFL scouts, should be a much bigger factor. They also bring in a top-notch JUCO in James Martin (PS#135). I like the 2 deep below and there are 4 HT's and 3 senior starters. Overall this unit is more experienced than they have been in recent years and looks to be one of the WAC's best offensive fronts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - FSU has allowed under 4.0 ypc rushing in each of the last 4 years. After allowing 3.6 ypc in 2000 they had to replace only 1 starter last year who was 2nd Team WAC. They did return their top DL, Alan Harper, and six players with starting experience overall. Harper lived up to his advanced billing by simply being named the WAC Defensive POY. The unit was hit hard by injuries during the season with DE Brian Morris, NG Jason Stewart and DE Jake Probst all missing 3 games apiece. This year the losses are a bit heavier as they have to replace DT Harper (#4DC of NYJ, 14 sts, 58 tkls, **12 sks, 21 tfl**), Probst (8 sts, 15 tkls, 1 tfl), DT Justin Woltz (5 tkls, 1 tfl) and DT Grant Harrington (5 sts, 26 tkls, 5 tfl). Because of last year's injuries four players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. FSU had their best rush defense under Hill, allowing just 3.2 ypc while the stop unit registered 49 sacks, led by Harper. This year's D-line looks to be in pretty decent shape but is not as experienced as last year and will miss a player of Harper's caliber.

LINEBACKERS - In 2001 FSU had to replace OLB Orlando Huff (team MVP). They also had to replace starter Tim Skipper (2nd Tm WAC) and one backup. They did get back a 1999 starter, Justin Johnson, (missed 2000) and he started the first 7 of 2001 but had just 27 tackles and 4 tfl and lost his job. Johnson is gone as is OLB Maurice Rodriguez (#7DC of KC, 14 sts, #1 tkl'r, 4 tfl) but 4 of the top 6 are back including 2 who started the final 7 games. They also add in a solid class of true frosh this year including a near VHT in Ricky Miller (PS#59) and I list the 2 deep below. This unit actually has more experience than it did heading into last season and despite the loss of its #1 tackler, I will call it stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulldogs lowest finish in my pass D rankings since 1997 had been #53. In 2000 they finished #37 despite having just 2 starters back. Last year they had to replace a 2nd Team WAC CB and 3 others who combined for 6 starts. They moved FS Devon Banks to CB and put the speedy Tierre Sams (4.34 speed) on the other side and they proved a solid combo. Overall, FSU ranked #38, allowing 55.6% with a 27-24 ratio. This year they must replace Sams (12 sts, 67 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu), Banks (14 sts, 70 tkls, 5 int, 7 pbu, 6 tfl), SS Vernon Fox (14 sts, 78 tkls, 3 int's, 1st Tm WAC) and FS Anthony Limbrick (1 st, 15 tkls, 1 int). The CB's stood just 5-9 and 5-11 last year and against Mich St's Charles Rogers (6-4) in the bowl they gave up 10 rec's for 270 yards and this year's projected starting CB's are a bit taller. I list the 2 deep below and this is one unit where some true frosh could play. I like the CB combo of Reneau and Edwards and they get a VHT true frosh in Vincent Mays and QB Nathan Ray (2nd string QB LY) added to the mix. This unit is clearly less experienced and looks weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FSU's lowest finish in my special teams ratings the last 6 years has been #36. They block a lot of kicks by design and under Hill they have blocked 36 kicks including 19 punts. Last year they lost one of their kick blocking specialists but still had 4 blocked punts. FSU greatly improved their KO's last year as Brett Visintainer had 5 touchbacks in the first 2 games which is more than he had the entire year of 2000. They began the season using starters on special teams but generally went to the youngsters vs teams like Colo St, Boise St and Hawaii and went through some growing pains. Punter Jason Simpson improved his average from 38.0 to 43.5 (38.5 net). He should be one of the best punters in the country. Groza semifinalist Asen Asparuhov hit 23 of 32 FG's with a long of 48 and set an all-time single season scoring record. The top PR, Bernard Berrian, (13.6) was #10 in NCAA as well as 23.9 on KR's (28th in NCAA), FSU had 3 TD's on returns and finished #7 in my special teams rankings. With practically everyone back this unit is a clear contender for the #1 spot again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU has a bring 'em on attitude by scheduling the big boys, much like Florida St did in the mid-'70's. Last season their motto was "Shut Up and Hit Somebody." They got their first win ever vs the Big 12 by upsetting Colorado and also thrashed then #10 Oregon St. They moved into the AP poll for the 1st time since 1993 and got all the way up to #8. Their 17 game home win streak was snapped by Boise St but despite losing twice in the regular season, they still finished #21 in the final regular season AP poll and set a school record with 42,803 average attendance. When Pat Hill took over the team he decided to build it the right way with freshmen which meant going through some growing pains as the team had relied on JUCO's for years. They were very young in his first 3 seasons but still have managed to go to 3 straight bowl games earning Hill a 5 year contract extension. They are 19-2 in WAC home games as they play before the "Red Wave" which is the nickname for their fanatic crowd. While last season was story book at times, it was also disappointing as they were the odds-on favorite to win the WAC and only achieved a 2nd place finish. They are now 0-3 SU in bowls under Hill. Last year's team benefitted from +21 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on pg 295). They lose 26 lettermen and one of them is QB David Carr, the first pick in the NFL draft. I think that Jeff Grady will do a fine job replacing him and I still rank Fresno as having the 2nd most potent offense in the WAC. Last year they had my #3 rated defense and have 5 starters back and should be almost as tough. They have 2 killer road games in conference play vs Boise St and Louis Tech but should they win one of those, they would become the favorite to win the WAC Title. They did have 4 players picked in the NFL draft from Hill's 1st ever recruiting class (most since 1996 and most in WAC). This team should clearly get back to its fourth consecutive bowl this year and I rate it as one of the top contenders in the WAC.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Jeff Grady Jr. 6-2 210 6 gms as #2QB in '99, 2 passes. 159 yds (50%), 2-0 ratio in 2000. RS LY. Paul Pinegar (6-5 220 rFr) PS#156QB in 2000, enrolled TY.

RB Derrick Ward Sr. 5-11 230 PS#239DB. 4 sts, 875 yds (6.0) as rFr in '99. Therrian Fontenot (6-0 190 So) 4.38 spd, 266 yds (4.4) as rFr. Robbie Dubois (5-10 205) is PS#118.

WR Jeremy Johnson Jr. 6-4 205 PS#104TE. 11 sts at TE, 27 rec (10.6) in 2000, HM WAC. 3 sts LY, 11 rec (8.8), 3 games until inj. Deandre Gilbert (5-10 180 Jr) 10 rec (16.2).

WR BERNARD BERRIAN SR. 6-2 190 PS#179. 7 sts in 2000, 43 rec (16.4), 333 return yds. **1st Tm WAC** LY, 85 rec (16.0), 41 PR (13.6), 32 KR (23.9). Jermaine Jamison (6-3 190 rFr).

WR MARQUE DAVIS JR. 6-0 190 PS#102WR. 6 rec in 1999 & 2000. 10 sts LY, 29 rec (12.7), 73 yds rush, 1 blk'd punt. Charles Ealy (6-0 190 rFr) PS#272WR, 4.4 speed.

TE ALEC GRECO JR. 6-3 230 9 sts as rFr, 13 rec (10.8). 10 sts in 2001, 24 rec (8.9) Solid blocker. Stephen Spach (6-4 240 So) 1 start, 9 rec (11.3). Duncan Reid (6-6 220 So).

C RODNEY MICHAEL SR. 6-4 300 11 sts as rFr, most imposing C here since Jason James in '94. 11 sts, HM WAC in 2000. 10 sts at LG, 4 at C in 2001. Sean Finnerty (6-3 305 rFr).

RG Victor Taifane Sr. 6-5 335 PS#77JC. 4 sts LY here (3 at RG, 1 at LG). Has caught NFL scout's attention. Tamarcus Tyson (6-4 305 So) PS#205OL, saw limited action.

LG FITU TU'UA JR. 6-5 310 PS#266OL. 7 sts as true (4 at RG, 3 at LG). 11 sts at RG in 2001, **2nd Tm WAC**. Kawika Edwards (6-4 300 Jr) PS#363JUCO, inj'd at JC LY.

RT JOE SCHEY SR. 6-6 330 PS#389. 3 sts at LT until inj as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, HM WAC (10 sts at LT). 14 sts at RT, HM WAC in 2001. Matt Holt (6-5 275 rFr) PS#180.

LT LOGAN MANKINS SO. 6-4 305 240 lb TE as Sr in HS, walk-on. Added 40 lbs in RS year. 14 sts at LT as rFr. **James Martin PS#135JC**. Matt Stevenson (6-7 280 rFr) PS#327DL.

K ASEN ASPARUHOV SR. 6-5 215 Strong leg, soccer in HS. JC. Hit 9 of 16 FG's in 2000 (1st FG ever) long of 43. Hit 25 of 32 LY, long of 48, 7 of 13 from 40-49, **1st Tm WAC**.

DEFENSE

DE Brian Morris Jr. 6-2 250 2 sts as So, 19 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 1 pbu, missed L/3 with torn ACL. Asa Taylor (6-2 230 Jr) PS#279LB, 3 tkls, 2Y. Doug Roush (6-3 240 rFr).

DT JASON STEWART SR. 6-1 285 PS#232DL. 35 tkls as rFr, 8 sts at DE in 2000, 44 tkls, 2 sks. 9 sts LY (inj 3), 40 tkls, 6 tfl. Del Hawkins (5-10 270 Jr) 1 st, 22 tkls, 5 tfl, 2Y.

DT Clarence Denning Jr. 6-3 270 11 tkls, 1 sk, 1 int, 2 QBH as true. 3 sts LY, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, +20 lbs. Fai Satele (6-1 290 So) PQ. 3 tkls LY. Robert Santiago (6-5 320 So).

DE NICK BURLEY SR. 6-4 250 PS#275. 32 tkls, 4 sks as **true**. L/4 sts in 2000, 40 tkls, 9 tfl. **1st Tm WAC** LY. 14 sts, 42 tkls, **8 sks,** 13 tfl. Claude Sanders (6-3 230 Jr) PS#269.

OLB Jermaine McDermott Jr. 6-2 235 5 tkls as rFr. 22 tkls, 11 games LY. David Adamo (6-2 235 So) PS#227LB, 22 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. **Ricky Miller** (6-4 240) **is PS#59**.

MLB MARC DAILEY JR. 6-1 230 29 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 14 sts in 2001, 86 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 1 int. Jamal Jones (5-10 230 So) PS#232DL, 15 tkls as rFr. Kyle Goodman is PS#161.

OLB SAM WILLIAMS SR. 6-5 245 8 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 16 tkls, 1 sk in 2000. Last 7 sts LY, 61 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Todd Garcia (6-0 230 So) 3 tfl. Dwayne Andrews (PS#142).

CB Demorieux Reneau Sr. 6-0 195 PS#65JC. 8 int, 17 pbu at JC in 2000. 17 tkls, 1 sk here in 2001. Dee Meza (5-9 190 Jr) PS#352. 12 tkls in 2000. 25 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu LY.

CB Kendall Edwards Jr. 5-11 185 PS#121. 13 tkls, 1 sk, 1 int as true. 2 sts LY, solid cover CB, 28 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu. Juan Bautista (5-7 185 Jr) 23 tkls LY. Awan Diles (5-9 180 rFr).

SS BRYCE McGILL JR. 5-11 205 PS#233. 2 gms as true but RS. 1 st at FS in 2000, 70 tkls, 6 sks. 13 sts at FS LY, 95 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl, 4 int, 6 pbu. James Sanders (5-11 190 rFr).

FS Cameron Worrell Sr. 5-11 205 JC in 2000. 14 gms here LY, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 2 int, 1 pbu. Nathan Ray (6-1 190 So) PS#194QB. Scout Tm MVP in 2000, 5 tkls, 16 yds rush LY.

P JASON SIMPSON SR. 6-1 195 PS#188JC. 41.8 avg & 32 rec at JUCO in '99. 67 punts here, 38.0 avg 35.3 net in 2000. 66 punts LY, 43.5 avg, **super net of 38.5**, **1st Tm WAC**.

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LB	Ricky Miller 6-4 240 PS#59	
DB	Vincent Mays 5-11 200 PS#48	
DB	Richard Marshall 5-11 170 PS#94	
RB	Robbie Dubois 5-10 205 PS#118	
OL	James Martin 6-4 305 PS#135JC	
QB	Tim Bessolo 6-3 215 PS#102	
QB	Jordan Christensen 6-3 185 PS#104	
WR	Paul Williams 6-2 190 PS#129	
LB	Dwayne Andrews 6-0 240 PS#142	
LB	Ryan Powdrell 6-0 240 PS#148	
LB	Kyle Goodman 6-0 215 PS#161	
DB	Josh Sherley 6-0 170 PS#217	
OL	Adam Messick 6-7 290 PS#311	
OL	Kyle Young 6-5 300 PS#313	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 23	at Wisconsin (Fri) John Thompson Classic	A						FSU is 5-0 under Hill and 7-2 ATS since 1996 as a home dog. The home team is 5-0-1 SU and 4-2 ATS in the UTEP series. Dogs are 15-7 ATS off a SU loss under Hill.
Aug. 29	San Diego St (Thur)	G						FSU is 11-4 ATS in non-conference games the last 4 years. FSU is 8-16 ATS the last 24 but 3-1 ATS last year on artificial turf.
Sep. 7	at Oregon	A						FSU is 10-3 ATS the last 13 years in their first lined home game. Dogs are 4-2 SU and 5-1 ATS the L3Y vs other Sunshine State schools.
Sep. 14								FSU is 9-3 ATS their last 12 vs Pac 10 teams. FSU's last trip to Autzen ('97) was a thriller, as OU won 43-40 but FSU easily covered as 19 pt dogs.
Sep. 21	at Oregon St	A						FSU is 2-7 ATS after a bye week, 4-0 SU and 2-2 ATS for Hill. Bulldogs are 4-8 ATS in the first of 2 or more away games.
Sep. 28	at Rice	A						FSU is 3-0 SU in this series and the home team has covered each game. Dogs are 5-12 ATS the last 17 as road chalk, 3-2 last year.
Oct. 4	Colorado St (Fri)	G						The SU winner is 5-2 ATS in this series since 1992. FSU is 3-4 SU. FSU was 0-3 ATS last year and is 14-25 ATS in their L/39 October games.
Oct. 12	SMU	G						Pending prior results, FSU is 28-18 ATS (61%) in their last 46 home games. FSU is 2-1 SU, but 1-2 ATS (all as DD favs) in this short series.
Oct. 19	at Boise St	A						BSU ruined the Dogs' hopes of a BCS bowl bid last season. Dogs are 5-2 SU and 4-3 ATS in "revenge" games under Hill.
Oct. 25	Hawaii (Fri)	G						The home team is 8-2 ATS in the last 10 series meetings. Bulldogs are 13-5 ATS in their last 18 sandwiched home games.
Nov. 2	at Louisiana Tech	G						Last year's 38-28 FSU win as a 22 pt HF was the first meeting since 1992. Only the 4th all-time series meeting, FSU is 3-0 SU & total score is 120-52.
Nov. 9	Tulsa	G						Pending 10/4: Dogs are 5-8 ATS in the first of back to back home games. FSU is 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS in this series, double digit favorites each time.
Nov. 16	Nevada	G						Fresno St leads all-time SU series 19-12-1; 3-0 SU and ATS the last 3 yrs. FSU is 5-1 SU and 4-2 ATS in their final home game.
Nov. 23	at San Jose St	G						Bulldogs are 10-1 SU the last 11 but only 3-5 ATS the last 8 vs SJSU. This series dates back to 1921 with SJSU holding a slight 32-31-1 SU advantage.

PAT HILL (Career 37-25)

6th Year at Fresno State

Hill's records AT FRESNO STATE

37-25	Straight Up	11-11	Home Favorite
31-27	Vs The Spread	5-0	Home Dog
15-7	Off A S/U Loss	5-7	Away Favorite
19-20	Vs Conference	10-9	Away Dog
		12-7	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (16,31,3)
Lost: 26 (13,11,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,803

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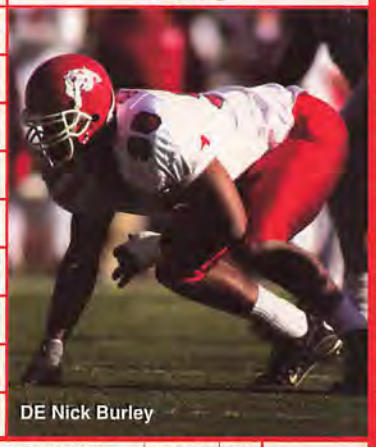
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STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	4-7	6-6	5-6	8-4	7-4	11-2	46-36
ATS	4-8	5-6	6-6	6-5	6-5	5-6	8-5	40-41
Home Fav	3-2	2-1	1-3	2-2	3-1	3-2	2-3	16-14
Home Dog	0-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	7-2
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-3	0-1	3-2	5-9
Away Dog	1-4	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-1	2-3	2-0	12-16
Favorite	3-3	2-2	2-4	3-2	3-4	3-3	5-5	21-23
Dog	1-5	3-4	4-2	3-3	3-1	2-3	3-0	19-18
Grass	4-7	5-5	5-4	4-5	6-2	5-4	5-4	34-31
Artificial	0-1	0-1	1-2	2-0	0-3	0-2	3-1	6-10
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-4	3-5	4-4	24-31
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-1	2-1	4-1	16-10
Off SU Win	2-3	1-3	2-3	1-3	3-4	2-4	6-4	17-24
Off SU Loss	2-4	3-3	4-2	4-2	3-1	3-1	1-1	20-14

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Paris Gaines	220	1052	8	1044	8	4.7
Josh Levi	91	472	12	460	5	5.1
Therrian Fontenot	**60**	**288**	**22**	**266**	**2**	**4.4**
Bernard Berrian	**7**	**101**	**10**	**91**	**0**	**13.0**
Rodney Wright	23	123	9	114	1	5.0
David Carr	94	260	193	67	5	0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
David Carr	533	344	64.5	4839	46	9

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Rodney Wright	104	1630	15.7	12	79
Bernard Berrian	**85**	**1364**	**16.0**	**13**	**63**
Charles Smith	35	534	15.3	3	39
Marque Davis	**29**	**368**	**12.7**	**4**	**27**
Paris Gaines	22	254	11.5	4	37

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jason Simpson	**66**	**2870**	**43.5**	**–**	**38.5**	**0**	**20**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Asen Asparuhov	**8-9**	**8-9**	**7-13**	**0-1**	**25-32**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Rodriguez	101	1	3	6	0
Bryce McGill	**95**	**4**	**10**	**6**	**4**
Marc Dailey	**86**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1**
Vernon Fox	78	2	3	1	3
Devon Banks	70	2	4	7	5
Tierre Sams	67	0	0	10	2
Sam Williams	**61**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**1**
Alan Harper	58	12	21	2	1
Nick Burley	**42**	**8**	**13**	**4**	**0**
Jason Stewart	**40**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Cameron Worrell	**31**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**2**
Clarence Denning	**31**	**9**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Kendall Edwards	**28**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**3**
Justin Johnson	27	2	2	4	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bernard Berrian	**41**	**556**	**13.6**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bernard Berrian	**32**	**765**	**23.9**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Freedom	+8	USC	24-7	W
93	Aloha	+7	Colorado	30-41	L
99	Las Vegas	+4'	Utah	16-17	W
00	Silicon Valley	-1	Air Force	34-37	L
01	Silicon Valley	-4'	Michigan St	35-44	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FRESNO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	40.0	24	153	4.1	348	64.0	12.5	+21	2001	6	24.6	20	117	3.2	264	55.6	15.5
7	26.4	18	122	3.6	241	60.3	13.7	0	2000	8	20.9	21	157	3.6	206	52.4	17.3
6*	31.8	19	169	4.5	214	64.9	12.1	+5	1999	6	21.7	21	143	3.5	252	54.0	18.2
6*	24.1	17	154	4.0	204	57.4	14.8	+10	1998	7	20.5	20	159	3.6	197	54.6	17.4
7	26.5	18	152	3.9	168	55.8	12.1	+13	1997	6	24.0	21	176	4.1	199	57.6	15.6
7*	24.3	24	171	4.2	255	59.8	17.5	-20	1996	8	31.3	23	183	4.5	233	57.9	13.3

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Colorado	17	35 - 89	2.5	21 - 36	198	2	23	31 - 66	2.1	31 - 51	346	6	+5
Oregon St	22	35 - 118	3.4	21 - 34	340	1	16	30 - 27	0.9	21 - 36	296	8	+1
at Wisconsin	23	46 - 174	3.8	22 - 38	240	4	17	34 - 128	3.8	13 - 31	246	3	+1
at Tulsa	22	33 - 199	6.0	22 - 29	314	1	24	39 - 145	3.7	24 - 41	210	3	+1
Louisiana Tech	28	43 - 247	5.7	26 - 42	319	3	22	23 - 69	3.0	32 - 60	368	3	+3
at Colorado St	23	29 - 143	4.9	28 - 37	389	1	21	52 - 322	6.2	13 - 24	116	0	0
Boise St	26	37 - 109	2.9	30 - 50	345	3	22	38 - 108	2.8	20 - 32	297	5	0
at Hawaii	26	33 - 68	2.1	28 - 45	400	2	22	18 - 30	1.7	31 - 54	350	4	-1
Rice	24	37 - 165	4.5	21 - 33	343	2	20	57 - 185	3.2	7 - 19	134	2	+2
at SMU	17	35 - 79	2.3	25 - 37	292	4	14	42 - 96	2.3	15 - 29	104	5	+2
at Nevada	21	34 - 200	5.9	23 - 35	368	2	22	53 - 117	2.2	14 - 33	167	5	+1
San Jose St	32	51 - 282	5.5	21 - 37	328	1	21	27 - 42	1.6	26 - 41	450	0	+5
Utah St	32	54 - 244	4.5	24 - 31	469	2	14	24 - 92	3.8	21 - 39	240	3	+3
†Michigan St	25	22 - 29	1.3	35 - 58	531	3	23	42 - 210	5.0	22 - 32	376	2	-2
TOTALS	338	524 - 2146	4.1	347 - 542	4876	31	281	510 - 1637	3.2	290 - 522	3700	49	+21
AVERAGES	24.1	37 - 153	4.1	25 - 39	348	2.2	20.1	36 - 117	3.2	21 - 37	264	3.5	1.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	-29'	35-7	L
Baylor	-1'	35-37	L
at Oklahoma St	+8'	0-35	L
at Oregon (OT)	+19	40-43	W
Utah	+10	27-13	W
at Hawaii	-11	16-28	L
at Air Force	+12	20-17	W
UNLV	-11	46-28	W
at San Jose St	-8	53-12	W
at Colorado St	+16'	3-41	L
San Diego St	-3'	19-20	L
Wyoming	+6	24-7	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+21	21-29	W
at Texas Tech	+13'	28-34	W
Nevada	-13'	24-27	L
BYU	+7	31-21	W
at TCU	+1	10-21	L
at Utah	+7'	16-24	L
UTEP	-10'	32-6	W
at New Mexico	-5'	28-20	W
at San Diego St	+1	0-10	L
Hawaii	-27'	51-12	W
San Jose St	-14	24-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	34-6	–
at Oregon St	+3'	23-46	L
at UCLA	+21	21-35	W
at Nevada	+1'	49-24	W
TCU (OT)	-4'	26-19	W
Colorado St	+3'	44-13	W
at SMU	-14'	14-24	L
UTEP (OT)	-10'	24-23	L
at Tulsa	-14'	28-14	L
Rice	-2'	47-18	W
at Hawaii (2OT)	-3	24-31	L
San Jose St	-16	63-12	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+18'	10-43	L
at UCLA	+14	21-24	W
California	-3	17-7	W
at Rice	-8	27-24	L
Nevada	-24'	58-21	W
at UTEP	+3'	13-23	L
Tulsa	-18'	34-12	W
Hawaii	-26	45-27	L
at TCU	+13	7-24	L
SMU	-18	14-7	L
at San Jose St	+1	37-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+8'	24-22	W
Oregon St	+3'	44-24	W
at Wisconsin	+4'	32-20	W
at Tulsa	-12	37-18	W
Louisiana Tech	-22	38-28	L
at Colorado St (OT)	-7'	25-22	L
Boise St	-16	30-35	L
at Hawaii	-6	34-38	L
Rice	-15	52-24	W
at SMU	-16'	38-13	W
at Nevada	-19'	61-14	W
San Jose St	-28'	40-21	L
Utah St	-22	70-21	W

HAWAII WARRIORS

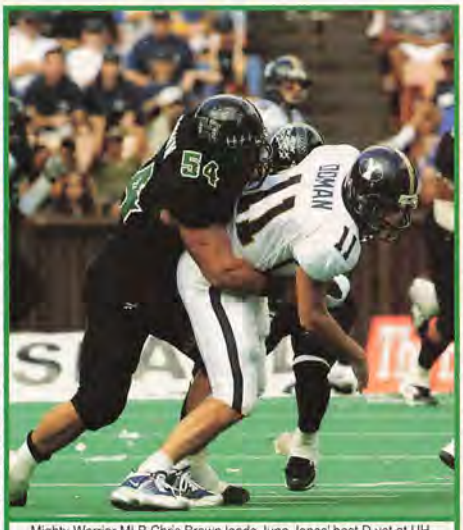
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 five QB's battled for the chance to replace Dan Robinson, who threw for 4,119 yards (52.2%) with a 28-19 ratio in the 1st year of June Jones' offense. Nick Rolovich (PS#37JC) had a 22-4 ratio at JUCO in '99 and won the starter's job. He did not live up to expectations, including a 6 of 28 performance vs UTEP, and lost his job. He threw for 815 yards (46.3%) with a 6-4 ratio in 2000. UH got a rare VHT signee in Timmy Chang (PS#21) from St Louis HS in Honolulu. Chang took over and started 9 games, throwing for 3,041 yards (52.2%) and a 19-19 ratio in 2000. Chang bulked up last offseason to 205 lbs and threw for 435 yards against Montana in the opener which was the 4th best ever passing day in Warrior history. The plan was to redshirt Rolovich and use him as a backup in 2002 but Chang got injured against Rice and Sr Jared Flint, who missed the spring of 2001 with an arm injury, hit just 3 of 8 passes for 28 yards vs the Owls. The redshirt was taken off of Rolovich and he got the start at SMU and the team responded by going 8-1 with Rolovich at the controls. He proved his toughness by playing the last 5 games after separating his left shoulder vs Fresno. After the 5 straight wins, Chang was healthy but Jones smartly decided to apply for a medical redshirt for him. In the last 3 games Rolovich blew away the school record with 1,548 yards (the previous high for a 3 game stretch was Robinson's 1,169). He set school records with 543 yards and 8 TD's against BYU. It was a great way for the senior to go out and UH is in great shape this year as Chang is yet another year older. Rolovich threw for 3,361 yards (57.5%) with an amazing 34-9 ratio. Contending for the backup spots this year are Shawn Withy-Allen (6-4 220 Sr, PS#172), Jason Whieldon (6-0 187 Jr, PS#152JC) who was named HM JCAA as he threw for 2,766 yds at JC last year, and Jeff Rhode (6-5 233 rFr, PS#196). Chang is just 4-8 in his 12 starts but should have a super soph season provided he is recovered from wrist surgery as he missed spring ball and is questionable for the fall.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year everyone departed and this was an inexperienced group. Mike Bass (PS#168) got in 8 starts and led the team with 558 yards (5.2). Thero Mitchell (5-10 215 Sr) had 378 yards rushing (5.2) in 4 starts. The RB's were more productive at the start of the year as Bass rushed for 72, 79 and 71 yards in the first 3 games. Bass also had 146 against UTEP and Mitchell added 116 vs SMU. No RB topped 69 yards rushing in the last 7 games. This year they get a transfer in Michael Brewster (5-7 172 So) who had 48 yards rushing in 4 games for Tennessee in 2000. He was the Offensive Scout Team MVP here last year. They also bring in JUCO John West (PS#143JC) who rushed for 1,468 yards at JC last year & was impressive in the spring. This unit has much more experience than it did heading into last season and can only be improved.

RECEIVERS - Hawaii uses 4 WR's and no FB or TE. In 2000 June Jones made quite a statement, saying that UH had the fastest group of WR's he'd ever had, including the NFL. Last year all 4 starters returned as did the majority of the backups plus they got the addition of Stanford transfer Tafiti Uso. The star of the group was clearly Ashley Lelie (#1DC of DEN). Lelie, a former walk-on, has great size (6-3 178) and 4.27 speed. Amazingly, when Jones took over the program in '99 he almost cut him but when breaking down film, noticed a couple of great receptions and kept him on the team. That was one of Jones' best decisions here. Lelie had the first 1,000 yard receiving season in Hawaii history in 2000. Last year he went out with a bang, nabbing an amazing 84 rec's for 1,713 yards with a 20.4 ypc along with 19 TD's. The yards and TD's both set records in the pass happy WAC! He left early for the NFL and is a HUGE loss. Two other starters depart in Channon Harris (12 sts, 69, 11.5), Craig Stutzmann (12 sts, 54, 11.3) and backup Uso (13 rec). Those 3 starters lost are simply Hawaii's #1, #4 and #5 CAREER pass receivers!! I list the 2 deep below and there are 5 JUCO's and some HT rFr that Jones has available to plug in. No matter who he puts on the field they will catch a lot of balls in this offense but this year's group is much less experienced and with the loss of a talent like Lelie, it is clearly weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - June Jones has done a fine job developing the OL and in the last 3 years he's had 3 OL's drafted. After having a veteran front in Jones' 1st year they had to replace 4 starters due to graduation in 2000 but surprisingly only allowed 10 sacks although they averaged only 3.7 ypc. Last year 4 starters returned but they did have to replace a #7 DC. The unit remained healthy for the year with the 5 starters starting all 12 games but they averaged only 3.4 ypc rushing and surprisingly the veteran line allowed 32 sacks. This year they must replace 2 starters in C Brian Smith (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LG Manly Kanoa III (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm WAC). Overall 8 of the top 10 are back and they bring in Wayne Hunter from the DL. There is some shuffling on the line as RT Uriah Moenoa has moved to C and LT Lui Fuata moves to LG. This group is a little less experienced and probably won't be as fortunate injury-wise. Even so, this looks like yet another fine OL which could improve upon both the sack and ypc rushing totals.



Mighty Warrior MLB Chris Brown leads June Jones' best D yet at UH.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year Hawaii appeared to have a veteran front. They also tried to add a VHT JUCO transfer DE but he did not qualify and they lost starter DT Lui Fuga to injury prior to the season. Overall 4 players returned with starting experience but they had combined for just 19 starts. This year they must replace DT Mike Iosua (11 sts, 38 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Joseph Correia (7 sts, 38 tkls, 5 tfl), backup DT Brett Clowers (12 tkls, 1 tfl) and DE Wayne Hunter (2 sts, moves to OL). Two full-time starters are back and they get the return of Fuga and hopefully Isaak Sopoaga will remain eligible as he had 31 sacks in 2000 at JUCO. They have some other JC transfers who I list in the 2 deep below plus a Nebraska transfer, Colin Wills. Even though Travis LaBoy had just 6 starts at DE he was more productive (2nd Tm WAC) than Correia and with the return of a 2000 starter they basically have 4 starters back. The defense allowed 4.0 ypc and recorded 34 sacks in 2001. They also are a good sized bunch this year and certainly look stronger.

LINEBACKERS - The Warriors had to replace 3 starters and 1 backup from this group last year but did bring in DE Chris Brown, who benches 225 lbs 42 times and has 4.6 speed. He was very productive, leading the team with 124 tackles in his 1st year at LB and earning 1st Team WAC honors. Pisa Tinoisamoa (PS#68RB) was the #1 tackler after 8 starts with 86 and had 5 sacks and 6 tfl before missing the final 3 games. He still earned 2nd Team WAC honors. This is his 3rd year at LB and Brown's 2nd and basically everyone returns with the only losses being backups Bronson Liana (6 tkls, 1 sk), Bobby Morgan (8 tkls, 1 sk) and Lonnie Williams (5 tkls). They get some outstanding additions this year in PS#50JC Chad Kalilimoku, rFr Ikaika Curnan (PS#90) and JUCO Marco Chavez (PS#271). This group is much more experienced and could be the WAC's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 23 starts but returned both starting safeties and got an outstanding addition in RB Robert Grant who was highly productive with 71 tackles and 10 pbu as a backup safety. This year they lose SS Jacob Espiau (12 sts, 119 tkls, 8 pbu), FS Nate Jackson (11 sts, 114 tkls, 10 pbu, 6 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC) and Grant (3 sts, 2 int's, 2 blk'd punts). Three CB's shared the starting job last year and all 3 are back and Sean Butts was a special teams star that should fill one of the safety spots. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Gary Wright (5-10 194 Jr) who has been the Scout Team POY twice, true frosh AJ Martinez (PS#68), Kila Kamakawiwo'ole (6-2 234 rFr, PS#244WR) and Cameron Hollingsworth (5-11 164 rFr). Overall UH finished #59 in my pass D rankings, allowing 54.6% with a 22-14 ratio and this year's group looks just as strong.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In their 0-12 season in '98 UH had the worst special teams in the country and were poor in every element. June Jones came in and the unit showed significant improvement, moving to #66 in '99 and #67 in 2000. Last year they had to replace their solid kicker as well as their top PR and KR and then their special teams coach ended up quitting over the summer. They brought in Tyson Helton, who QB'd some at Houston just a few years ago, to take over as the special teams coach. P Mat McBriar is from Australia and much like Darren Bennett of the San Diego Chargers, he had no experience in organized American football prior to 2000 when he averaged 38.3 (35.3 net). He worked with Bennett over the summer and greatly improved and even held off Greg Kleidon (PS#37JC) who was contending for the job. McBriar averaged 43.4 per boot with a super net of 38.9. Senior SS Robert Grant blocked 2 punts against SMU which was the key to that win and S Sean Butts blocked 3 kicks including 2 vs Boise (xp and FG). Chad Owens had a top-notch season and a phenomenal game against BYU where he set an NCAA record with 342 yards in returns (the previous high was 282) and he had 3 TD's on returns for the season. Overall he averaged 12.0 on PR's and 33.6 on KR's and he is also back. K Justin Ayat hit 19 of 29 FG's with a long of 55 and 3 of his misses were from 50+. Hawaii finished all the way up at #4 and while it will be tough to duplicate last year's top-notch performances, this is clearly one of the best special teams units in the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called Hawaii the most improved team in the NCAA and they did not disappoint me as they went from 0-12 to 9-4, the biggest single season turnaround in NCAA history. In that 1999 season they broke 32 school records and tied 3. They swept their road games for the first time since 1988. It was clearly a rebuilding year in 2000 and they fell to 3-9 and lost to a IAA team for the first time since 1976. After going -8 in turnovers in 2000, UH had 16 returning starters last year and 9 home games. The Warriors responded with their best record yet under June Jones at 9-3, including their dominating win over BYU which ended the Cougars' unbeaten season. It was the best record of any team not in a bowl game and the team's best record since 1992 and they finished #28 in the final AP poll. They also beat 2 ranked teams (#18 Fresno St, #8 BYU) on national TV. They were #2 in the WAC in home attendance, averaging 39,168. For 3 straight years their pass attack has been in the Top 5 of the NCAA, including #2 last year. Provided QB Timmy Chang recovers completely from his injury, UH will be very potent offensively this season with 6 starters back. They should also have their best defense in June Jones' tenure this year. Last season they allowed 26.5 ppg and this year have 8 starters back and I rate them as the #3 defense in the league. UH had 98 players in spring camp and 25 or 30 more are expected to arrive in August so they will have to cut some people over the summer. They do have some tough road trips this year (BYU, Boise and Fresno) but have 8 of their 13 games at home. I do 7 sets of power ratings every year and 2 of them have Hawaii as the best team in the WAC while 3 more of them have them the 2nd best. I think this is a team that will battle it out for the conference title all the way to the final week and should easily achieve another winning record.

FULL SERVICE LINE IN HAWAII!

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB TIMMY CHANG SO. 6-1 195 PS#21. 9 sts as true, 3041 yds (52.2%), 19-19 ratio. 3 sts LY, 1100 yds (59.3%) 6-6 ratio, inj & RS. Shawn Withy-Allen PS#172. 2 rush LY.

RB MIKE BASS SO. 5-6 158 PS#168. 8 sts as true. 558 yds (5.2). 29 rec (7.6), 4.41 spd. Thero Mitchell (5-10 215 Sr) 79 yds in 2000. 4 sts, 378 yds (5.2), 12 rec (9.8) LY.

WR Chad Owens So. 5-8 175 PS#434RB. **2nd Tm WAC** as KR LY. 5 rec (11.4). 1023 ret yds, NCAA rec'd 342 vs BYU. Omar Bennett PS#72 & orig at Cal. JC in 2000, RS here LY.

WR Jeremiah Cockheran Jr. 6-2 185 PS#383JC. 4.28 speed, 53 rec at JC last year. Nate Ilaoa (5-9 190 rFr) PS#77WR, 4.39 speed. Britton Komine (5-9 184 So) PS#230WR.

WR JUSTIN COLBERT SR. 5-7 160 PS#143. 12 sts in 2000, 63 rec (12.6). 12 sts LY, 55 rec (14.6). Kanale George (6-1 199 So) PS#229. Ryan Richards (5-9 163 Jr) PS#444JC, RS LY.

WR Gerald Welch Jr. 5-7 201 PS#107RB. 1 st, 11 rec (9.2) in 2000. 2 rec LY. Neal Gossett (5-10 172 Sr) 7 rec (**23.6**) 2Y. Mark Tate (6-1 212 So) 4.4 spd, 8 KR (29.9) LY.

C URIAH MOENOA SO. 6-4 331 PS#240. 12 sts at RT as rFr, moved to C in spg. Lyle Castro (5-10 274 Jr) PS#226, 2nd string LY, 2L. Kealil Aguiar (6-1 299 Sr) JC trans LY.

RG VINCE MANUWAI SR. 6-2 285 PS#338. Best OL here, Lombardi watch list. 11 sts, 49 pancakes in 2000. **2nd Tm WAC**, 12 sts, 35 pancakes LY. Chad Kahale (6-1 313 So) PS#283.

LG LUI FUATA SR. 6-2 313 2nd string as rFr. Last 9 sts at LT in 2000. 12 sts at LT in 2001, 12 pancakes. Shayne Kajioka (6-3 323 Sr) PS#256. 20 gms in 3Y, 2 sts, 3L's.

RT Ryan Santos So. 6-5 335 PS#225. Bkup RT LY. 9 gms and lettered. Phil Kauffman (6-1 269 So) PS#224, 2nd string G LY, lettered. Jonathan Ekno (6-5 306 So) PS#200.

LT Wayne Hunter Jr. 6-6 278 PS#172DL & orig at Cal. 2 sts at DL LY, 12 tkls, 1 tfl. Moved to LT in the spring. Charlie Dutra (6-6 315 Sr) was JUCO transfer last year.

K JUSTIN AYAT SO. 5-11 203 PS#78K. Solid year here as rFr, hit 19 of 29 FG's, long of 55! 54 of 57 on extra points. 2 of 5 from 50+. 1st Team Frosh AA in FB News.

DE TRAVIS LaBOY JR. 6-5 253 6 sts, 52 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. Kevin Jackson (6-4 244 Jr) 29 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl LY. Colin Wills (6-1 251 Jr) PS#154DL, Nebraska trans.

DT Isaak Sopoaga Jr. 6-4 290 **PS#14JUCO, 31 sacks at JUCO in 2000.** Matt "Rocky" Faga (6-4 320 Jr) JUCO transfer. Hiram Travis (6-3 257 Jr) JUCO, RS last year.

DT LANCE SAMUSEVA JR. 5-11 285 PS#290, 2 sts, 23 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 10 sts LY, 38 tkls. Lui Fuga (6-1 302 Jr) 8 sts in 2000, 42 tkls, 3 tfl, 385 bench. Top DL coming into 2001 but inj'd.

DE LAANUI CORREA SR. 6-4 267 10 tkls, 5 tfl as true at UNLV. 9 sts here in 2000, 36 tkls. 12 sts LY, 51 tkls, 4 sks, 7 pbu, 225 bench 39X, 4.7. Houston Ala (6-1 251 Jr) PS#163, 40 tkls, 2Y.

SLB MATT WRIGHT SR. 6-1 222 PS#210. RB in '99. 9 sts LY, 51 tkls, 5 tfl, 5 pbu. Ikaika Curnan (5-11 235 rFr) PS#90, Scout Tm Def MVP. Patrick Lavar Harley (5-11 210 So) 15 tkls as rFR.

MLB CHRIS BROWN SR. 6-2 258 225 bench 42X, bench 500. 12 sts at DE in 2000, 45 tkls. 5 sks, 12 sts LY, #1 w/124 tkls, 4 sks, 4.6, **1st Tm WAC. Chad Kalilimoku** (6-0 240 Jr) **PS#50JC.**

WLB PISA TINOISAMOA SR. 6-0 217 PS#68RB. 5 sts in 2000, 74 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. #1 tkl'r in 8 sts LY (inj). 86 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC**. Keani Alapa (6-0 222 Jr), 3 sts, 38 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

CB KELVIN MILLHOUSE JR. 6-1 198 PS#201WR. JC. 9 sts here LY, 36 tkls, 5 int (4 in L/5), 18 pbu. Josiah Cravalho (5-9 186 So) 11 tkls LY. Lamar Broadway (5-11 175 rFr) PS#140QB.

CB HYRUM PETERS JR. 5-8 190 PS#304. 5 sts as true, 49 tkls. 9 sts LY, 76 tkls, 7 pbu, 4.5 speed. **Abraham Elimimian** (5-10 175 So) PS#380. 5 sts as rFr, 33 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu.

SS Sean Butts Sr. 6-3 193 WR in '99. 25 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 4 blk'd kicks, 3 tfl LY. Track in HS & size. Matt Manuma (6-1 200 So) PS#136QB, 3 tkls. Keith Bhonapha (5-9 188 Sr) 12 tkls.

FS Leonard Peters rFr. 6-1 163 PS#219, orig signed in 2000, Med RS LY. Chad Kapanui (6-0 213 So) PS#158QB, 8 tkls, 1 pass LY. David Gilmore (6-0 188 Jr) 5 tkls, 17 gms 2Y.

P MAT McBRIAR JR. 6-1 202 Australian. 43 punts as true, 38.3, 35.3 net. 40 punts LY up to 43.4 avg & net of 38.9, **2nd Tm WAC**. Greg Kleidon (6-0 182 Sr) PS#37JC, 44.8 at JC.

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LB	Chad Kalilimoku 6-0 240 PS#50JC
DB	A.J. Martinez 6-0 185 PS#68
RB	John West 5-10 180 PS#143JC
QB	Jason Whieldon 6-1 187 PS#152JC
OL	Dane Uperesa 6-5 300 PS#185
OL	Samson Satele 6-6 240 PS#204
OL	Mesepa Reed 6-5 240 PS#208
DL	Albert Ma'afala 6-2 270 PS#189
LB	Marco Chavez 6-3 245 PS#271JC
OL	Marques Kaonohi 6-2 250 PS#270
DL	Tala Esera 6-4 265 PS#235
WR	Kenny Patton 6-0 175 PS#226
WR	Jeremiah Cockheran 6-2 185 PS#383JC
WR	Ross Dickerson 5-11 175 PS#246

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HAWAII WARRIORS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								This is the 17th straight year UH will play at least 12 games. Note: UH has a bye between the SJSU and Rice games this season.
Aug. 31	E Illinois	A						E Illinois was 9-2 SU overall and won the Ohio Valley Conf last year. Warriors squeaked by EIU 31-27 in '99 & are 7-1 SU in non-lined gms S/'91.
Sep. 7	at BYU	G						Warriors are 2-5 ATS the last 7 years in their mainland opener. Hawaii is 10-3 ATS their last 13 vs the Cougars, 2-3 the last 5.
Sep. 14								
Sep. 21	at UTEP	A						UH is 3-8 ATS the week after a bye since 1994, but 3-1 the last 4. The home team is 7-0 ATS in this series since 1993.
Sep. 28	SMU	A						UH came into 2002 with a 14-9 ATS mark the L3Y in WAC gms but 25-36-2 ATS the L8Y. Hawaii is 29-20-3 ATS at home after a road game.
Oct. 5	at Boise St	A						Hawaii is 7-3 ATS in WAC road games under Jones. Warriors are 8-4 in October under Jones.
Oct. 12	Nevada	A						Hawaii came into 2002 7-12-1 ATS their last 20 as home chalk. Could apply here: UH is 16-23-2 (but 8-5 L3Y) ATS off a SU loss since '96.
Oct. 19	Tulsa	A						Warriors are 3-6 SU but 7-2 ATS in 2nd of 2+ home games. The home team has lost SU & ATS the last 3 series meetings.
Oct. 26	at Fresno St	G						Pending the BYU result, UH is 5-0 ATS their last 5 on natural grass. The home team is 8-2 ATS in the last 10 meetings.
Nov. 2	San Jose St	A						This is a strange scheduling situation for these 2 conf teams as this is the 3rd straight season that SJSU has visited the Islands.
Nov. 16	at Rice	A						Hawaii is 9-3 ATS under Jones in the last 4 weeks of the season. Warriors are 4-2 ATS in their last 6 road finales.
Nov. 23	Cincinnati	A						This is Hawaii's first ever meeting with the Bearcats. Hawaii is 10-3 ATS since 1986 in the 1st game of a 3 (+) game homestand.
Nov. 30	Washington St	A						Pending earlier results, UH is 9-3 ATS in November games under Jones. UH is 2-4 SU and ATS since 1993 vs Pac 10 foes.
Dec. 7	San Diego St	A						UH is 0-8 SU & 0-7-1 ATS since 1991 vs San Diego St. Hawaii is 5-2 ATS the last 7 years in season finales, 4-1 ATS last 5.

JUNE JONES (Career 21-16)
4th Year at Hawaii

Jones' records AT HAWAII

21-16	Straight Up	5-4	Home Favorite
21-12	Vs The Spread	9-5	Home Dog
8-5	Off A S/U Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
14-9	Vs Conference	5-2	Away Dog
	7-3 Vs Non-Conf		

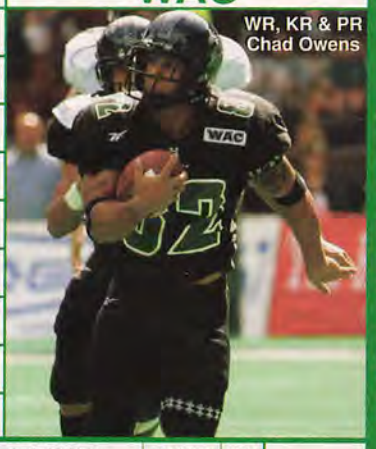
2001 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 56 (25,28,3)
Lost: 23 (10,11,3,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,168

WAC



STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-8	2-10	3-9	0-12	8-4	3-9	9-3	29-55
ATS	4-7	4-7-1	5-6	2-9-1	7-4	7-4	7-4	36-41-2
Home Fav	1-0	1-2-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	3-3	7-8-1
Home Dog	2-3	2-2	4-2	1-6	4-3	3-2	2-0	18-18
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	3-2
Away Dog	0-4	1-3	1-2	1-2-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	8-13-1
Favorite	2-0	1-2-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	2-0	4-4	10-10-1
Dog	2-7	3-5	5-4	2-8-1	6-3	5-4	3-0	26-31-1
Grass	0-4	1-3	1-2	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	8-10-1
Artificial	4-3	3-4-1	4-4	1-8	5-4	5-4	6-4	28-31-1
vs Conf	3-6	2-5-1	3-5	1-6-1	5-2	4-4	5-3	23-31-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-2	2-1	1-3	2-2	3-0	2-1	13-10
Off SU Win	1-3	1-1	1-1	0-0	5-3	2-1	6-2	16-11
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-5-1	3-5	2-8-1	2-0	5-3	1-2	19-26-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Bass	108	591	33	558	3	5.2
Thero Mitchell	73	404	26	378	9	5.2
Nick Rolovich	49	157	153	4	0	0.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Nick Rolovich	405	233	57.5	3361	34	9
Timmy Chang	140	83	59.3	1100	6	6
Jared Flint	23	10	43.5	112	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Ashley Lelie	84	1713	20.4	19	80	
Channon Harris	69	796	11.5	8	35	
Justin Colbert	55	801	14.6	3	52	
Craig Stutzmann	54	611	11.3	5	30	
Mike Bass	29	220	7.6	1	27	
Tafiti Uso	13	207	15.9	4	45	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mat McBriar	40	1736	43.4	–	38.9	1	10
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Justin Ayat	8-9	6-7	3-8	2-5	19-29	55	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Brown	124	4	1	2	0
Jacob Espiau	119	0	1	8	1
Nate Jackson	114	3	3	10	0
Pisa Tinoisamoa	86	5	6	3	0
Hyrum Peters	76	0	1	7	1
Robert Grant	71	2	0	10	2
Travis LaBoy	52	4	7	1	0
Laanui Correa	51	4	1	7	1
Matt Wright	51	1	4	5	1
Joe Correia	38	2	3	1	0
Keani Alapa	38	1	1	4	0
Mike Iosua	38	1	4	1	1
Lance Samuseva	38	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chad Owens	18	216	12.0	1	
Clifton Herbert	12	106	8.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chad Owens	24	807	33.6	2	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
89	Aloha	+7	Michigan St	13-33	L
92	Holiday	E	Illinois	27-17	W
99	Oahu	+9	Oregon St	23-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

HAWAII'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	40.3	24	81	3.4	381	57.4	11.5	+9	2001	6	26.5	24	182	4.0	250	54.6	16.3
5	24.5	20	74	3.7	323	50.7	16.2	-8	2000	7	33.3	22	211	4.3	194	55.6	12.2
6*	28.5	21	89	3.6	324	51.9	14.5	+1	1999	8	26.8	21	185	4.0	196	57.5	14.2
7*	12.4	15	109	3.0	184	44.1	23.7	-10	1998	3	35.2	20	189	4.7	207	60.2	11.3
4	15.8	17	105	2.7	206	55.7	19.7	-9	1997	9	25.7	17	148	3.7	182	49.9	12.9
8*	13.4	14	136	3.5	120	50.7	19.1	-7	1996	8	36.1	22	233	5.2	179	54.3	11.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Montana	25	28-90	3.2	31-54	435	1	23	35-165	4.7	24-47	232	4	0
at Nevada	21	20-45	2.3	25-38	303	6	26	51-220	4.3	21-28	231	3	-1
Rice	22	23-48	2.1	30-57	390	4	22	64-212	3.3	7-19	140	4	-3
at SMU	30	43-148	3.4	31-51	325	3	15	34-101	3.0	11-25	256	3	+3
UTEP	28	33-174	5.3	20-39	316	4	14	45-158	3.5	10-31	86	3	+3
at Tulsa	22	33-61	1.8	26-39	333	3	17	37-142	3.8	17-35	165	0	+1
Fresno St	22	18-30	1.7	31-54	350	3	26	33-68	2.1	28-45	400	2	+1
San Jose St	16	20-85	4.3	19-38	318	1	20	40-124	3.1	24-47	251	3	-1
Boise St	23	20-80	4.0	23-46	258	4	25	49-187	3.8	18-32	211	2	+2
Miami (Oh)	23	11-45	4.1	30-53	500	1	35	38-164	4.3	40-53	452	3	-1
Air Force	23	15-67	4.5	32-49	505	1	32	78-545	7.0	4-20	58	0	+3
BYU	31	21-103	4.9	29-52	543	1	38	40-97	2.4	40-65	515	7	+2
TOTALS	286	285-976	3.4	327-570	4576	32	293	544-2183	4.0	244-447	2997	34	+9
AVERAGES	23.8	24-81	3.4	27-48	381	2.7	24.4	45-182	4.0	20-37	250	2.8	0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Minnesota	+12'	17-3	W
CS Northridge	NL	34-21	–
Wyoming	+11	6-35	L
at UNLV	+3'	15-25	L
at Colorado St	+30	0-63	L
Fresno St	+11	28-16	W
at BYU	+27'	3-17	W
San Diego St	+6'	3-10	L
Air Force	+11	27-34	W
at San Jose St	-1'	14-38	L
NE Louisiana (OT)	-5'	20-23	L
Notre Dame	+28	22-23	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	+17	6-27	L
at Utah	+24	21-30	W
Arkansas St	-11	0-20	L
SMU	+7'	0-28	L
at San Diego St	+22	13-35	T
BYU	+21'	9-31	L
N Mexico	+6'	20-30	L
at UTEP	+15'	13-30	L
San Jose St	+7'	17-45	L
at Fresno St	+27	12-51	L
Northwestern	+16'	21-47	L
Michigan	+38	17-48	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
USC	+26'	7-62	L
E Illinois	NL	31-27	–
Boise St	+6'	34-19	W
at SMU	+14	20-0	W
UTEP	+5'	33-3	W
Rice	+1'	19-38	L
at Tulsa	-5'	35-21	W
TCU	+4'	14-34	L
at San Jose St	+2'	62-41	W
Fresno St	+3	31-24	W
Navy	+3	48-41	W
Washington St	-5	14-22	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	20-45	–
at UTEP	+9	7-39	L
Tulsa	+3'	14-24	L
at TCU	+38'	21-41	W
SMU	-2'	30-15	W
at Rice	+11'	13-38	L
San Jose St	+8	48-57	L
at Fresno St	+26	27-45	W
Nevada	-14'	37-17	W
Louisiana Tech	+1	27-10	W
Wisconsin	+19	18-34	W
UNLV	+7	32-34	W

2001 RESULTS

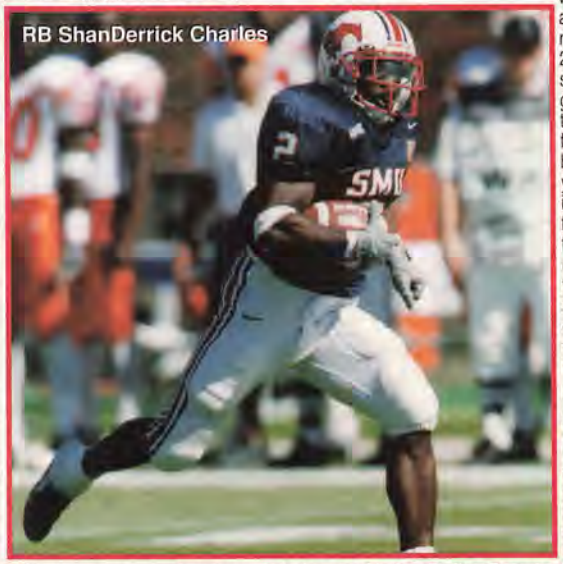
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana	NL	30-12	–
at Nevada	-5'	20-28	L
Rice	-3'	24-27	L
at SMU (OT)	+5'	38-31	W
UTEP	-7	66-7	W
at Tulsa	-7	36-15	W
Fresno St	+6	38-34	W
San Jose St	-13	34-10	W
Boise St	-4	21-28	L
Miami (Oh)	-7'	52-51	L
Air Force	-9'	52-30	W
BYU	+3	72-45	W

SMU MUSTANGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In Mike Cavan's tenure he had the tendency to alternate QB's. In 1999 Josh McCown had a 9-3 ratio over the final 5 games and was firmly entrenched as the starter going into 2000. He had consecutive bad outings with 4 int's vs Houston and San Jose St which cost him the job. JC transfer David Page started the next 3 games but when he threw 3 int's against Rice, McCown took over for the rest of the year. Those 2 combined for a poor 13-22 ratio. Kelan Luker was PS#75 and played in 5 games as a true frosh in '99 throwing for 270 yards (39.3%) with a 1-3 ratio. Cavan opted to redshirt Luker in 2000. Last year Luker won the starting job for the first 3 games and threw for 516 yards (48.6%) with a 2-4 ratio. Page took over as the starter in week 4 and his mobility proved to be an asset due to the lack of protection from the OL. He threw 3 TD's in his 1st start and put up decent stats, throwing for 1,209 yards (53.9%) with an 8-7 ratio while also rushing for 310 yards. Unfortunately, Page who was 4-4 as a starter last year, graduated early and opted to leave the program. Richard Bartel (6-4 190 rFr) was PS#96 and was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds. Ashton Nixon (6-2 201 rFr) was PS#186 but requested a move to WR. Tate Wallis (6-2 210 rFr) was PS#251 and spent last year at TE. He was listed as 1st string after the spring game. Naturally new coaches like their own recruits so Phil Bennett may give Donnie Gilray a shot. Page was clearly the best QB on hand here last year and the unit is less experienced but it could come close to matching 2001's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - SMU has been known for some great rush attacks including the Pony Express combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James. The legendary Doak Walker also played his collegiate football here. From 1996 to 1998 SMU's rush attack averaged over 4.0 ypc and 174 ypg. In 1999 they slipped to 119 ypg (3.1). In 2000 they brought in a 1 back offense and OC Larry Kueck came over from S Mississippi. Kris Briggs led the team in rushing with 828 yards (3.6) and the team averaged 116 ypg (3.2). Briggs was the 3rd leading rusher in the WAC in 2000 but suffered some fumble problems early in 2001 and got into Cavan's doghouse. Keylon Kincade took over the starter's role but suffered a concussion and did not play against San Jose St. ShanDerrick Charles (PS#124) took over and simply had the best two games in SMU's illustrious RB history by rushing for 243 yards against San Jose St (missed school record by 1 yard) and 212 the next week vs UTEP. Charles is 5-9 180 and while he does not possess great speed he does have outstanding vision. He had 122 yards against Nevada and then had 96 yards but he was injured in the 3Q against Fresno, just failing to top the 100 yard barrier for the 4th straight game. Interestingly, it was Derron Brown (5-10 202 So, PS#166DB) who was called on to replace Charles against Fresno and not Kincade or Briggs. Kincade took advantage of Charles' injury, rushing for 169 yards against Tulsa. Charles led the team in rushing in the final 2 games and finished with 860 and a super 6.4 ypc despite having just 1 carry and 0 yards in the first 4 games! Kincade had 421 yards (4.5) and Briggs had 209 (3.3). All 3 are back as is Brown and Earl Morris (5-10 203 rFr) who was PS#157. Also true frosh Anthony Barnett (PS#54) could play right away. This is an extremely deep corps of RB's that Bennett has at his disposal and I look for improved numbers.


RB ShanDerrick Charles

RECEIVERS - In 1999 Mike Cavan signed a great class of WR's with 3 HT true frosh and 2 finished the season as the starters. Practically everyone returned to the unit last year. Backup TE Michael Brown tore his ACL in August and missed the season after starting 4 games in 2000. The team had moved RB Johnnie Freeman to a full-time WR last year to take advantage of his 4.32 speed. Freeman drew a lot of double teams during the course of the year and surprisingly only had 6 rec's (23.5). Chris Cunningham (PS#43) led the team in rec's in '99 and was #2 in 2000 (45, 9.9) as he was bothered by injuries. He was healthy last year and led the team again with 45 (11.5). TE John Hampton led the team with 46 in 2000 and had 35 last year (13.1). Cody Cardwell (PS#86) was actually the #2 receiver as a frosh with 31 grabs but has seen his production drop to 24 and 13 the last two years. I list the 2 deep below and they also add QB Ashton Nixon. The only losses this year are WR Jason Pipkins who had 7 rec's and TE Brown (16 career starts). With almost everyone back this unit should be solidly improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year they had to replace 2 starters as well as a backup but 7 of the top 10 were back including 4 players with 5 or more starts. LT Joey Slaten had a big year and held UNC's Julius Peppers (#2 overall pick in the NFL Draft) to just 1 sack and the offensive front paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing but still allowed 31 sacks. This year they must replace Slaten (3 yr st'r, 11 sts), LG James McCarthy (11 sts, 4 yr st'r), RG Cory Fross (9 sts until inj) and backup G Kevin Gober (5 sts in 2000). Thornton Chandler started the first 5 at center and was replaced by Steve Reindl and both return. LG Sterling Harris is a VHT who started the last 2 when Fross got injured. This group is a little on the small side and less experienced and I'll call it a little weaker.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Mustangs had 2 players returning with starting experience although they did have to replace a starter who was 2nd Team WAC. Cavan said everyone on the unit got bigger and stronger in the offseason and I called for them to be one of the best DL's in the WAC last year. SMU ended up leading the WAC in total defense and the unit went from allowing 3.9 ypc rushing in 2000 to 3.3 last year but for the second straight year the team recorded just 21 sacks. This year the losses are heavier as 3 starters depart. Gone are DE Kevin Aldridge (10 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 74 tkls, 7 sks), DT Chris Post (9 sts, 7.5 tfl) and DE Johnson Patman (10 sts, 52 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 hurries). One player who was among the top 6 returning last year who did not play was Markus Pratt, a 7 game starter in 2000. While the chances of him playing this year are doubtful there is a chance he could regain eligibility and I list him in the 2 deep below. Basically they have 2 starters returning as DT Warrie Birdwell (PS#54) has 12 starts in his career and DT Lute Croy has 25. This group is less experienced than it was heading into last season and with the loss of a star like Aldridge, I will call it weaker.

LINEBACKERS - For the 2nd straight year basically all of the LB's return and this is one of the most experienced LB units in the country with 7 players having starting experience. The star, Vic Viloria (PS#94), is back after earning 1st Team WAC honors. Viloria, a 5 game starter as a true frosh in 1998, enters his 4th year as a starter. Billy Jack Williams missed the first 8 games in 2000 due to injury but started the last 3 that year. He was still not 100% last season and did not start but still had 21 tackles. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Justin Williams (5-11 200 Sr, PS#316) who had 3 starts and 45 tackles in 1999 but had just 25 tackles since, and Derek Swofford (6-4 220 So). The only loss from this group is OLB Corey Riley (5 sts, #3 tkl'r, 3.5 tfl) and this should be one of the WAC's best LB corps again.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year basically everyone returned and 9 players had starting experience coming into the season. They finished a very strong #14 in my pass D rankings, allowing 198.1 ypg, 56% with a 13-17 ratio while facing some top-notch QB's. This year they must replace SS Shane O'Neil (8 sts, 68 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 int, 6 pbu) as well as DB Tommy Dorsey (5 sts, 34 tkls, 1 tfl) but everyone else returns. SS Leroy Price was an 8 game starter in 2000 who was bothered by hamstring injuries in 2001 and got in just 2 starts. Phil Bennett coached at Kansas St where they have had some excellent CB's but he says, "Kevin Garrett and Jonas Rutledge could be as good as any pair I have worked with." Rutledge earned 1st Team WAC honors last year and Garrett was 2nd Team in 2000. I list a talented 2 deep below and this is probably the WAC's top secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Chris "Comet" Cunningham was a super return-man in HS and averaged 33.9 on KR's here in 1999, earning him 1st Team WAC honors. He only averaged 18.9 in 2000 (bothered by knee injury) and the numbers dropped again last year to 15.5. Jonas Rutledge became the top KR (22.4). Cunningham still averaged a solid 11.0 on PR's and don't forget that Johnnie Freeman averaged 23.6 on KR's in 2000 and has blazing speed. Last year they had to replace their punter and Adam Walterscheid averaged 39.4 with a net of 32.0, but he mishandled 5 snaps and had 3 punts blocked on the year. SMU actually had 5 punts blocked in 2000 as well so I look for Bennett to shore up the punt protection schemes and he signed a true frosh P for this year. Walterscheid also handled the KO's and had 13 touchbacks out of 44 kicks in 2000 and the team did allow just 19 yards per return last year so they will miss his strong leg. Jacob Crowley hit 13 of 20 FG's with a long of 48 and also must be replaced but they do have an HT rFr waiting to step in. The team did block 4 kicks last year (1 punt). Although they must replace both their kicker and punter, I look for improvement in the return game and the punt blocking schemes and this unit could better last year's #91 ranking.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1981 to 1984 SMU was among the best teams in the country, going 41-5-1 but the "Death Penalty" hit them in 1987 and they've had just 1 winning season since. Unfortunately for departed Head Coach Mike Cavan, his teams always got off to slow starts and played much better in the 2H of the year. That was the case once again last season when they opened up 0-4 but rebounded to win 4 of their last 7. Against Louisiana Tech, in the opener, SMU had a 286-245 yard edge but allowed 2 defensive TD's. They also had a 13-5 FD edge and led 10-7 vs NC St at the half and against Nevada they had a 10-5 FD edge but somehow trailed at the half 24-8, thanks to turnovers. Last season the team lost just 8 lettermen and had my #1 rated WAC defense and managed to move up to 4-4 in conference play. New Head Coach Phil Bennett comes in from Kansas St and inherits a veteran team that has 13 starters retuning and loses just 16 lettermen. Overall SMU allowed just 320.1 ypg in 2001 which was 44 yards fewer than the next closest defense in the WAC and now has 6 starters returning on that side of the ball. Once again SMU ranks as my #1 defense in the conference. Bennett is also a top-notch DC as his KSU units ranked #2, #4 and #3 in the country the last 3 years. Offensively they come in at just #9 in the WAC which is the question mark for the season. RB ShanDerrick Charles was outstanding as a starter down the stretch and should a QB emerge, they should easily top the 20.5 ppg they put up last season which was the best for the school in 4 years. Last year SMU was -7 in turnovers and does draw a favorable schedule in the fact that they get to avoid Boise St. Most of their home games fall into the winnable category and the key will be how quickly this team adjusts to Bennett's new schemes. I have always been partial to teams with top-notch defenses and this group has one which has me calling for the Mustangs to move into the upper half of the WAC standings and possibility flirt with a winning season.

OFFENSE

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Kelan Luker Jr. 6-1 209 **PS#75.** 5 gms as true, 270 yds (39%), 1-3 ratio, RS in 2000. 1st 3 sts LY, 516 yds (49%) 2-4 ratio. Richard Bartel (6-4 190 rFr) PS#96, strong arm.

RB ShanDERRICK CHARLES SO. 5-9 180 PS#124. 6 sts as true. 0 yds after 4 gms but 860 yds (6.4), 10 rec (3.8) as **true**. Kris Briggs (5-11 224 Sr) PS#99, 828 yds (3.6), 2nd Tm WAC in 2000.

WR JOHNNIE FREEMAN SR. 5-11 191 32 rush (8.7) at TB in '99. 32 rec (12.5) in 2000, 10 sts. 4 sts LY, 6 rec (23.5). Jay Taylor (6-4 184 So), 2 rec as true, PS#145. Trey Griffin 3 rush LY.

WR CHRIS CUNNINGHAM SR. 5-8 180 PS#43. 39 rec (14.6) as true. 45 rec (9.9) in 2000. 45 rec (11.5) LY, 1386 career ret yds. Cedric Vinson (5-11 190 rFr) PS#124QB. James Elliott is PS#75.

WR BILLY FORD SR. 6-4 210 16 tkls at LB as true. 7 sts in 2000, 28 rec (11.1) 6 sts LY, 20 rec (10.8). Cody Cardwell (5-10 180 Sr) 6 sts as true, 31 rec (15.1). 9 sts, 37 rec in L/2Y.

TE JOHN HAMPTON SR. 6-3 249 PS#149. 10 sts in 2000, 46 rec (12.4). HM WAC. 11 sts LY, #2 w/35 rec (13.1). **Trent Hrncir** (6-5 237 Jr) 6 tkls at DE in 2000. 7 sts as blk'g TE LY.

C STEVE REINDL JR. 6-3 274 11 games as 2nd string as rFr but didn't letter. Last 6 sts at C in 2001, lettered. Brad Kieschnick (6-3 275 rFr) PS#306, sprained MCL as true.

RG Thornton Chandler Sr. 6-3 277 PS#99DL. 5 tkls at DT as true. 7 sts at RG in 2000. First 5 sts at C in 2001 & moved to G and backup rest of yr. Dustin Morton (6-4 270 Fr) is PS#214.

LG Sterling Harris Jr. 6-6 295 **PS#47OL.** 10 games as 2nd string in 2000, lettered. 11 gms & started L/2 at RG LY. Tommy Miller (6-2 319 rFr) recruited by Texas A&M.

RT Scott Dale rFr. 6-4 281 PS#304OL. 2nd string T all year as true but RS. Townsend Hargis (6-4 275 So) PS#435OL, backup C as rFr, zero letters. Added 21 lbs.

LT JUDSON DAVIS SR. 6-5 291 PS#195. 2nd string as rFr. Inj'd in 2000. 11 sts at RT in 2001, added 15 lbs TY. Eric Neal (6-3 281 So) has 0 letters. Backup OT last year.

K Chris McMurtray rFr. 6-1 216 PS#17K in 2001. Hit 7 of 12 FG's as senior in HS, long of 55. Hit 23 of 23 xp's. 57 yard FG in preseason scrimmage here last year.

DE Melvin Williams So. 6-1 235 2 starts as rFr, 28 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 1 QBH. Added 20 lbs this year. Brent Karrington is **PS#166DL.** Clay Glockzin (6-4 237 So) PS#375DL.

DT Warrie Birdwell Sr. 6-4 280 **PS#54DL.** 2 sts as true, 23 tkls, 2 tfl. Last 5 sts in 2000, 41 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl. 5 sts LY, 48 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. Marcus Walker (6-3 278 rFr) PS#348OL.

DT LUTE CROY SR. 6-2 316 **PS#74DL.** 10 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 3 tfl. 7 sts in 2000, 44 tkls, 9 tfl, 8 sts LY, 50 tkls (#1 on DL), 3.5 sks. Allan Adami (6-4 257 So) 5 tkls as rFr.

DE Khalid Beard Sr. 6-1 215 PS#106LB. 12 tkls in 2000. 12 tkls, 3 sks, 6 QBH LY. Eric Peterson (6-4 238 Sr) 10 tkls, 1 sk LY. **Markus Pratt** (6-0 250 Sr) 14 sts, 12 sks, 3Y, ? TY (elig).

OLB BRIAN BISCHOFF JR. 6-0 214 7 sts as rFr, 74 tkls, 4 tfl. 9 sts LY, 63 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int. Billy Jack Williams (6-2 200 Sr) 6 sts in '99, Last 3 sts in 2000, 57 career tkls, 3 tfl.

MLB VIC VILORIA SR. 5-11 235 **PS#94.** 5 sts as true (inj), 43 tkls. 12 sts in 2000, 130 tkls (#1 WAC), 10 tfl. 8 sts LY, **1st Tm WAC**, 110 tkls, 13 tfl. DD Lee (6-1 238 So) PS#192, 2 sts, 40 tkls LY.

OLB Jarrian James Jr. 6-0 209 PS#292. L/5 sts as true, 43 tkls, 4 tfl. 5 sts LY, 33 tkls, 2 tfl. DD Johnson (5-11 228 Sr) 26 tkls in 2000. Don Ieremia-Stansbury (6-2 210 rFr) PS#140DB.

CB JONAS RUTLEDGE JR. 5-10 180 PS#385. 11 sts, 51 tkls, 10 pbu in 2000. 11 sts, **1st Tm WAC** LY, 54 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu. Brent Briggs (5-10 183 Sr) PS#179WR. 1 st, 36 tkls, 1 tfl 3Y.

CB KEVIN GARRETT SR. 5-10 196 Track. 10 sts, 81 tkls as rFr. 12 sts, 76 tkls, 12 pbu, **2nd Tm WAC** in 2000. 11 sts, 62 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu LY. Chris Godfrey (5-11 184 So) 15 tkls, 2 pbu LY.

SS Leroy Price Jr. 6-1 205 PS#255. **8 sts** as rFr, 58 tkls, 2 tfl. 2 sts LY (inj miss 5) 15 tkls, 4 pbu. Rico Harris (6-2 212 So) PS#104, 15 tkls as rFr. Alvin Nnabuife 12 tkls as true.

FS RUBEN MOODLEY JR. 6-0 186 PS#380. 4 sts as true, 34 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. 10 sts LY (miss 1) 54 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. **Matt Rushbrook** (5-10 175 So) PS#290WR, **6 sts** as **true**, 39 tkls.

P Ryan Mentzel Fr. 6-1 185 Top P at TX A&M kicking camp in 2000. Ray Guy Camp L/2 years. Avg 40.1 in high school LY. Chris McMurtray had 40.7 avg in high school.

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DB	Robert Gilmore 6-2 185 PS#319	
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SMU MUSTANGS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SMU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	Navy	G					
Sep. 7	Texas Tech	G					
Sep. 14	at TCU	G					
Sep. 21	at Oklahoma St	A					
Sep. 28	at Hawaii	A					
Oct. 5	San Jose St	G					
Oct. 12	at Fresno St	G					
Oct. 19	Louisiana Tech (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	at Rice	A					
Nov. 2	Nevada	G					
Nov. 9							
Nov. 16	at UTEP	A					
Nov. 23	Tulsa	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

SMU is 6-16-1 SU all-time vs ACC.
Mustangs are 11-22 ATS in their last 33 favorite roles.
Ponies are 10-18-1 ATS their last 29 as underdogs.

Mustangs were 4-23 SU in the first half of the season under Cavan.
Might apply: SMU is 2-12-1 ATS as a DD HF since 1984, 2-0 the L2Y!

Ponies are 5-11 ATS their last 16 vs current Big 12 teams.
SMU is 9-4 ATS their last 13 as a non-conference home dog.

Mustangs are 7-15-1 ATS their last 23 as an away dog.
Pending L2W, SMU is 7-13 ATS the last 6 years in non-WAC games.

SMU is 8-19-1 ATS on turf since 1994, 2-8 the last 3 years.
Teams are 20-37 ATS prior to traveling to Hawaii, 1-7 last year.

SMU is 8-14-1 ATS in conference road games since joining the WAC.
Mustangs are 1-3 ATS in this series the last 4 years, 0-3 ATS the last 3.

Ponies are 9-17 ATS in their last 26 sandwiched home games.
SMU is 24-34 ATS in October over the last 18 seasons.

Mustangs were 18-11 SU in the 2nd half of the season under Cavan.
The home team is 1-2 ATS in this series the last 3 years, 2-1 SU.

Mustangs are 6-0 SU and 4-1 ATS in their last 6 Homecoming games.
Pending 10/5 result, SMU is 14-9 ATS in their last 23 conf home games.

The visitor is a dismal 0-5-1 ATS in this rivalry the last 6 years.
Last year I won a 3★ Late Phone Play on SMU in their 37-20 "upset" win.

SMU is 12-8 SU but 9-10 ATS in their last 20 November games.
Pending earlier results, SMU is 5-12 ATS (3-2 L/5) as a HF in the post Death Penalty era.

SMU leads the all-time series 7-2 SU, the 1st meeting was in 1932.
Southern Methodist is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 road finales.

Mustangs are 6-1 both SU and ATS in the last 7 series meetings.
SMU is 1-7 ATS (won LY) in their last 8 lined home finales.

PHIL BENNETT (Career 0-0)

1st Year at SMU

Bennett's records AT SMU

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (17,21,0)
Lost: 16 (7,6,3)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,386

WAC

TE John Hampton

STADIUM: GERALD J. FORD (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	5-6	6-5	5-7	4-6	3-9	4-7	28-50
ATS	4-7	5-6	5-6	5-6-1	3-6	5-7	6-5	33-43-1
Home Fav	0-1	0-2	0-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	5-9
Home Dog	1-4	3-0	4-0	0-3	2-1	1-2	2-2	13-12
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	5-5
Away Dog	3-2	1-3	1-2	1-2-1	0-4	2-3	2-1	10-17-1
Favorite	0-1	1-3	0-4	4-1	1-1	2-2	2-2	10-14
Dog	4-6	4-3	5-2	1-5-1	2-5	3-5	4-3	23-29-1
Grass	3-5	4-5	5-5	4-6	2-3	5-4	5-3	28-31
Artificial	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-0-1	1-3	0-3	1-2	5-12-1
vs Conf	2-5	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	3-3	3-5	4-4	24-28-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	1-2	1-3	0-3	2-2	2-1	9-15
Off SU Win	0-1	2-2	2-4	1-3	2-1	1-2	3-1	11-14
Off SU Loss	3-6	2-4	3-1	4-3	1-4	3-5	3-3	19-26

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
ShanDerrick Charles	134	899	39	860	7	6.4
Keylon Kincade	93	443	22	421	1	4.5
Kris Briggs	63	232	23	209	0	3.3
Derron Brown	25	118	2	116	0	4.6
David Page	93	310	205	105	3	1.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
David Page	193	104	53.9	1209	8	7
Kelan Luker	111	54	48.6	516	2	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chris Cunningham	45	516	11.5	7	41	
John Hampton	35	459	13.1	1	41	
Billy Ford	20	215	10.8	0	34	
Cody Cardwell	13	129	9.9	1	18	
Keylon Kincade	10	59	5.9	0	15	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Adam Walterscheid	59	2322	39.4	–	32.0	2	10
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jacob Crowley	3-3	6-7	4-10	0-0	13-20	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Vic Viloria	110	1	12	2	0
Kevin Aldridge	74	7	5	2	0
Corey Riley	71	1.5	2	2	0
Shane O'Neill	68	0	4	6	5
Brian Bischoff	63	0	3	1	1
Kevin Garrett	62	0	4	11	3
Jonas Rutledge	54	0	2	12	4
Ruben Moodley	54	0	3	2	1
Johnson Patman	52	0	4	2	1
Lute Croy	50	3.5	1	4	0
Warrie Birdwell	48	2	4	1	0
Chris Post	44	0.5	7	6	0
D.D. Lee	40	0	4	2	0
Tommy Dorsey	34	0	1	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chris Cunningham	22	241	11.0	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jonas Rutledge	21	471	22.4	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Bluebonnet	NL	Oklahoma	28-27	–
80	Holiday	-1	BYU	45-46	L
82	Cotton	E	Pittsburgh	7-3	W
83	Sun	-4	Alabama	7-28	L
84	Aloha	+1'	Notre Dame	27-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SMU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	20.5	18	156	3.8	157	52.1	15.3	-7	2001	9	26.8	17	122	3.3	198	56.0	11.9
7*	15.1	19	116	3.2	209	52.5	21.5	-13	2000	7	29.3	18	138	3.9	241	56.5	12.9
6*	19.3	16	119	3.1	179	51.0	15.4	-4	1999	5	23.5	19	114	3.0	247	61.4	15.4
8	18.8	16	166	4.0	139	51.8	16.2	-3	1998	6	20.7	15	138	3.4	160	50.8	14.8
6*	22.5	16	200	4.5	111	46.7	13.9	+14	1997	6	21.6	18	144	3.5	186	56.0	15.3
8*	22.4	18	160	4.0	185	51.5	15.4	+3	1996	8	24.3	22	197	4.1	194	58.9	16.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Louisiana Tech	23	32 - 70	2.2	25 - 54	216	1	15	24 - 56	2.3	22 - 35	189	2	-2
TCU	9	30 - 39	1.3	14 - 30	109	5	16	47 - 171	3.6	13 - 21	119	1	0
NC State	18	44 - 165	3.8	13 - 23	151	3	17	26 - 73	2.8	21 - 31	215	1	-2
Hawaii	15	34 - 101	3.0	11 - 25	256	3	30	43 - 148	3.4	31 - 51	325	3	-3
at San Jose St	23	55 - 347	6.3	4 - 13	44	1	18	42 - 148	3.5	13 - 30	176	0	0
UTEP	19	49 - 261	5.3	13 - 18	165	1	7	32 - 46	1.4	13 - 25	136	5	-1
at Nevada	26	45 - 186	4.1	19 - 37	149	4	17	37 - 178	4.8	8 - 22	156	0	-3
Fresno St	14	42 - 96	2.3	15 - 29	104	5	17	35 - 79	2.3	25 - 37	292	4	-2
at Tulsa	16	52 - 218	4.2	8 - 14	84	2	17	32 - 107	3.3	20 - 44	242	1	+2
Rice	20	37 - 141	3.8	17 - 31	247	4	17	57 - 174	3.1	10 - 18	117	3	+1
at N Carolina	18	32 - 96	3.0	20 - 31	202	2	17	32 - 162	5.1	15 - 27	212	1	+3
TOTALS	201	452 - 1720	3.8	159 - 305	1727	31	188	407 - 1342	3.3	191 - 341	2179	21	-7
AVERAGES	18.3	41 - 156	3.8	14 - 28	157	2.8	17.1	37 - 122	3.3	17 - 31	198	1.9	-0.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+5	15-23	L
Arkansas	+6'	31-9	W
Navy	E	16-46	L
BYU (OT)	+11	16-19	W
at New Mexico	+6	15-22	L
at Utah	+8	20-19	W
Wyoming	+6	22-17	W
Rice	+5	24-6	W
UTEP	-19	28-14	L
at Tulsa	-7'	42-41	L
at TCU	-11'	18-21	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice (OT)	+6	17-23	T
Tulane	+7	21-31	L
at Arkansas	+9	17-44	L
Mississippi (OT)	+5'	41-48	L
at Hawaii	-7'	28-0	W
at Wyoming	+9'	7-12	W
TCU	-3	10-6	W
UNLV	-21	10-7	L
at Air Force	+20	7-31	L
Tulsa	-9'	33-3	W
Colorado St	+3'	10-32	L
at Navy	-3'	24-11	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas	+14	0-26	L
at Tulane	+3'	19-53	L
Hawaii	-14	0-20	L
at Kansas	+8	9-27	L
at UTEP	+9'	28-42	L
Fresno St	+14'	24-14	W
at San Jose St		Cancelled	
Rice	+10'	27-2	W
Cal St N'ridge	NL	58-16	–
at Tulsa	-3'	28-14	W
at TCU	+11	0-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kansas	+4	31-17	W
at UTEP	-2'	20-37	L
at NC State	+9	0-41	L
Tulane	-1	17-29	L
at Houston	+10'	15-17	W
San Jose St	+2'	10-35	L
at Hawaii	+2'	15-30	L
Nevada	-13'	21-7	W
at Rice	+9	14-43	L
Tulsa	-2'	24-20	W
at Fresno St	+18	7-14	W
TCU	+23'	7-62	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+5	6-36	L
TCU	+13	10-38	L
NC State	+15'	17-26	W
Hawaii (OT)	-5'	31-38	L
at San Jose St	+7	24-17	W
UTEP	-10	40-14	W
at Nevada	-2	14-35	L
Fresno St	+16'	13-38	L
at Tulsa	-8	24-14	W
Rice	+6'	37-20	W
at N Carolina	+23'	10-19	W

NEVADA WOLF PACK

Is there a chance that RB Chance Kretschmer can top LY's outstanding numbers this year?

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Nevada is known for their high flying pass attacks and the Wolf Pack had a streak of QB's topping 2,000 yards passing for 17 straight seasons snapped last year. David Neill had NFL type size (6-5 223) and leaves as the school's all-time career passing leader in yards (10,903), total offense (11,145), attempts (1,374) and completions (763). Neill impressed me in 2000 when he had an inexperienced O-line and receiving corps and still threw for 2,334 yards (50%) with a 13-12 ratio. Last year Neill was suspended against Col St, sprained an ankle against UNLV, suffered a hip injury against Rice, and a mild concussion against Fresno St. He did not start two games but still threw for 1,918 yards (53.9%) with an 11-5 ratio while rushing for 446. Neill leaves with an outstanding career TD/int ratio of 73-33. Zack Threadgill started the 2 games Neill missed last year and was also brought in the first half vs San Jose St. He threw for 801 yards (58%) but his ratio was nowhere near Neill's with 2 TD's and 5 int's and he also only averaged 10 yards per completion while Neill averaged 13.9 and his arm is not as strong. He should clearly be the starter this year. Andy Heiser (6-1 175 So, PS#250) got in 3 games as a true frosh but still redshirted and last year did not see action. This year Tormey has signed 2 frosh and JUCO Will Hewlett (6-5 200 Jr) who was in for the spring. Threadgill does have experience but he doesn't have David Neill's size or strength and clearly this unit looks weaker in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Nevada's running corps was rather inexperienced and Marquis Starks led the Pack with 457 yards but only averaged 2.9 ypc. Nevada averaged just 68 yards rushing and 2.2 ypc as a team that season. Everyone was back last year and much was expected of Herman Ho-Ching (PS#24), an Oregon transfer. Ho-Ching, however, did not make grades and the unit also lost Josh Griffin (PS#167) to an abdominal strain. Adrien Dugas began the year as starter but got hurt on the third play of the 2nd game. Chance Kretschmer, a walk-on from a small Nevada high school with just 14 varsity players, then took over. Kretschmer is quite a story as he fractured a wrist in high school and was not able to lift weights but became a weight lifting demon here at Nevada. He also is a calf roper in the rodeo. He started his season rushing for 94 yards against BYU but that was mostly in the second half against the 2nd and 3rd stringers. He rushed for 114 vs Colo St and then in his first 4 starts rattled off four straight 100 yard games and even a 242 yard effort against La Tech. He actually missed the 100 yard barrier in the next 2 starts but topped it in the final 3, including a school record 327 yards and 6 TD's against UTEP in the season finale. Kretschmer crushed the school record (1,241 yards rushing) and he finished as the NCAA's leader with 1,732 yards rushing. Backups did not see a lot of action as Starks had 32 carries for 125 yards. Kretschmer is back this year as are Starks and Matt Milton (6-0 205 rFr, PS#460). Milton has good size and is faster than Kretschmer and was impressive on the scout team. This year Tormey also signed 2 true frosh RB's. Despite this unit having more talent, I think its going to be almost impossible to top Kretschmer's incredible numbers from last year.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Nevada had a young receiving corps and Michael Crawford, a TCU transfer, was leading the team in receiving with 42 (12.1) until he was injured and missed the last 3 games. The most impressive WR, Nate Burleson, who has 4.4 speed and a 38" VL, came on down the stretch and finished #1 with 57 receptions for an impressive 16.2 ypc. Last year basically everyone returned. Burleson led the team in receiving once again with 53 (13.9) despite missing the majority of 3 games due to injury. The team did suffer some dropped passes for the second consecutive year (had at least six vs Colo St) but improved as the season went on. Another receiver, Jermaine Brown had 25 receptions but was lost for the season after just six games. I list the 2 deep below and plenty of players have starting experience. The only losses this year are Crawford (1 st, 16 rec), WR Mo Jones (5 sts, 30, 13.3), TE Scott Asai (4 sts, 6 rec), WR TW Cunningham (1 st, 1 rec) and WR Johnnie Holmes (1 rec). There are some playmakers in the group and if Brown and Burleson can stay healthy, they should be very productive as should Dan Bythwood who received some recruiting interest from Florida out of high school. JUCO Maurice Mann was recruited by Auburn and LSU and was in for the spring. He is faster (4.3) than Burleson and could become the feature WR. Nichiren Flowers has size (6-3 195) and blazing speed and was the option QB on the scout team last year. TE Erick Streelman (10 starts last year) should become a stronger receiver and is a solid physical talent but did miss this spring to play baseball. Also in the mix at TE and not listed below are Tony Moll (6-5 260 rFr) who was the Scout Tm Off MVP, and Mike Luca (6-4 257 So) who was PS#191DL. This group should be improved once again in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the OL had to replace all 5 starters and brought in a new coach with new terminology and was among the weakest in the NCAA, allowing 53 sacks with just 2.2 ypc rushing. They did improve as the year went on as they gave up 25 sacks in the first 2 games but just 28 in the last 10. Last year they had 4 starters returning, but the group was hit hard by injuries. Alan Parker and Harvey Dahl split 1 spot with RG John Tennert missing 2 starts and C Cody Johnson missing 1 as well. This year they must replace LG Kika Kaululaau (11 sts, 2nd TM WAC, 2 yr st'r), LT Nick Rae (9 sts) and backups C Turner Graham (1 st) and RG Matt Cannon (2 sts). Five players return with starting experience including Johnson, an honors candidate, and they get the addition of David Ah Sue who was a JUCO transfer last year that redshirted. The unit allowed just 26 sacks while paving the way for the NCAA's leading rusher. I look for continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Wolf Pack had to replace 1.5 starters due to graduation but had 6 players returning with starting experience. Their rush D remained poor but has shown minor improvement, as after allowing 240 ypg in 1999 they trimmed it to 232.5 in 2000 and last year 224.2. After recording 17 sacks as a team in 2000 they upped it to 22 last year. This year they must replace DT Horacio Leyva (10 sts, 42 tkls, 7 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC), DE Leni Suiauna (3 sts, 27 tkls, 4 tfl), DT Pat Estes (6 tkls), DE Michael Yenick (1 st, 1 tkl) and DE Brant Hill (1 st, 4 tkls). They do get some promising additions with MLB Jorge Cordova, the team's #3 tackler in 2001 moving to DE, and PS#82JUCO Keenan Curtis. DE's Chris Barry and Derek Kennard were moved inside and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed in the 2 deep is PJ Hoeper (6-3 278 rFr) who has great size and athletic ability and was the Defensive Scout Team MVP, and Tim Sylvester (6-2 265 rFr, PS#240). Johnnie Thomas was PS#58JUCO and last year had 2 starts but needs to make grades and was not on the spring roster. There is a good chance that he will return and last year he did not qualify until late August either. There are 6 players returning with starting experience (if Thomas is back) and I look for continued improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Wolf Pack had to replace one starter due to graduation and then moved OLB Paul Jolley to the secondary so they had just one starter returning. They then suffered a spate of injuries and were forced to move Adrien Dugas from RB to LB and Dugas played very well down the stretch, starting 4 games, and was even the WAC Defensive Player of the Week vs SMU. Their star OLB, Carl LaGrone, missed 3 games due to injury and was limited in two others and Jorge Cordova missed 3 games. This year they must replace Dugas and the only other loss is Cordova who moved to DE. I list the 2 deep below and there are some solid additions. Craig Bailey was a terror on the scout team last year and they bring in an HT JUCO in Joey Barnes and top-notch frosh in Scott Garrison (PS#112) as well as JUCO Shaun Tagatauli. Daryl Towns (PS#119) is the cousin of Carolina Panther Lester, and earned 2nd Tm WAC honors as the team's leading tackler. This group has more experience, added talent, and should maintain better health, and I look for dramatic improvement in their performance.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 Nevada had a very inexperienced secondary and while they did finish #71 overall in my pass D rankings, it was probably due to the fact that teams were able to run the ball at will and were rarely forced to pass. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup but then starting SS Humphrey Garrett got in just one start before being kicked off the team and OLB Jolley was moved to SS in his place. CB Domonic Cruz also missed 3 games due to injury. This year basically everyone returns and I do like the talent at FS (see 2 deep below). Not listed is Tyrone Rackley (5-11 192 Jr, PS#117) who has 17 tackles in 7 games in 2 years. They bring also in 2 JUCO's who will contend for time immediately. The Wolf Pack finished #113 in my pass D rankings last year, allowing 61.6% with an awful 26-6 ratio. With everyone back with an added year of experience plus a stronger front 7 I look for them to make major strides in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tormey put a lot of emphasis into coaching special teams back at Idaho and in fact his unit finished #7 in the country in '98 in my special teams rankings. In his five years as a coach at Idaho his teams allowed zero KR's for touchdowns. Despite Tormey's emphasis the unit finished the second worst in the country in my special teams rankings in '99 and allowed 4 return TD's in 2000, finishing just #110. The unit did show some significant improvement last year. Kicker Damon Fine showed his strong leg by hitting a 58 yard FG against UNLV which tied a school record. Fine looked like one of the best kickers in the country at midseason as he was hitting 11 of 14 FG's but he hit just 4 of 9 over the last 5 games although all of his misses were from 40+. Marlon McLaughlin was #5 in the WAC in PR's (10.4) and Ronnie Hardiman was #34 in the NCAA in KR's (24.2). They both return as does P Derek Jones who improved his net punting from 31.1 to 34.7. Overall the Pack finished #88 in my rankings. Everyone returns this year and the team as a whole continues to get deeper and more experienced. With Tormey's emphasis on this unit, I think they can move into the upper half of the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nevada was a dominant team in the Big West from 1991 to 1996 when they compiled a 51-18 SU record but in their final 3 years of conference play they went just 14-19. They switched head coaches for their move to the WAC in 1999. With the fewest amount of returning starters (5) and also a schedule which featured 3 Top 25 foes in the opening month, I pegged them last in the WAC that season. As expected Nevada had 10 losses, the most in school history, and all were by 14 or more points. Last year they were a much more veteran group with 58 lettermen returning and just 8 lost. The team made a lot of strides but only improved its win/loss record by 1, going from 2-10 to 3-8 although all 3 wins came in WAC play. Their offense went from averaging 17.3 ppg to 26.0 and in league play they averaged 485.9 ypg, which was the 2nd best in the WAC. This year they have 7 starters back on that side of the ball and I rate them as having the 3rd most potent offense in the WAC. Last year they also had a veteran defensive unit with 7 starters back but surprisingly allowed even more points and yards than they did the year before, giving up 39.2 ppg and 494.8 ypg. This year's defense, with 10 starters back, should be much stingier but still ranks near the bottom of the conference. In the summer of 2000 six players worked out and only 2 benched over 400 lbs. Over the last summer 47 players worked out and 12 benched 400 lbs. You can expect more improvement this year. The Pack has switched their helmet logo to the "Sport Wolf", their 4th different helmet logo in 4 years, and they are returning to a dark blue helmet which they last had in 1999. Nevada was picked dead last by the media last year in the WAC but I pegged them 7th and that is where they finished. The non-conf slate will be very difficult. They also have 4 tough road games in conference play and host favorite Boise St. Topping last year's 3 WAC and overall victories may prove difficult but this team is capable of it.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Zack Threadgill Sr. 6-2 205 177 yds (45.5%), 23 yards rush as rFr. Missed 2000 w/inj. 2 sts, 801 yds (58%), 45 rush LY. Andy Heiser (6-1 175 So) PS#250 in 2000.

RB CHANCE KRETSCHMER SO. 6-2 220 **#1 rusher in NCAA** in 2001 as rFr, 1732 yards (5.7). Matt Milton (6-0 205 rFr). Marquis Starks was the #1 rusher here in 2000 w/457 (2.9).

WR MAURICE MANN JR. 6-1 170 PS#253JC. Fastest player on team, 10.7 in 100M! 71 rec (13.5) at JC LY. Tim Fleming (6-1 185 Jr) PS#350. 11 starts, 55 rec (15.3) 2Y.

WR NATE BURLESON SR. 6-2 181 12 sts, #1 w/57 rec (16.2) in 2000. 8 sts LY, #1 w/ 53 rec (13.9), 4.44. Jermaine Brown (5-11 186 Sr) 8 sts in '99 & 2000, 20 rec. 3 sts (inj) LY, 25 rec (11.0).

WR Aaron Carter Sr. 6-2 190 PS#193. 1 st, 16 rec (9.4) in 2000. 4 sts, 13 rec (17.3) LY. Dan Bythwood (6-4 200 Sr) JC. 21 rec (11.6) here LY. Nichiren Flowers (6-3 195 rFr) fast.

TE ERICK STREELMAN SR. 6-5 240 4 sts, 7 rec (14.4) in 2000. 10 starts LY, 9 rec (9.1). Bill Lynch (6-4 257 Sr) 49 rec at JUCO in 1999 & 2000. 4 starts here LY with 2 rec (11.5).

C CODY JOHNSON SR. 6-4 294 PS#455. 2 starts as rFr. 12 starts as C in 2000. 10 starts in 2001, can also play G. Steven Church (6-1 271 Jr) PS#286JUCO, in for spring.

RG Isaiah Ross Jr. 6-3 305 9 starts in 2000 at DL, 21 tkls, 4 tfl in 10 games. Moved to OL LY and had 2 starts. Missed spg TY (inj) Adam Kiefer (6-5 280 rFr) is PS#303.

LG JOHN TENNERT JR. 6-3 303 PS#284OL. 11 starts at RG as true. 9 starts in 2001 & Tormey says "could be future star". Nick Schneider (6-3 309 So) was PS#256 in 2000.

RT ALAN PARKER JR. 6-5 310 PS#265. 2nd string as true but RS. 9 starts at RT in 2000. 6 starts in 2001 (injury). Adam Garcia is PS#432. MVP at Nevada football camp.

LT Harvey Dahl So. 6-5 280 5 starts at RT as TRUE frosh. Orig signed in 1999. David Ah Sue (6-6 300 Jr) PS#139JUCO, RS in 2001. Prototype OT, pass blocker.

K DAMON FINE SO. 5-9 150 Hit 15 of 23 FG's as rFr and all 8 misses were from 40+. School record 58 yard FG. Strong leg for KO's. Team's Special Teams POY.

DE KEENAN CURTIS JR. 6-1 250 PS#82JC. In for spg. J.D. Morscheck (6-1 220 Jr) PS#215LB. 1 start at RB as true, 72 yards, 7 tkls. L/5 sts at DE LY, 33 tkls, **6 sks**, 6 tfl.

DT CHRIS HINES SO. 6-2 280 PS#472. 8 sts as **true**, 21 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Sean Folweiler (6-3 277 Sr) JC. 4 sts here in 2000, 14 tkls til inj. Tim Sylvester (6-2 265 rFr) PS#240.

DT CHRIS BARRY SO. 6-3 284 PS#231. Scout Tm MVP in 2000. 8 sts at DE as rFr, 27 tkls. **Derek Kennard** (6-1 267 Jr) PS#230. 6 sts in 2000, 8 sts LY, 72 tkls, 6 sks, 9 tfl 2Y.

DE JORGE CORDOVA JR. 6-2 240 Scout Tm MVP in 1999. 11 sts as rFr #2 w/91 tkls, 7 tfl at LB. 8 sts LY, 59 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Ben Kirish (6-5 230 So) PS#178. Army transfer.

OLB CARL LaGRONE JR. 6-5 212 PS#165. 4 x100m track tm in HS. 27 tkls, 2 sks as rFr. 6 sts, 49 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Craig Bailey (6-4 230 rFr) PS#148TE, scout team terror LY.

MLB DARYL TOWNS JR. 6-0 226 PS#119. 4 sts, 55 tkls, 6 tfl as true. 11 sts LY, #1 w/ 103 tkls, 4 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC**. Matt White (6-2 220 So) PS#231, 18 tkls as true, 2 tfl, inj & missed L/7.

ILB Joey Barnes Jr. 6-1 225 PS#62JC. 265 tkls, 24 tfl, 2Y at JC. Jesse Adarme (6-0 230 Jr) PS#334. 9 tkls as true. 1 st, 31 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Jordan Edwards (6-2 225 So) PS#222.

CB MARLON McLAUGHLIN SO. 5-10 173 Idaho transfer. 9 sts here LY, 47 tkls, 11 pbu.

Leondre Lewis (5-10 170 Jr) 5 sts in 2000, 39 tkls, 7 pbu. 6 sts LY, 36 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu.

CB DOMONIC CRUZ SR. 5-9 180 7 tkls in '99. 3 sts in 2000, 2 int, 6 pbu. 6 sts LY, 33 tkls, 2 pbu. Aaron Dean (5-10 185 Sr) 3 sts, 45 tkls, 1 int, 3Y. Kevin Ernst is PS#413JUCO.

SS PAUL JOLLEY SR. 5-11 204 11 tkls at LB in '99. 11 sts, 69 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int in 2000. Moved to SS LY, 9 sts, 57 tkls, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. Ekene Agwuenu (6-2 200 So) PS#380, 2 sts, 20 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

FS RONNIE HARDIMAN JR. 6-0 190 PS#126. 9 sts as rFr, HM WAC, 94 tkls, 3 pbu. 10 sts LY, 83 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Keone Kauo (5-11 180 So) PS#153. 2 sts as true, 33 tkls, 1 tfl.

P DEREK JONES JR. 6-3 213 79 punts as rFr, 39.5 avg, net of 31.1. 18 inside 20. 53 punts in 2001, 39.8 average & improved net to 34.7, 12 inside the 20, long of 66.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Joey Barnes 6-1 225 PS#62JC
DE	Keenan Curtis 6-1 250 PS#82JC
LB	Scott Garrison 5-11 215 PS#112
LB	Shaun Tagatauli 6-0 230 PS#221JC
WR	Maurice Mann 6-1 170 PS#253JC
OL	Steven Church 6-1 271 PS#286JC
DB	B.J. Mitchell 5-8 190 PS#259
DL	J.J. Milan 6-5 225 PS#250
DB	Nick Hawthrone 6-0 195 PS#270
LB	Ross Wolter 6-3 227 PS#273
DB	Allen Russell 5-8 170 PS#378JC
WR	Kyle Eklund 5-8 170 PS#271
DL	Kose Kuaea 6-2 240 PS#319
QB	Travis Moore 6-2 185 PS#225

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UN	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Washington St	A						Nevada is 2-6 ATS their last 8 as away chalk. Wolf Pack has had a negative turnover ratio in 4 straight seasons, but is only -10 total in that span.
Sep. 7								Nevada is 0-7 SU and 1-4 ATS vs Pac 10 teams. Pack has been outscored 47-126 L3Y in road openers but is 2-1 ATS.
Sep. 14	BYU	A						⇧Bonus: This will be the 1st college game played at the new Seahawk Stadium.
Sep. 21	Rice	A						UN is 146-46-2 SU all-time in Mackay Stadium. Nevada is 9-3 SU last 12 home openers and have covered 3 of 5.
Sep. 28	Colorado St	A						Wolf Pack are 4-2 SU and ATS L3Y vs teams featuring the option offense. Nevada is 8-2 SU and 5-1 ATS when hosting a Texas school.
Oct. 5	at UNLV	G						Could apply: UN is 4-12 ATS after their last 16 SU wins, 0-4 last 2 years. UN is 0-4 SU but 3-1 ATS last 4 meetings vs the Rams.
Oct. 12	at Hawaii	A						Wolf Pack are 6-12 ATS in their last 18 grass games. The winner of this instate rivalry is awarded the Fremont Cannon.
Oct. 19	San Jose St (HC)	A						Pending earlier results, UN is 4-8 ATS under Tormey as an away dog. UN came into 2002 with a 2-6 ATS mark for Tormey in October.
Oct. 26	at Louisiana Tech	G						The home team is 4-2 SU in this series, SJS 2-0 SU and ATS the last 2 yrs. All 6 games have been high scoring and the avg combined ppg is 79.7 ppg.
Nov. 2	at SMU	G						I won a 4★ Late Phone Play in this matchup last year. I had Nevada +9 in their 3 pt overtime loss to the Bulldogs.
Nov. 9	UTEP	A						UN is 4-11 ATS in their L/15 November gms but 4-4 ATS under Tormey. Pack are 1-3 SU and 2-2 ATS their last 4 trips to Texas.
Nov. 16	at Fresno St	G						Pack is 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS in games before Fresno St. The home team is 0-2 SU last 2 years but Pack is 2-0 ATS in that span.
Nov. 23	Boise St	A						The visitor is 4-1 SU and 3-1 ATS in this series. Nevada won and covered last year but is 1-3 ATS in road finales.
Nov. 30								The home team is 8-1 SU in this series since 1990, 3-0 ATS. Only 56 pts scored last year but avg combined ppg last 5 games is 78.6.
								Bonus: Nevada is 1-4 SU and ATS in their last 5 home finales.

CHRIS TORMEY (Career 38-41)

3rd Year at Nevada

Tormey's records AT NEVADA

5-18	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
10-13	Vs The Spread	5-5	Home Dog
9-8	Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
7-9	Vs Conference	4-8	Away Dog
		3-4	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (18,22,2)
Lost: 15 (10,5,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,573

WAC

WR NATE BURLESON

STADIUM: MACKAY STADIUM (31,545)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	9-3	5-6	6-5	3-8	2-10	3-8	37-43
ATS	0-0	0-0	4-6	5-5	4-7	4-8	6-5	23-31
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	3-1	1-1	2-3	0-0	0-0	6-5
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-3	3-2	7-8
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-0	1-0	2-6
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	2-1	2-5	2-3	8-12
Favorite	0-0	0-0	3-3	2-3	2-5	0-0	1-0	8-11
Dog	0-0	0-0	1-3	3-2	2-2	4-8	5-5	15-20
Grass	0-0	0-0	4-5	3-3	4-5	1-3	1-2	13-18
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	0-2	3-5	5-3	10-13
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-3	2-4	2-6	5-3	13-18
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	2-4	3-2	2-3	2-2	1-2	10-13
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	1-3	2-3	1-2	0-2	0-2	4-12
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-1	3-4	3-6	6-2	18-15

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chance Kretschmer	302	1765	33	1732	15	5.7
David Neill	83	446	127	319	3	3.8
Marquis Starks	32	131	6	125	0	3.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
David Neill	256	138	53.9	1918	11	5
Zac Threadgill	138	80	58.0	801	2	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Nate Burleson	53	737	13.9	2	91
Tim Fleming	30	398	13.3	1	49
Mo Jones	30	398	13.3	3	49
Jermaine Brown	25	275	11.0	2	28
Dan Bythwood	21	244	11.6	0	39
Mike Crawford	16	197	12.3	0	26
Aaron Carter	13	225	17.3	3	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Derek Jones	53	2107	39.8	–	34.7	1	12

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Damon Fine	7-7	4-4	3-9	1-3	15-23	58

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Daryl Towns	103	0	4	3	0
Ronnie Hardiman	83	0	1	5	3
Jorge Cordova	59	4	2	2	0
Paul Jolley	57	1	2	4	0
Carl LaGrone	49	0	3	1	0
Marlon McLaughlin	47	0	0	11	0
Horacio Leyva	42	3	4	0	0
Johnny Thomas	39	1	9	1	0
Leondre Lewis	36	0	2	4	1
Derek Kennard	35	4	4	2	0
Domonic Cruz	33	0	1	2	0
JD Morscheck	33	6	6	0	0
Keone Kauo	33	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marlon McLaughlin	19	198	10.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronnie Hardiman	20	485	24.2	0
Marlon McLaughlin	9	182	20.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
47	Salad	NL	N Texas	13-6	–
48	Harbor	NL	Villanova	7-27	–
92	Las Vegas	NL	Bowling Green	34-35	–
95	Las Vegas	E	Toledo	37-40	L
96	Las Vegas	-6'	Ball St	18-15	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEVADA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	26.0	25	206	4.8	248	55.2	17.5	-1	2001	6	39.2	23	224	5.4	271	61.6	12.6
2*	17.3	18	68	2.2	245	48.9	18.1	-2	2000	2	38.7	23	233	5.0	202	56.5	11.2
9*	25.7	25	146	4.2	326	57.5	18.3	-4	1999	5	38.0	23	240	5.3	230	53.3	12.4
5	33.7	26	144	3.9	363	57.9	15.0	-3	1998	8	28.7	19	190	4.7	206	48.7	13.8
7	32.1	24	109	3.4	370	59.8	14.9	+2	1997	7	29.1	25	188	4.8	260	52.0	15.4
2	42.9	27	171	4.4	357	62.3	12.3	+9	1996	10	23.2	18	131	3.7	212	47.9	14.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at BYU	17	36-160	4.4	15-28	127	3	26	38-209	5.5	25-40	389	1	-1
at Colorado St	26	36-138	3.8	26-46	273	1	16	39-182	4.7	11-20	235	2	-1
Hawaii	26	51-220	4.3	21-28	231	3	21	20-45	2.3	25-38	303	6	+1
UNLV	23	43-243	5.7	20-42	165	3	14	50-313	6.3	6-15	80	0	0
Louisiana Tech	26	52-321	6.2	19-27	196	4	34	32-105	3.3	30-49	456	2	0
at Rice	32	45-169	3.8	27-45	431	3	19	61-404	6.6	4-11	77	0	0
at Boise St	23	29-85	2.9	30-53	297	0	20	46-319	6.9	11-17	169	2	-1
SMU	17	37-178	4.8	8-22	156	0	26	45-186	4.1	19-37	149	4	+3
at San Jose St	32	36-226	6.3	26-49	565	3	35	55-315	5.7	23-28	534	0	-1
Fresno St	22	53-117	2.2	14-33	167	5	21	34-200	5.9	23-35	368	2	-1
at UTEP	29	56-409	7.3	13-24	119	1	19	34-188	5.5	17-25	217	3	0
TOTALS	273	474-2266	4.8	219-397	2727	26	251	454-2466	5.4	194-315	2977	22	-1
AVERAGES	24.8	43.1-206	4.8	20-36	248	2.4	22.8	41-224	5.4	18-29	271	2.0	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado St	+8'	13-45	L
UNLV	-16	31-14	W
Oregon	+3'	20-24	L
at S Mississippi	+14	19-35	L
at Toledo	-1	13-31	L
Wyoming	+8	30-34	W
Idaho	-4	42-23	W
N Texas	-17	65-10	W
at New Mexico St	-31	45-24	L
at Boise St	NL	56-42	–
Utah St	-6	19-38	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon St	+7'	6-48	L
Colorado St	+16'	14-26	W
at Fresno St	+13'	27-24	W
at UNLV	-10'	31-20	W
New Mexico St	-12	45-48	L
at N Texas	-1	21-27	L
at Idaho	+3	58-23	W
Boise St	-11	52-24	W
at Utah St	-6'	26-21	L
Cal Poly-SLO	NL	63-0	–
S Mississippi	+10	28-55	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon St	-1	13-28	L
at Colorado St	+17'	33-38	W
at Oregon	+14	10-72	L
Fresno St	-2	24-49	L
UNLV	-8	26-12	W
at New Mexico St	+4	23-16	W
at Boise St	-2	17-52	L
N Texas	-11	41-28	W
Idaho	+2'	33-42	L
at Arkansas St	-3'	28-44	L
Utah St	-3	35-37	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon	+32'	7-36	W
TCU	+22'	10-41	L
at Wyoming	+16'	35-28	W
Colorado St	+17	14-45	L
at UNLV	+21	7-38	L
at Fresno St	+24'	21-58	L
San Jose St	+16	30-49	L
at SMU	+13'	7-21	L
UTEP	+25	22-45	W
at Hawaii	+14'	17-37	L
Rice	+10	34-28	W
at Tulsa	+12'	3-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+25'	7-52	L
at Colorado St	+29'	18-35	W
Hawaii	+5'	28-20	W
UNLV	+11	12-27	L
LA Tech (OT)	+9	42-45	W
at Rice	+13	30-33	W
at Boise St	+22	7-49	L
SMU	+2	35-14	W
at San Jose St	+3'	45-64	L
Fresno St	+19'	14-61	L
at UTEP	-5	48-31	W

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Josh Blankenship (PS#53) was one of the highest rated recruits to ever sign at Tulsa and he started the last five games of '99 as a true frosh. He threw for 2,507 yards (51.7%) with a 9-11 ratio and had 217 yards rushing in 2000. He began last year as a starter but there was a personality conflict between him and HC Keith Burns. Burns opted to go to a pair of youngsters at QB and even demoted Blankenship to 3rd string by the Oklahoma game. Blankenship opted to transfer in the offseason and his 5,273 yards passing are the 4th best all-time for a Tulsa QB. Burns, who clearly is biased towards his own recruits, went with Tyler Gooch (PS#99). Gooch played the 2H vs UTEP and got his first start vs N Mex St, leading the team to a TD on the first series but was injured on the first play of the 2Q. Both Blankenship and James Kilian (6-3 200 So, PS#105) played after Gooch went down. Gooch was listed as doubtful for the next game vs Boise St but was a surprise starter. He went down with an ankle injury in the 2Q and missed Hawaii. When healthy, Gooch was solid, as he became just the 2nd QB in TU history to run for 100+ yards in a game twice, hitting the century mark vs San Jose St (102) and Rice (140). He sprained his knee in the SMU game and missed the finale with Blankenship getting the majority of the work in those two. For the season Blankenship threw for 1,350 yards (55.7%) with a 5-6 ratio. Gooch, who is a scrambling-type QB, threw for 825 yards (57.5%) with a 5-7 ratio while rushing for 419 yards. James Kilian, another mobile QB, passed for 193 yards (42.1%) with an 0-1 ratio but rushed for 151. Lending depth at QB is Zac Lassiter (6-2 225 So) along with 2 true frosh in Landon Keopple (6-1 176) and Shane Davison (PS#234). Gooch is now experienced and the offense will be styled around both his and Kilian's mobility. Even with the loss of a very talented QB, this unit should be improved.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Ken Bohanon rushed for 802 yards (4.0) but the fans got excited when Eric Richardson (17 yards in the first 10 games) rushed for incredible 194 and 206 yards in the final two, averaging 6.5 ypc in those contests. He became Tulsa's first back to top 190 in two straight games since 1952. Much was expected of him last year and they even moved Bohanon to the TE/HB position. Richardson started with 75 yards vs Indy St and then 119 vs Fresno's tough rush defense, but unfortunately suffered a neck stinger and would not be 100% the rest of the year. Richardson finished with just 469 yards (3.6) but was still the #1 rusher. Backup RB DJ Barnett (5-11 221 Jr) missed six games and had just 79 yards (3.6). Bohanon was moved back to TB in Week 4 and he finished with 218 yards (3.9). Last year Burns said that true frosh Kevin McKenzie (5-10 184 So, PS#301) had "talent comparable to Richardson but is still learning the system," and he rushed for 144 yards (3.8). The only loss this year is Bohanon and they add 5 players to the unit. Mark Holata (6-3 240 rFr, PS#168DL) moves to HB, Darren Flowers (5-10 165 So) was an option QB on Air Force's scout team, and true frosh James Clancy adds size. The biggest additions are JUCO's Preston Portee and Jamil Porter who each topped 1000 yards at JC last year!! Richardson averaged 4.6 ypc in his first 2 games but only 3.1 in the last 9. If he is back and 100% healthy, he could easily top 1,000 yards and I think this position will be solidly improved.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Tulsa had to replace all of their top receivers and an expected transfer from Illinois never became eligible. Donald Shoals simply emerged and was #1 in the WAC in total yards receiving (#4 in the NCAA) and was voted 1st Team WAC and totalled 80 rec's (14.9). Last year they had to replace their #2 and #4 rec's but were in good shape. This is a school that historically has had such big names as Steve Largent, Howard Twilley and Drew Pearson in the receiving corps and Shoals joined them in the record books as he had 75 rec's (12.1) and had five 100 yard games. The next closest receiver was TE Jarrod Roach who had 31 (8.6). Roach is questionable for the fall with a stomach disorder. This year they must replace Shoals as well as TE Jarrett Nixon (3 sts, 2 rec). Everyone else returns and I list the 2 deep below. The star of this group should clearly be Jerome Janet, a very rare VHT signee (PS#7) who originally signed at Kansas St. He will no doubt be the feature receiver this year provided he stays eligible. Not listed in the 2 deep are rFr Richard McQuillar (6-3 201, PS#298), Sean Yoder (5-9 178 rFr), TE Brandon Stevens (6-3 205 Jr) and TE Josh Reed (6-5 267 So, PS#145). If Janet has the impact expected, this group could actually be improved but I'll call it down a notch as Shoals was a proven performer.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Tulsa had averaged 4.1 ypc rushing from '96-'98 but the numbers dropped to 3.3 and 2.9 the next 2 years. Last season they had to replace 2 full-time starters but had 4 players back with starting experience. They had an outstanding game, gaining the most yards rushing allowed by Fresno St all regular season and holding DE Alan Harper to 0 sacks. However, after 5 games, injuries began to take their toll. Only 1 player managed to start all 11 games with the other starters missing a combined 13 starts. Overall Tulsa increased its ypc to 3.8 and allowed just 16 sacks (34 in 2000). This year they must replace LT Kevin Shaffer (#7DC of ATL, 10 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Jake Stoetzner (8 sts, 2 yr st'r) and C Zack Newby (3 games). Seven of the top 10 are back including 6 with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. This unit is even more experienced and should be able to maintain better health, so I look for continued improvement.

The Hurricane increased its force when LB Michael Dulaney blew in as an Oklahoma transfer.

DEFENSIVE LINE - What looked like a veteran unit in 2000 allowed 5.1 ypc while recording just 12 sacks and it was a very small defensive front. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 27 starts. The 2001 group was supposed to be bigger but JUCO D'Wayne McIntosh, who I projected as a starter, redshirted and only 1 player on the 2 deep weighed over 250 lbs (avg'd 241 lbs). Tulsa allowed 5.3 ypc rushing but did "improve" their sack total to a still disappointing 21. This year Burns brought in 11 DL signees, 6 of whom weigh over 280 lbs, adding bulk to the line. This also should be the year the McIntosh makes an impact. They must replace DT Justin Dixon (11 sts, 14 tkls, 5 tfl) and DE Drew McLaughlin (9 sts, 81 tkls, 13 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC) but return 5 players with starting experience. They even have 6 HT's in the group I list below and, of course, some of this year's true frosh could play. They are just about as experienced as last year but I think they are bigger, stronger and deeper so they should be much tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 Tulsa switched to a 4-4 defense that uses a BAN and ROV and I list the BANDIT under LB's and the ROVER as the SS. Last year, after moving some players around, they basically had 4 players back who combined for 14 starts the previous year and essentially had to replace 2 starters. They did get a super addition in Oklahoma transfer Michael Dulaney. Dulaney missed the opener with a broken thumb but lived up to his potential and was 1st Team WAC. OLB Chad Smith, a full-time starter in 2000, hurt his ankle vs Fresno and ended up starting just 2 games. Also injured vs Fresno was OLB Reginald Reese. This year the only losses from the LB corps are a pair of 3rd stringers who combined for 4 tackles. Seven players now return with starting experience because of last year's injuries so this should be a much improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 Tulsa ranked #76 in my pass D rankings. They had 3 starters back last year and 5 players with starting experience plus they got in a solid JUCO cover CB in Don Gibson. Despite the experience on hand, Tulsa dropped down to #104, allowing 64.4% with a 19-7 ratio. This year they must replace FS Harold Burgess (7 sts, 49 tkls, 2 int's, 4 pbu) and ROV George Delonia (2 sts, 27 tkls). Once again it's a very experienced unit with 3 starters back including 6 with starting experience and 3 who played as true frosh last year. I list the 2 deep below. After yet another poor ranking last year, this unit can only be stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Dave Rader usually did a good job with this group as they ranked #48, #41 and #45 from '96-'98. In his final year they finished #105 while Chris Earnest hit just 3 of 9 FG's. In Burns' 1st year Earnest made great strides, hitting his first 9 FG's, to set a school record with 10 in a row (over 2 years) and overall he hit 12 of 17 with a long of 47 and the team moved up to #61. Last year Earnest hit 6 of 12 FG's with a long of 47. Punter Casey Lipscomb averaged 40.4 in 2001 and was amazingly consistent as in his last 3 years averaged 34.4 net punting all 3 times. This year Burns brings in Cort Moffit, a 2 year punter at New Mexico who had a 35.5 net in 2000 and was HM MWC. At K they bring in PS#26 Brad DeVault. Shoals averaged 15.6 on PR's in 2000, but only 6.9 last year, and Jermaine Landrum (10.0). Landrum was also the top KR (19.0). They allowed 2 KR's for TD's vs New Mex St and missed FG's of 32 and 41 yards in that game, but Shoals blocked a punt against San Jose St and TU has blocked 3 punts the last 3 years. They yielded 33.4 per KR to finish in the basement of the NCAA. It was surprising that Don Gibson, who averaged 30.8 on KR's and also blocked two kicks at JUCO, did not have a bigger impact on this unit. Tulsa finished #114 overall. Despite the loss of so many key performers this group can only be improved in 2002 especially with some added talent.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tulsa was actually the first team in the history of the NCAA to play in 5 straight New Year's Day bowl games but has only been to 5 bowl games since 1964. The Hurricane actually got to bowl games in both 1989 and 1991 under then-Head Coach Dave Rader but has since stumbled to 10 straight losing seasons and last year's 1-10 record was the 2nd worst season in school history and their only win came over a IAA opponent in the opener. When Keith Burns took over the program in 2000, he promised a bowl bid that season but with just 8 seniors on the team and 7 true frosh starting, they only managed a 5-7 record. Last year I was way off base on the Hurricane and called for them to have a winning record and said they were a contender in the WAC. Injuries hurt the team last year but Burns also displayed a distinct partiality towards his own recruits and that is one of the reasons that their highly touted QB Josh Blankenship is no longer on the team. They also switched both coordinators. Overall Tulsa loses just 14 lettermen from last year and their 17 starters returning tie for the most in the WAC. It is interesting to note that only 3 of the starters are leftovers from the Rader regime. New Off Coor Dan Lounsbury inherits 9 starters. If RB Eric Richardson and QB Tyler Gooch stay healthy, the offense will be far more potent than the 17.4 ppg they achieved last year. Defensively they lose just 5 lettermen and have some solid additions. They should be much tougher than last year's group which allowed 35.2 ppg and 446.7 ypg. Also, Burns has taken over as the Def Coordinator and remember that his 2 defenses at Arkansas allowed less than 20 ppg and 3.0 ypc rushing. Coaches usually make great strides in their 3rd season of a program, especially those who rely on their own recruits, and Tulsa will easily improve on last year's 1-10 record and move towards the middle of the pack in the WAC.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB TYLER GOOCH SO. 5-11 193 PS#99. 6 sts as **true**, 825 yds (57.5%), 5-7 ratio, 419 rush. James Kilian (6-3 200 So) PS#105. 1 st, 193 pass yards, 151 rushing yds.

RB ERIC RICHARDSON JR. 5-9 170 PS#358. 194 yds and 206 in L/2 gms in 2000. 10 sts LY but not 100%. 469 yds (3.6), 34 rec. Kevin McKenzie (5-10 184 So) 144 yds (3.8) as true.

WR JERMAINE LANDRUM SO. 5-10 160 PS#175RB. 13 rec (9.0) as **true**, 459 ret yds. **Brandon Birks** (5-10 170 Sr) 5 sts LY, 16 rec (10.8). Edmond Freeman (6-2 170 So) 1 rec LY.

WR Jerome Janet rFr. 5-11 182 **PS#7WR** & originally at **Kansas St**. Cole McNair (6-5 212 So) PS#122WR. Clint Rountree (6-1 191 So) PS#207, 9 rec (11.6) as true.

WR DARRELL WIMBERLY JR. 6-0 196 PS#221. 3 sts, 10 rec (14.8) as true. 11 sts LY, 23 rec (11.0). Romby Bryant (6-2 180 Jr) PS#388JC. Montiese Culton (6-0 174 So) PS#290, 8 rec vs Rice.

TE JARROD ROACH JR. 6-3 230 PS#298DB. 10 sts in 2000, 22 rec (10.4). 10 sts LY, 31 rec (8.6). Caleb Blankenship (6-3 210 So) 4 rec as **true**. **Brad Hawkins** (6-3 246 Sr) PS#233LB, 18 sts at LB L3Y.

C ANTHONY TAYLOR SR. 6-1 287 Last 10 starts at C in 2000. 11 sts at C in 2001. Derek Warehime (6-2 292 So) PS#122OL, 1 st, 7 games as **true**. Rob Frederick (6-4 299 So).

RG MATT BLACK JR. 6-2 291 **PS#98**. 2nd string & lettered as **true**. 9 sts LY, added 19 lbs. Ashcon Madjid (6-4 290 Jr) PS#308OL. CS N'ridge trans, 3 sts there LY, inj'd.

LG Victor Mercado rFr. 6-4 330 **PS#96**. 1 st, 2nd string as true but RS. Dustin Traynor (6-5 326 So) PS#435OL, 2nd string as rFr & lettered. Aaron Danenhauer is PS#191.

RT TONY KATIC JR. 6-4 317 PS#110TE. 2nd string as rFr & lettered. 8 starts at LG in 2001. Added 27 pounds this year. Dustin Kline (6-4 280 rFr) PS#323OL.

LT AUSTIN CHADWICK JR. 6-3 271 PS#145TE. 2 rec at TE as true. 7 sts at RT until inj LY. Tony Guined (6-7 270 So) PS#435. 2 games as rFr and added 13 lbs this year.

K Brad DeVault Fr. 6-0 193 PS#26K. Hit 8 of 11 FG's as senior in high school with long of 54. Ricky Tallant (5-10 178 Sr) 1 of 2 FG's here in 1999, did some KO's.

DEFENSE

DE BRANDON LOHR SO. 6-1 240 **PS#185DL**. 7 sts as **true**, 22 tkls, 2 tfl. **Wil Goff** (6-4 240 Jr) **PS#170JC**, in for spring. Andrew Franklin (6-2 230 So) 3 sts as true, 4 tkls, 1 tfl.

DT SAM RAYBURN SR. 6-3 303 6 sts, 21 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 37 tkls, 4 sks, 12 tfl (16 total tfl school rec). D'Wayne McIntosh (6-5 277 Jr) **PS#86** in '99, 14 sks at JC in 2000.

NG Josh Walker So. 6-4 250 **PS#64LB**. 26 tkls as rFr, 1 sk, 5 tfl. Tse Ogisi (6-2 284 Jr) PS#437JC, in for spg. Earl Ireson (6-4 273 Jr) PS#368OL. Jeremy Davis (6-1 256 Jr).

DE Sammy Umobong Jr. 6-3 253 **PS#183**. 1 st, 10 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 1 st, 2 tkls LY. Cory Hathaway (6-3 226 So) PS#372. 2 sts as true, 10 tkls, 2 tfl. Jason Collier (6-3 231 Jr) **PS#139**.

LB JORMA BAILEY JR. 5-11 194 PS#434RB. 3 sts, 18 tkls in 2000. 5 sts LY, 50 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 sk. Josh DuPree (5-11 200 So) PS#261LB. 5 sts as **true**, 25 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu.

LB MICHAEL DULANEY SR. 6-2 231 PS#203. 1 st at **Oklahoma** in '98, 30 tkls, 9 sts here LY. 93 tkls, 10.5 tfl, **1st Tm WAC**. Jason Wiltshire (6-3 223 Jr) **PS#140**, 3 sts, 38 tkls, 3 tfl LY.

BAN REGINALD REESE SR. 5-11 188 JC trans. 3 sts here LY. 33 tkls, 4 tfl. Chad Smith (5-11 197 Jr) PS#229. 9 sts as rFr, 33 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 sts LY. Max Kraus (6-0 177 Jr) 4 sts, 22 tkls LY.

CB CJ SCOTT JR. 5-7 160 PS#192WR. 11 sts in 2000, 46 tkls, 5 int, 6 pbu, HM WAC. 6 sts LY (hamstring) 25 tkls, 2 pbu. Jermaine Hope (5-9 155 So) PS#265. 14 tkls, 2 pbu as **true**.

CB DON GIBSON SR. 5-10 180 15 pbu at JC in 2000. 7 sts here LY, 36 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. **Sherman Steptoe** (5-9 180 Jr) PS#380. 9 starts last year, 41 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 7 pbu.

SS KEITHAN McCORRY SR. 6-0 181 PS#289. 10 sts at CB, 43 tkls in '99. 12 sts at SS, 78 tkls in 2000. 8 sts LY (inj 3) 55 tkls, 3 pbu. Brett Butler (6-0 192 Sr) 16 sts, 95 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu, 3Y.

FS Jeff Thibodeaux So. 5-10 164 PS#458. 4 sts as **true**, 37 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 10 games. Chris Benson (6-1 184 So) **PS#127DB**, 3 tkls as true. Deraund Logan (6-2 177 rFr).

P Cort Moffit Jr. 6-3 247 PS#59K. 60 punts, 37.0 avg, team net of 31.4 as true at **New Mex**. 86 punts in 2000, HM MWC, 39.7 avg, 35.5 net, 20 inside the 20 at N Mex.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Preston Portee 5-9 221 PS#100JC
RB	Jamil Porter 5-9 188 PS#103JC
DL	Wayman Casey 6-5 258 PS#129
LB	Leroy White 6-0 208 PS#132
DL	Will Goff 6-4 240 PS#170JC
OL	Aaron Danenhauer 6-2 281 PS#191
OL	Jeff Perrett 6-6 318 PS#215
RB	James Clancy 6-0 252 PS#183
DB	Kendrick Alexander 6-0 188 PS#212
LB	Drew Lagow 6-4 242 PS#216
DL	Charlie Ramsey 6-3 250 PS#240
K	Brad DeVault 6-0 193 PS#26
DL	Darrian Billups 6-3 295 PS#248
DL	Ryan Garrett 6-0 281 PS#254

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TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Oklahoma (Fri)	A						Tulsa is 2-12 ATS their last 14 tries as a home favorite. UT is 2-19 SU, 5-16 ATS since 1989 in their 2nd straight away game. Hurricanes are 5-23-1 ATS their last 29 as a road dog.
Sep. 7	at Arkansas St	G						Golden Hurricanes are 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS in their first lined home game. Tulsa is 1-5 SU and 4-11 ATS at home before a 2+ away game trip.
Sep. 14	at Louisiana Tech	G						UT is 14-31 ATS after a SU loss the last 6 years. Tulsa is 1-6 ATS in their first lined road game since 1995.
Sep. 21	at Baylor	G						Pending LW, UT is 0-12 ATS their last 12 on grass. Tulsa is 0-9 ATS since 1996 in the 2nd of 2 or more away games.
Sep. 28	Kansas	A						The last meeting came in '95 and Baylor won 37-5 as a 9' pt road favorite. Tulsa is 9-15 ATS since 1984 when traveling to a Texas school.
Oct. 5								UT is 0-2 SU & ATS vs Kansas S/'91, being outscored 63-24 in those contests. UT is 3-11 ATS at home after 2 or more away games.
Oct. 12	Boise St	A						Bonus: Tulsa has dropped 36 of 47 conference games SU.
Oct. 19	at Hawaii	A						UT is 2-8 SU and 2-7 ATS since 1994 after a bye week. Tulsa is 5-19 ATS in October the last 6 years.
Oct. 26	UTEP (HC)	A						Pending earlier results, UT is 11-25 ATS vs current WAC teams S/'91. The home team is 0-3 ATS the last 3 years in this series.
Nov. 2	Rice	A						Someone forgot to tell UT, 0-6 SU & ATS in L/6 HC's, there is a football gm to be played. UT is 1-3 SU & ATS vs UTEP and have been outscored 118-78 since '97.
Nov. 9	at Fresno St	G						Tulsa is 12-21 ATS in their last 33 November games. These teams have met each of the last 6 years & Tulsa is 1-5 SU & ATS.
Nov. 16	San Jose St	A						Golden Hurricanes are 6-13 ATS in November away games. Tulsa is 0-3 SU and 1-2 ATS vs the Bulldogs in WAC play.
Nov. 23	at SMU	G						Golden Hurricanes are 4-1 ATS the last 5 years in home finales. Tulsa are both 3-7 ATS and 8-17 ATS in sandwiched home games.
Nov. 30								Golden Hurricanes are 2-11 ATS in their last 13 road finales. SMU leads the all-time series 7-2 SU and 6-1 ATS.
								Bonus: Tulsa has had 10 consecutive SU losing seasons.

KEITH BURNS (Career 6-17)

3rd Year at Tulsa

Burns' records AT TULSA

6-17 Straight Up	2-1 Home Favorite
8-14 Vs The Spread	4-4 Home Dog
5-11 Off A S/U Loss	1-1 Away Favorite
6-10 Vs Conference	1-8 Away Dog
	2-4 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(1-10)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (18,25,1)
Lost: 14 (7,5,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,509

WAC

DT Sam Rayburn

STADIUM: SKELLY STADIUM (40,385)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-7	2-9	4-7	2-9	5-7	1-10	22-56
ATS	5-5	4-7	4-6-1	3-7	2-8	7-5	1-9	26-47-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-6
Home Dog	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	1-3	3-1	1-3	13-14
Away Fav	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	4-3
Away Dog	2-2	1-3	2-3-1	0-4	1-4	1-4	0-4	7-24-1
Favorite	1-1	1-3	0-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	6-9
Dog	4-4	3-4	4-5-1	2-6	2-7	4-5	1-7	20-38-1
Grass	2-2	1-2	2-3	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-2	5-18
Artificial	3-3	3-5	2-3-1	3-5	2-5	7-1	1-7	21-29-1
vs Conf	0-0	2-6	4-4	2-6	2-5	5-3	1-7	16-31
vs Non-Conf	5-5	2-1	0-2-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	0-2	10-16-1
Off SU Win	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-2	0-2	3-1	0-1	9-11
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-4	3-5	2-5	2-6	4-3	1-8	17-33

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eric Richardson	131	507	38	469	5	3.6
Tyler Gooch	70	419	58	361	2	5.2
Ken Bohanon	56	223	5	218	4	3.9
Kevin McKenzie	38	151	7	144	2	3.8
James Kilian	23	151	41	110	2	4.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Josh Blankenship	230	128	55.7	1350	5	6
Tyler Gooch	160	92	57.5	825	5	7
James Kilian	38	16	42.1	193	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Donald Shoals	75	908	12.1	4	64	
Eric Richardson	34	203	6.0	0	24	
Jarrod Roach	31	266	8.6	1	28	
Darrell Wimberly	23	253	11.0	2	30	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Casey Lipscomb	65	2627	40.4	–	34.4	0	17
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Chris Earnest	3-4	1-2	2-6	0-0	6-12	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Dulaney	93	1.5	9	1	0
Drew McLaughlin	81	5	8	1	0
Keithan McCorry	55	3	1	3	1
Jorma Bailey	50	1	6	1	0
Harold Burgess	49	1	2	4	2
Sherman Steptoe	41	1	1	7	1
Jason Wiltshire	38	2	1	2	0
Sam Rayburn	37	4	12	0	0
Jeff Thibodeaux	37	0	0	3	1
Don Gibson	36	1	0	4	1
Reginald Reese	33	0	4	1	0
Brett Butler	28	0	0	0	0
George Delonia	27	0	0	1	0
Josh Walker	26	1	5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Donald Shoals	12	83	6.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jermaine Landrum	20	379	19.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
64	Bluebonnet	NL	Mississippi	14-7	–
65	Bluebonnet	NL	Tennessee	6-27	–
76	Independence	NL	McNeese St	16-20	–
89	Independence	+14'	Oregon	24-27	W
91	Freedom	+2'	San Diego St	28-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TULSA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	17.4	19	131	3.8	215	55.1	19.9	-5	2001	8	35.2	22	222	5.3	224	64.4	12.7
5*	20.0	19	112	2.9	226	51.7	16.9	0	2000	8	23.6	19	210	5.1	176	55.6	16.4
5	20.9	18	114	3.3	203	55.0	15.2	-8	1999	6	35.1	21	188	4.4	225	61.3	11.8
6*	20.2	21	169	4.1	212	56.1	18.1	-6	1998	7	23.5	19	189	4.3	157	51.9	19.8
7	23.5	20	141	4.1	226	52.3	15.6	-19	1997	4	38.7	25	310	5.8	182	60.1	12.7
8*	22.3	21	175	4.1	209	45.9	17.2	-4	1996	6	30.3	21	264	5.5	176	48.2	14.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Indiana St	31	48-191	4.0	33-40	379	1	8	30-49	1.6	4-15	20	3	+3
Fresno St	24	39-145	3.7	24-41	210	2	22	33-199	6.0	22-29	314	1	-1
at UTEP	11	27-100	3.7	12-24	218	0	25	53-208	3.9	20-30	249	3	-1
New Mexico St	24	30-51	1.7	34-62	321	3	17	44-175	4.0	8-19	124	0	0
at Boise St	9	18-34	1.9	22-35	186	2	32	43-165	3.8	27-37	405	2	+1
Hawaii	17	37-142	3.8	17-35	165	0	22	33-61	1.8	26-39	333	3	-1
at San Jose St	22	33-171	5.2	26-42	196	1	26	41-464	11.3	22-34	282	0	-2
at Oklahoma	12	34-48	1.4	14-32	90	5	25	25-175	7.0	39-53	366	1	-1
at Rice	27	39-261	6.7	23-45	245	0	27	62-498	8.0	5-8	155	3	0
SMU	17	32-107	3.3	20-44	242	1	16	52-218	4.2	8-14	84	2	-2
Louisiana Tech	18	45-191	4.2	12-30	116	1	22	43-233	5.4	16-28	137	3	-1
TOTALS	212	382-1441	3.8	237-430	2368	16	242	459-2445	5.3	197-306	2469	21	-5
AVERAGES	19.3	35-131	3.8	22-39	215	1.5	22.0	42-222	5.3	18-28	224	1.9	-0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+10	24-34	T
at Iowa	+26	16-54	L
Missouri	+5'	21-42	L
Rice	+10	24-42	L
UTEP	-13'	18-33	L
at TCU	+7'	33-22	W
at Colorado St	+23	8-44	L
Utah	+10'	21-13	W
at BYU	+18	39-49	W
SMU	+7'	41-42	W
at New Mexico	+14'	13-51	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	49-14	–
Oklahoma St	+8'	35-20	W
at W Virginia	+13	21-44	L
San Diego St	-10	14-24	L
at Colorado St	+9'	7-34	L
at Rice	+3'	10-14	L
Air Force	+11	21-42	L
at UNLV	-3'	20-16	W
at SMU	+9'	3-33	L
TCU	+5'	7-17	L
Wyoming	+10'	35-0	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	45-21	–
at Oklahoma St	+9	9-46	L
at Texas A&M	+32'	13-62	L
at San Jose St	+4	10-34	L
Rice	+5'	10-20	L
at TCU	+17	17-56	L
Hawaii	+5'	21-35	L
Fresno St	+14'	14-28	W
at UTEP	+14'	43-19	W
UL Monroe	-7'	34-37	L
SMU	+3'	14-28	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+17'	9-30	L
Oklahoma St	+14	26-36	W
at Rice	+10	23-16	W
Louisiana Tech	-6'	22-10	W
at Hawaii	-3'	24-14	W
UTEP	+3	7-40	L
at New Mexico St	+7'	28-42	L
TCU	+27'	3-17	W
at Fresno St	+18'	12-34	L
at SMU	+2'	20-24	L
San Jose St	+10	28-17	W
Nevada	-12'	38-3	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	51-0	–
Fresno St	+12	18-37	L
at UTEP	-2	10-26	L
New Mexico St	-4'	7-24	L
at Boise St	+12'	10-41	L
Hawaii	+7	15-36	L
at San Jose St	+7'	27-63	L
at Oklahoma	+41	0-58	L
at Rice	+19	32-59	L
SMU	+8	14-24	L
Louisiana Tech	+20	7-19	W

UTEP MINERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 UTEP was led by Rocky Perez, who may not have been the biggest or fastest QB or had the strongest arm but threw for 2,862 yards (57.7%) with a super 27-7 ratio while rushing for 219 yards. He was the spiritual leader of a team that went 8-4 and got to its first bowl game since '88. Prior to Perez becoming a starter, UTEP was 9-47 in their previous 56 games, so Perez's final record of 13-13 as a starter was fairly impressive. His backup was Wesley Phillips who got in a combined 16 pass attempts in 1999 and 2000. They needed to replace Perez last year and Nord opted for Phillips' senior leadership (ex-Buffalo Bills Coach Wade Phillips' son). He beat out Jon Schaper (6-2 231 So) who is the most physically impressive of the QB's as he has outstanding size, speed (sprinter on track team in HS) and a powerful arm. Schaper broke a bone in his hand in the spring but recovered quickly. Phillips got the lion's share of the snaps the first 5 games but Schaper saw plenty of action against Hawaii. Phillips rebounded the next week having his best career game as he hit 21 of 35 for 358 yards and 3 TD's (0 int's) vs San Jose. After the team lost to SMU, Nord announced that Schaper would start the rest of the year. Unfortunately he tore his groin muscle in the 1H vs LA Tech and Phillips finished the season. Phillips threw for 1,839 yards (55.6%) with a 10-11 ratio. Schaper had 148 yards rushing including a 74 yard run against Bama but threw for just 232 yards (41.7%) with a poor 0-5 ratio. He will need better numbers than that to hold onto the starting job this year. Nord was upset at Omar Duarte (6-2 185 So) for not bulking up as requested in the offseason and he saw very little action. Duarte is a mobile QB who played in just 2 games. Three frosh are also in the mix in Jordan Palmer (PS#116), Phillip Moss (6-0 190) and Orlando Cruz (6-0 205). This unit has more experience and even with the loss of its starter, could be stronger.

QB Jon Schaper

RUNNING BACKS - In '99 UTEP had a 1,000 yard rusher who was drafted in the 5th round by the NFL (Paul Smith). In 2000 they went to a TB by committee with 4 players averaging over 5 carries per game and Chris Porter led the team with 815 yards (4.9). The top 3 all returned last year so expectations were high. Unfortunately FB Rovann Cleveland sat out the spring (foot) and Porter (elbow) missed parts of 4 games. Sherman Austin had 129 yards rushing against Tulsa and led the team in rushing in 2 of the next 3 but he too got injured and missed the last 2 games. Austin, who has good speed, had 8 starts and finished #2 in rushing. Nord has called Howard Jackson (5-10 155 So) the fastest RB that he has ever coached. They took off his redshirt to handle returns and he also proved productive as a RB down the stretch, leading the team in rushing in the final 2 games with 96 and 103 yard efforts and led the team with a super 6.1 ypc. He was the co-WAC Indoor Track Frosh of the Year. Porter led the team with 454 yards rushing (5.7) and departs. Cleveland is also back and may finally have the year expected after an injury plagued career. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed is HB Matt Austin (6-0 185 rFr, PS#373) who had 58 yards as a true frosh but still redshirted and Cedric Click (5-9 180 rFr), as well as FB Jon Dorenbos (6-0 240 Sr) who had 10 tackles on the DL last year. I look for big things out of Howard Jackson this year and even with the loss of their top man, I think this unit will be more productive.

RECEIVERS - UTEP had one of the most underrated corps of receivers in the country in 2000 but had to replace two of them last year, including their 1st Team AA TE Brian Natkin. Natkin left as the school's career receiving leader. Lee Mays set a school record and led the NCAA with 15 TD's. Last year he was the main man but with teams keying on him his production dropped. He had just 1 TD on the year and had 53 rec's (13.8). Nord said TE Joey Knapp was bigger and faster than Natkin and he finished with 29 rec's (12.1). Nord also said that TE Jonas Crafts has the potential to be the best TE he has ever coached but he was injured. He figures to step into the starter's role. At one point last season four of the top five TE's were banged up so they should be healthier. Mays was injured in the 2Q vs Alabama and was not 100% the rest of the year. Mays (#6DC of PIT) departs and leaves as the #1 all-time receiver in yards here but he and Knapp are the only two real losses. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed are TE's Cody Mayhew (6-5 250 rFr), Dustin Gilmore (6-4 235 rFr), and Jonathan McCray (6-3 245 Fr) as well as 5 true frosh signees at WR (see Top Newcomers). This group should be healthier this year but with the loss of a star like Mays and a solid TE, I'll call it weaker in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000's bowl season, UTEP had 4 returning starters and the line paved the way for 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and they were 1st and 2nd Team WAC honorees but 8 of the top 10 did return. In the first week of August, 3 returning OL's failed their conditioning runs, reporting out of shape, and that would be a harbinger of things to come. They averaged 3.8 ypc rushing which was an improvement but the unit allowed 36 sacks. Nord has vowed that the players will be in better shape this year and that should be a boost to the line. The only losses are their top OL, LG Lawrence Norman (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM WAC), and backup C David Morazo (1 game) but 4 full-time starters return and overall 8 of the top 10. Also C Chris Kerr has bulked up about 30 lbs over last year so the unit will have better size. With a more mobile QB and a better conditioned unit I look for a significant drop in the amount of sacks allowed.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Miners had one of the WAC's top defensive lines in '99 and 2000. Last year they had to replace just 1 starter but he was a #6DC in the NFL. Unfortunately the team was hit hard by injuries losing 2 DT's who combined for 12 starts in 2000 to injury and they would not play. Other DL's were banged up during the course of the season and UTEP went from allowing 4.7 ypc rushing (actually its best from 1998-2000) and recording 37 sacks to yielding 5.0 ypc with just 14 sacks. Samuel Clarke toughed it out and played with a dislocated shoulder and numerous players missed games. This is probably the most experienced DL in the WAC this year as not only do they get all 6 players who had starts returning, but they also get back Bobby King who has 13 career starts back from injury. That makes 7 players with starting experience in the defensive front I list below. The only loss is 3rd teamer Fade Bouoras (11 tkls, 3.5 tfl). Not listed below are Brandon Johnson (6-3 235 rFr), Brady Vavala (6-3 230 rFr, PS#390), Aaron Osborn (6-4 270 So, PS#375DL), Chris Mineo (6-2 270 rFr) who Nord says will play this fall, Ibok Ibok (6-5 235 So) and 7 true frosh signees. I look for UTEP to have their best rush D in over 4 years and this should be a vastly improved DL.

LINEBACKERS - For 4 straight years the Miners had to replace 2 starters from this position including last year when they ended up starting a junior, a soph and a rFr. Naturally this is the most experienced LB corps that UTEP has had in the last 5 years and is led by Robert Rodriguez who, as a rFr, simply led the WAC in tackles. UTEP uses a 4-2-5 scheme but I include the ROV in the LB write-up and list the 3 deep below. Not listed is JD Hearn (6-2 220 rFr) who has impressed Nord, and Wesley Woods (6-1 220 Jr). The only loss this year is Barry King (29 tkls, 1 pbu) so I do expect improvement.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Miners finished #58 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and returned 7 of the top 8 in 2000 and moved all the way up to #29. Last year their lone loss was their starting SS but the excellent CB tandem of Weldon Cooks and Crance Clemons returned. They finished #40 in my pass D rankings, allowing only 49.6% and 181.2 ypg (of course remember that teams ran the ball at will) and a 20-12 ratio. UTEP led the WAC in pass efficiency defense last year. This year's secondary is equally as experienced but they do lose Clemons (9 sts, 30 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 1st Tm WAC in 2000) as well as backup CB Sam Singleton (4 tkls, 1 int) and Brian Walker (7 tkls). Five players return with starting experience. This year's group could be just as effective even with the loss of their top cover CB who missed 2 games last year due to injury.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 this unit finished #115 out of 115 teams in Div IA. In 2000 they improved to #77 with a punter that was 1st Team WAC and a kicker that was 2nd Team WAC. Both had to be replaced last year, although Nord said that the replacements would both have stronger legs. The return game was poor in 2000 including their 15.3 average on KR's. Last year Nord used a couple of speedy freshmen on the returns and Jahmal Fenner ended up #2 in the WAC in PR's (13.2) and #4 in the WAC in KR's (24.5). Howard Jackson averaged 24.0 and each had a long KR TD. UTEP ranked 28th nationally in PR's (11.0) and 30th in KR's (22.5). In fact, UTEP had three TD's (one after a blocked punt) to finish +3 in the TD/Blk category. Their poor net punting should improve and Bryce Benekos should be healthier after missing time due to a sprained ankle. They also lost their long snapper to injury vs SMU and the three different frosh that vied for the kicking jobs all return. Overall UTEP finished #51 in my special teams rankings and with everyone back, I clearly expect improvement this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Nord had a tremendous first season at the helm here in 2000, leading the Miners to an 8-4 record and a bowl bid. He was unable to duplicate that success last season, as his team stumbled to a 2-9 record despite having 13 starters and 43 lettermen back. The 2000 season that I previously mentioned was the first winning season for the Miners since 1988, but this group feels they can have another winning season this year. They followed that 1988 season up with a 2-8 record. The 2000 title was their first WAC Title in the 33 years that they had been in the league with their previous best finish in the WAC being 3rd in 1998. In that dream 8-4 season they surprisingly only outscored foes by 42 points on the year. UTEP averaged a school record 44,715 fans in 2000 but last year saw the attendance drop to an average of 28,360. Last season the media picked UTEP for 2nd place in the WAC but I pegged them for a lower division finish. Early signs of trouble came prior to the season when more than 25 players failed to run their assigned conditioning times in the first week of August. It was a very young team last year with 68 of the 85 scholarship players being frosh or soph and only 5 players on the final week's 2 deep were seniors. Also in the 2000 season, they did not lose a single starter to injury and last year suffered various injuries. One positive for UTEP this year is the fact they were -11 in turnovers (pg 295) so you know that better things are in the offing. The team is very tough at home in the Sun Bowl with an 11-4 record the last 15. UTEP's record could easily have been better last year as they led SJS, SMU and Nevada at the half but ended up losing all 3, perhaps due to their poor conditioning. Offensively this year the team returns 6 starters and I look for a solid season from QB Jon Schaper who was injury plagued last year. They return almost the entire defense with 10 starters back and only 6 lettermen lost. They used the Arizona Double Eagle Flex defense last year and have now reverted back to the 4-2-5 that they ran in 2000. The team now has its 4th DC in four years with the new guy being Troy Reffeit who has been the DB coach here the last 5 years, but they have a familiar scheme on that side of the ball and I look for dramatic improvement there as last season they allowed 37.6 ppg. Overall it looks like UTEP is vastly improved on both sides of the ball but they do have a lot of ground to make up as they were outscored by an average of 16.2 ppg in 2001. The Miners will definitely top last year's 2 win total and head back towards the middle of the pack in the WAC.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Jon Schaper So. 6-2 231 PS#178. Size, speed & arm strength. 232 yards (42%), 0-5 ratio, 148 rush, 1 st as rFr. Omar Duarte (6-2 185 So). Orlando Cruz (6-0 205 rFr).

HB HOWARD JACKSON SO. 5-10 155 PS#342. 4.28, track. 96 & 103 yds in L/2 gms as **true**, 8 gms, 508 ret yds. **Sherman Austin** (5-8 175 Sr) 7 sts, 420 yds (4.0) in 2000, 8 sts, 450 (4.4) LY.

FB Rovann Cleveland Jr. 6-0 240 PS#184. 1 st as rFr, 317 yds (4.3), 3 rec. 4 sts LY, 155 yds (3.6), 3 rec (inj'd). Jimmy Smith (5-11 225 So) 14 tkls, 2 QBH at LB last year.

WR Dirk Dillard So. 6-1 190 1 st as rFr, 8 rec (9.4) 9 games, fastest WR here. Will Smith (6-2 200 So) PS#290. 1 st as rFr, 15 rec (16.5). Aaron Givens (6-2 195 rFr).

WR TERRANCE MINOR SR. 6-1 190 4 tkls as true. 5 rec (8.4), 15 KR (21.0) in '99. RS in 2000. 10 sts LY, 24 rec (15.5). Chris Francies (6-2 190 rFr). Gabe Perez (6-0 195 Sr).

TE Jonas Crafts So. 6-4 250 PS#92TE. Nord says could be best TE he has coached. 1 st, 10 rec (7.7) in 2001 (inj'd). Justin Hunt (6-4 220 Jr) 1 start, 3 rec (5.0) LY.

C CHRIS KERR JR. 6-4 275 PS#319. 2nd string in 2000 & lettered. 11 sts at C LY & added 30 lbs TY. Bo Morris (6-3 270 So) PS#229, 1 gm LY. Alex DiMatteo (6-4 280 rFr).

RG ROBERT CLAYTON JR. 6-4 290 PS#269. 2nd string in 2000 & lettered. 11 sts at RG LY. Increased agility in offseason, tough. Jose Garcia (6-4 295 rFr). Zach West is PS#570.

LG Curtis Castle Sr. 6-3 260 2nd string & lettered in 2000. 1 game in 2001. Ben Graniello (6-3 285 So) 3 games in 2001. Josh House (6-4 275 rFr) 1 game but RS LY.

RT TREY DARILEK JR. 6-6 290 2nd string as true but RS. 12 sts in 2000, 11 sts in 2001. Robert Espinosa (6-4 310 So) PS#375DL, 4 games LY. Donald White (6-2 280 rFr).

LT ARIEL FAMALIGI SR. 6-4 320 11 sts as rFr at LT. 12 sts at LT in 2000, 11 sts in 2001. 3L. Keith Warren (6-6 300 Sr). Lettered in 1999 & 2000. 2nd string LT in 2001.

K KEITH ROBINSON SO. 5-11 210 52 yd FG in HS (70 yd'r in practice). 6 of 10 FG's here as **true**, long of 39, 27-28 on xp's. Matt Smith (5-11 195 rFr) 5 of 8 FG's with long of 42 in HS.

DEFENSE

LE KARMUL HIGH SR. 6-4 250 PS#125DB. 21 tkls as rFr. 3 sts, 30 tkls, 3 sks in 2000. 11 sts LY, 39 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Jeremy Evenhus (6-3 255 Jr) trans, 30 tkls, 1 tfl in 2001.

LT DANIEL KERR JR. 6-4 270 PS#279OL. 4 sts as rFr. 25 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts LY, 49 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. **Bobby King** (6-5 255 Sr) 9 sts, 43 tkls. 4 tfl in '99. 4 sts, 21 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000.

RT SAMUEL CLARKE JR. 6-2 275 8 sts as rFr, 22 tkls, 2 sks. 8 sts LY, 46 tkls, 6.5 tfl. **Jeremy Castillo** (6-4 255 Jr) PS#408. 16 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 3 sts LY, 56 tkls, **5.5 sks**, 7 tfl, **20 QBH.**

RE RICK FETTE SR. 6-3 255 PS#268DL. 9 sts, 27 tkls, 2 tfl. 9 sts LY, 50 tkls, 9 tfl, 1 sk. **Gabe Williams** (6-5 230 Sr) 46 tkls, 5 sks in 2000. 2 sts LY, 19 tkls, 3 tfl (miss 3).

LB TIM WOODARD JR. 5-11 195 PS#380DB. 1 st as **true**, 23 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts LY, 68 tkls, 7 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu. Matt Elwood (6-0 190 So) 26 tkls as rFr. Josh Daughtry (6-1 210 rFr).

LB ROBERT RODRIGUEZ SO. 6-1 240 PS#450RB. **Led WAC in tkls** as rFr, 10 sts, 137 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 2 int. Bubba Wiseman (6-0 280 Sr) 4 sts in '99, 101 career tkls, 4 tfl. Tevita Fifita (6-1 235 rFr) PS#404.

LB CAMAR JACKSON SR. 6-3 245 8 sts as rFr. 58 tkls, 6 tfl. 12 sts in 2000, 55 tkls, 8 tfl. 11 sts LY, 61 tkls, 4.5 tfl. Godwin Akinduro (6-4 205 So) PS#145TE, 1 st as rFr, 51 tkls, 3 tfl.

CB WELDON COOKS SR. 6-2 180 12 sts in 2000, 39 tkls, 1 int. **#1 in WAC w/12 pbu**, 7 sts LY, 22 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. 4x400m relay on track. Jared Robertson (5-11 175 Jr) 1 st, 35 tkls, 1 int LY.

CB Jahmal Fenner So. 5-8 180 PS#380. 5 sts as rFr. 24 tkls, 1 pbu, 20 KR (24.5), 18 PR (13.2), **HM WAC as KR**. Brandon Yaites (5-10 185 So) 27 tkls as true. David Wardy (5-11 195 So).

SS MARK DOWDY JR. 5-11 190 4 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, 63 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Paul Smith (6-1 185 Sr) 30 tkls as true. 1 start, 15 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 33 tkls, 3 tfl in 2001, blk'd punt.

FS D.J. WALKER SR. 6-3 215 3 int as **true**. 12 sts in 2000, 70 tkls, 5 int, 10 pbu. **2nd Tm WAC** in 2000 & LY. 11 sts LY, 85 tkls, 4 int's, 7 pbu. Marshall Sanford (6-1 195 rFr) PS#270.

P BRYCE BENEKOS SO. 6-6 200 PS#67. 46.3 avg in HS. 8 of 12 FG's, long of 47, 52 punts as **true**, 34.5 avg, 30.5 tm net, also did KO's. Keith Robinson had 15 punts, 35.8 avg LY.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Jordan Palmer 6-5 210 PS#116	
DL	Joe Ward 6-4 210 PS#209	
RB	Nate Draughon 5-9 160 PS#233	
WR	Joe West 6-3 193 PS#230	
WR	Delanie Walker 6-2 215 PS#302	
WR	Johnnie Lee Higgins 6-0 175 PS#331	
DL	Justin Hanel 6-4 250 PS#371	
TE	Casey Mauch 6-3 215 PS#128	
WR	Josh Chamois 6-2 215 PS#410	
OL	Zach West 6-4 255 PS#570	
WR	Chris Marrow 5-10 170 PS#612	
TE	Justin Gissendanner 6-5 235 PS#200	
OL	Andy Smith 6-4 270 PS#904	
DL	Myron Jackson 6-5 250 PS#650	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTEP	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								This is only the 2nd time in over 50 years that UTEP does not play N Mexico. UTEP is 2-9 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. Miners are 10-5 ATS their last 15 as a home favorite.
Aug. 31	Sacramento St	A						Miners are 12-2 SU in non-lined games since '86, outscoring foes 476-200. The Hornets of CSUS were 2-9 SU last year, allowing 39 ppg.
Sep. 7	at Kentucky	G						UTEP is 3-10 ATS in their last 13 road openers. Miners are 2-8 ATS under Nord as an away dog.
Sep. 14	at Oklahoma	G						Could apply: UTEP is 18-10 ATS (but 2-5 LY) off their last 28 SU losses. UTEP is 0-7 SU & 0-5 ATS S/'80 vs current Big 12 tms, avg loss by 26.4 pts.
Sep. 21	Hawaii	A						Miners are 8-15 SU last 23 meetings but 8-5-1 ATS last 14. UTEP is 2-7 ATS in their last 9 conference openers.
Sep. 28	at San Jose St	G						Teams have split the L/6 gms both SU & ATS, but UTEP is 3-1 SU & ATS the L4Y. The last 3 series meetings have averaged a combined 71 ppg.
Oct. 5	at New Mexico St	G						Although they went 0-4 ATS LY, UTEP is 13-7 ATS in their L/20 Oct gms. UTEP is 3-8 ATS their last 11 prior to a bye week, but 2-1 ATS the L3Y.
Oct. 12								Bonus: UTEP has played 214 games in the Sun Bowl and holds a 87-124-3 record in those contests.
Oct. 19	Rice (HC)	A						Miners are 3-8 ATS their last 11 the week after a bye. UTEP is only 2-3 SU but 4-1 ATS their last 5 meetings vs Rice.
Oct. 26	at Tulsa	A						Miners are 3-1 SU and ATS vs Tulsa since 1997. The visiting team is 7-1 ATS in the last 8 series meetings.
Nov. 2	Boise St	A						UTEP is 3-6 ATS in November over the last 3 seasons. Pending 9/21 result, Miners are 17-5 ATS since 1994 in sandwiched HG's.
Nov. 9	at Nevada	A						The road team has won both meetings SU the last 2 years. However, Nevada is 2-0 ATS in those contests.
Nov. 16	SMU	A						UTEP has covered just 2 of their last 7 home finales. This alphabet school series is tied at 2 SU L2Y, but UTEP is 3-1 ATS.
Nov. 23	at Louisiana Tech	G						Despite losing by 23 pts, UTEP only had 2 less FD's than LA Tech LY. Miners are 5-11 ATS the last 16 years in their final away game.
Nov. 30								

GARY NORD (Career 10-13)

3rd Year at UTEP

Nord's records AT UTEP

10-13	Straight Up	3-2	Home Favorite
8-13	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
4-5	Off A S/U Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
8-8	Vs Conference	2-8	Away Dog
		0-5	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (18,26,2)
Lost: 16 (10,6,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,360

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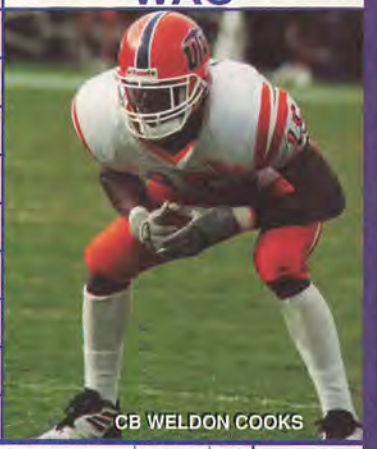
CB WELDON COOKS

STADIUM: SUN BOWL (52,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-10	2-9	4-7	3-8	5-7	8-3	2-9	26-53
ATS	3-7-1	5-6	7-4	7-4	7-5	6-5	2-8	37-39-1
Home Fav	0-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	2-2	3-1	0-1	10-5
Home Dog	2-3	1-3	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	9-10
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-4
Away Dog	1-4-1	2-2	4-2	3-2	4-2	1-3	1-5	16-20-1
Favorite	0-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-3	4-2	0-1	12-9
Dog	3-7-1	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-2	2-3	2-7	25-30-1
Grass	1-3-1	2-3	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-3	0-3	11-17-1
Artificial	2-4	3-3	5-2	4-2	5-4	5-2	2-5	26-22
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	5-3	6-2	4-3	6-2	2-6	28-27
vs Non-Conf	0-2-1	3-0	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-3	0-2	9-12-1
Off SU Win	0-2	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-3	4-4	0-2	12-14
Off SU Loss	3-4-1	3-5	4-2	5-2	5-1	2-0	2-5	24-19-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Porter	79	464	10	454	4	5.7
Sherman Austin	**103**	**490**	**40**	**450**	**5**	**4.4**
Howard Jackson	**47**	**298**	**9**	**289**	**2**	**6.1**
Rovann Cleveland	**43**	**170**	**15**	**155**	**0**	**3.6**
Jon Schaper	**29**	**148**	**68**	**80**	**2**	**2.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Wesley Phillips	257	143	55.6	1839	10	11
Jon Schaper	**60**	**25**	**41.7**	**232**	**0**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Lee Mays	53	733	13.8	1	45
Joseph Knapp	29	351	12.1	2	37
Terrance Minor	**24**	**371**	**15.5**	**3**	**66**
Will Smith	**15**	**247**	**16.5**	**0**	**44**
Sherman Austin	**15**	**149**	**9.9**	**1**	**56**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Bryce Benekos	**52**	**1796**	**34.5**	**–**	**30.5**	**0**	**14**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Keith Robinson	**5-5**	**1-2**	**0-3**	**0-0**	**6-10**	**39**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Robert Rodriguez	**137**	**0.5**	**1**	**1**	**2**
DJ Walker	**85**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**4**
Tim Woodard	**68**	**0**	**7**	**5**	**1**
Mark Dowdy	**63**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Camar Jackson	**61**	**1.5**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Jeremy Castillo	**56**	**5.5**	**7**	**2**	**0**
Godwin Akinduro	**51**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Rick Fette	**50**	**1**	**9**	**0**	**0**
Daniel Kerr	**49**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Samuel Clarke	**46**	**0.5**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Bubba Wiseman	**40**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Karmul High	**39**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Jared Robertson	**35**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jahmal Fenner	18	237	13.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Howard Jackson	21	503	24.0	1
Jahmel Fenner	20	490	24.5	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Sun	NL	George Washington	0-13	–
65	Sun	NL	TCU	13-12	–
67	Sun	NL	Mississippi	14-7	–
88	Independence	-1	S Mississippi	18-38	L
00	Humanitarian	+9	Boise St	23-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTEP'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	21.4	16	138	3.8	192	53.0	15.4	-11	2001	6	37.6	22	234	5.0	181	49.6	11.0
8*	31.5	22	156	3.6	244	57.6	12.7	+2	2000	6	28.0	19	156	4.7	221	47.1	13.5
6	25.5	21	132	3.5	262	60.7	15.4	-3	1999	5	32.4	19	208	5.0	183	52.1	12.1
10*	20.5	20	167	4.1	207	52.5	18.2	0	1998	6	27.5	20	234	5.4	211	56.3	16.1
3	14.7	18	137	3.0	169	44.6	20.7	-1	1997	7	28.3	16	165	4.4	184	55.5	12.3
6*	16.6	15	134	3.3	147	50.0	16.9	-8	1996	5	28.5	18	195	4.6	145	52.8	11.9

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at New Mexico	13	27 - (-53)	-2.0	19 - 32	223	10	19	46 - 271	5.9	6 - 30	52	0	-3
Texas Southern	23	51 - 305	6.0	10 - 28	122	1	14	40 - 116	2.9	7 - 25	90	2	+3
at Boise St	16	42 - 160	3.8	16 - 28	153	2	20	53 - 224	4.2	8 - 13	155	1	0
Tulsa	25	53 - 208	3.9	20 - 30	249	3	11	27 - 100	3.7	12 - 24	218	0	+1
at Alabama	7	29 - 133	4.6	8 - 19	99	3	27	53 - 360	6.8	15 - 26	228	3	-2
at Hawaii	14	45 - 158	3.5	10 - 31	86	3	28	33 - 174	5.3	20 - 39	316	3	-3
San Jose St	20	27 - 93	3.4	21 - 37	358	2	27	48 - 148	3.1	20 - 37	366	1	-1
at SMU	7	32 - 46	1.4	13 - 25	136	5	19	49 - 261	5.3	13 - 18	165	1	0
Louisiana Tech	22	38 - 189	5.0	19 - 31	238	2	24	43 - 223	5.2	20 - 31	227	1	-3
at Rice	13	21 - 86	4.1	16 - 33	227	2	24	73 - 293	4.0	6 - 15	57	1	-3
Nevada	19	34 - 188	5.5	17 - 25	217	3	29	56 - 409	7.3	13 - 24	119	1	0
TOTALS	179	399 - 1513	3.8	169 - 319	2108	36	242	521 - 2579	5.0	140 - 282	1993	14	-11
AVERAGES	16.3	36 - 138	3.8	15 - 29	192	3.3	22.0	47 - 234	5.0	13 - 26	181	1.3	-1.0

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LSU	+37	3-55	L
New Mexico	+16'	20-38	L
at Utah	+27	3-56	L
New Mexico St	-2'	24-16	W
at Clemson	+32'	7-39	W
at Tulsa	+13'	33-18	W
San Jose St	-3	7-10	L
BYU	+20	14-3	W
at SMU	+19	14-28	W
TCU	-2	24-17	W
at Rice	+19	13-31	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+18	3-35	L
Oregon	+21	26-33	W
at New Mexico St	-7	24-33	L
Colorado St	+13'	17-20	W
at New Mexico	+4'	22-19	W
San Jose St	-6	28-21	W
at Fresno St	+10'	6-32	L
Hawaii	-15'	30-13	W
at Utah (OT)	+18	27-34	W
BYU	+10'	14-31	L
at San Diego St	+13	29-34	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-4'	13-10	L
at Oregon	+22	28-47	W
at Kansas St	+32'	7-40	L
New Mexico St	+3	54-23	W
at Hawaii	-5'	3-33	L
SMU	-9'	42-28	W
at Arizona	+22	21-34	W
at Fresno St (OT)	+10'	23-24	W
San Jose St	-6'	42-26	W
Tulsa	-14'	19-43	L
at Rice	+8'	30-29	W
at TCU	+10'	24-52	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+27	14-55	L
SMU	+2'	37-20	W
at Texas A&M	+26	17-45	L
Hawaii	-9	39-7	W
New Mexico St	-12	41-31	L
at Tulsa	-3	40-7	W
at San Jose St	+3	47-30	W
Fresno St	-3'	23-13	W
at Nevada	-25	45-22	L
Rice	-13'	38-21	W
at TCU	+12'	14-47	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	+2'	6-26	L
Texas Southern	NL	52-6	–
at Boise St	+5'	17-42	L
Tulsa	+2	26-10	W
at Alabama	+21	7-56	L
at Hawaii	+7	7-66	L
San Jose St	-3	28-40	L
at SMU	+10	14-40	L
Louisiana Tech	+14	30-53	L
at Rice	+23'	17-27	W
Nevada	+5	31-48	L

RICE OWLS

NG BJ Forguson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Owls were very inexperienced at this position and then were decimated by injuries throughout the year. In all, four different QB's played. Jeremy Hurd began the year as a starter but broke a finger in the opener and suffered through a case of fumbilitis, playing in just six games. Hurd is the fastest of the QB's and in fact is a member of the Rice track team running the 4x400 relay. Corey Evans had 5 starts but missed the last 3 due to injury after rushing for 473 yards and passing for 271 (30%). Evans runs the 100m in 10.38. Kyle Herm played in 7 games before breaking his collarbone and he rushed for 136 yards and passed for 47. Last year Evans was injured in the spring and opted to redshirt and it looked like Hurd would be the starter. Unfortunately he too went down to injury in August and redshirted. That left 3rd stringer Herm (PS#182) to handle the duties. Herm hit 11 of 18 passes vs Duke which was the 2nd highest completion total in a single game in the Hatfield era. Against Hawaii Herm was injured on the third play and true frosh Greg Henderson took over. Henderson also got injured and unfortunately Hatfield had to burn another redshirt, this time on Joe Moore (5-10 205 So). Moore would play in just 4 games. Later in the year against Louisiana Tech Herm hit 16 of 30 for 267 yards and two TD's, all in the second half against the Bulldogs. That one half of work happened to be the top total for an entire game in the Hatfield era for passing yards and completions. For the season Herm was the leading rusher with 1,066 gross yards rushing (897 net) while also throwing for 1,121 (50.7%) with a super 8-2 ratio. Henderson (PS#170) threw for 347 yards (39.6%) with a 3-4 ratio while rushing for 400 yards. Moore was 0 for 4 passing and had just 59 yards rushing. Hurd (PS#165) moved to WR in the spring. Herm is the definite starter but most of the reps in the spring went to Henderson and Moore as they needed the experience. Evans has been moved to DB and Moore practiced a little at RB during the spring and could move there if the QB's stay healthy. All of the moved QB's could return if injuries crop up. This unit has even more experience than it did heading into last year and should put up even stronger numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year practically everyone returned to the RB corps. Their top two rushers in 2000 were both FB's in Jamie Tyler (400, 4.2) and Robbie Beck (358, 4.6). Last year Beck topped all the RB's with 643 yards (5.0) and Clint Hatfield was a fan favorite, rushing for 361 yards (6.2) with a 75 yard TD run vs Tulsa and a 78 yard KR. Hatfield (the player) goes by the name "Junior" but he is of no relation to the head coach. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Hatfield was so pleased with the group that he moved Kevin Ford (PS#64QB) to DB. The only losses this year are HB Leroy Bradley (12 sts, 165 yards, 6.9), Tyler (7 sts, 290 yards, 3.5) and HB Derek Gary (71 yards). Tyler and Bradley were just the #6 and #8 rushers. The team set a school record with 430 yards rushing vs Boise St last year and then topped that with 498 vs Tulsa. Starting HB Sean White missed the last 5 games due to injury and had only 199 yards. The unit gets some key additions in QB Joe Moore, true frosh Mike Falco (PS#108QB), Quinton Smith (PS#243) and Andrew Cates (PS#239) as well as rFr Thomas Lott (PS#308). With practically everyone back this group looks even stronger in 2002.

RECEIVERS - While this offense is not exactly becoming Air Hatfield, it has shown a dramatic increase in pass completions lately, going from 25 total rec's in 1997 to 38 in 1999 and 58 in 2000. Last year they returned both their top WR and TE and increased the total significantly again, this time to 91 and at times operated out of the spread offense. Their star WR is Gavin Boothe who has great size as well as 4.38 speed. He exploded for a combined 209 yards vs LA Tech and Fresno in midseason but finished up with just 348 on the season. He started only six due to injuries but could be a starting receiver at many passing schools. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Gone this year are TE Brandon Manning (11 sts, 2 rec, 12.5), WR Gilbert Okoronkwo (5 sts, 23, 19.1) and WR Matt Weber (1 st, 3 rec, 26.7). They get two solid additions this year in rFr TE Joe Wood (PS#77) and QB Jeremy Hurd. Also in the mix at receiver are Marcus Battle (5-9 180 rFr), Ryan Simonak (5-10 175 So) and this year's true frosh signees. Okoronkwo was the leading receiver last year and will be missed but Booth could have a breakout season as a junior.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Rice averaged 5.3 ypc in both '96 and '97 but surprisingly slid to 4.5, 4.3 and 4.1 the next 3 years. Last year they had 4 starters returning to the front wall plus got back a '99 starter who missed the previous year due to injury. The unit worked hard in the offseason as it was the first time that 4 players on the OL could bench 400 lbs in school history. The veteran line improved the ypc rushing to 4.5 but surprisingly the team allowed 28 sacks which is a lot for an option team that passed the ball just 194 times. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are C Aaron Sandoval (9 sts, 3 yr st'r, 400 bench), RG Ryan Smith (10 sts, 2 yr st'r, 500 bench), LT Heath Fowler (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 400 bench, 2nd Tm WAC), RT Billy Harvin (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm WAC) and backup Brandon Wallace (4 sts in 2000). While 4 starters depart, C Ben Stephens has 11 career starts and starting LG Keith Meyer returns. Also, top-notch transfer Mike Holman was a 6 game starter at Stanford in 2000 and Greg Wilson notched 2 starts last year. This has the makings of a decent group but it is less experienced than last year's version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Rice's DL was beat up in 2000. They began the year with 14 DL's but at one point at the end of the year they had only 5 healthy. The decimated unit allowed 3.9 ypc and recorded just 12 sacks. Last year they had to replace 1 full-time and 1 part-time starter due to graduation and then did not get back outstanding NG BJ Forguson who was injured after 5 starts in 2000 and opted to redshirt. He would have won the top DL award in 2000 had he not been injured. This year they must replace DE Clint Johnson (11 sts, 27 tkls, 2 tfl), DT Larry Brown (12 sts, 39 tkls, 3 tfl), DT Lance Redmon (13 tkls, 2 tfl), DE Danny Cestero (9 tkls, 1 sk) and 3rd string DT Kelly Hejtmancik (1 tkl). They have 5 players returning with starting experience and Forguson's return should firm up the inside of the line. Last year the D only allowed 3.7 ypc rushing and recorded 37 sacks, showing improvement. DE Brandon Green won 1st Team WAC honors with 12 sacks (school rec) and was voted the Owls top DL. He is back and makes this year's group even a little more experienced than last year.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Rice's top 6 LB's returned but backup Jeff Vanover (4 starts and 50 tackles in 2000) ended up missing the season due to a torn ACL suffered in late August. Still, the 3 starters were back and they were very productive. Unfortunately this year all 3 depart. Gone are WLB Joe Bob Thompson (10 sts, 91 tkls, 8 tfl), BLB Dan Dawson (11 sts, 82 tkls, 3 int's, 4 pbu, 10 tfl, 1st Tm WAC, 4.38 speed) and SLB Rashard Pittman (10 sts, 78 tkls, 3 tfl). Vanover does return and due to injuries last year both Justin Engler, Scott Huffman and Antwan Shell all registered starts so 4 players are back with starting experience but clearly this group is a lot less experienced than last year's version and is missing some top-notch players.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since the Owls run the wishbone and they don't have the personnel to duplicate high powered pass attacks therefore, their secondary doesn't get tested in practice. Rice's highest finish in my pass D rankings was a middling #60 in 2000. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 6 of the top 8 returning. Rice dropped some in the ratings, going back down to #82 and allowing 57.4% with a 23-12 ratio. Graduation-wise they are in about the same shape as last year as they must replace CB Kenny Smith (10 sts, 37 tkls, 5 pbu) and FS Jason Hebert (12 sts, 103 tkls, 2nd Tm WAC). Despite the losses, I think this unit is taking shape thanks to a couple of interesting additions. Speedy Corey Evans, who started 5 games at QB in 2000, moves to FS and Kevin Ford (PS#64QB), a much sought after player by both offensive and defensive coaches, is at CB. Ford will battle Clifford Sparks, who has blazing speed and played well last year as a backup. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. While Hebert will be tough to replace, as long as Evans and Ford have the impact I expect, I look for Rice to move up somewhat in the rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Hatfield usually places a priority on special teams, and they had a pair of Top 20 finishes in my rankings in 1995 and '96. Surprisingly the last 4 years they have been below average (#80 last year). Part of the reason for the poor performance last year was that they were missing 2 key players. LB Jeff Vanover was voted the team's top special teams player as a frosh but missed the 2001 season. His return is a plus for this group. Kicker Derek Crabtree missed the first 8 games due to injury. In his place, Brandon Skeen, who has handled the KO's the last 2 years, hit just 6 of 16 FG's with a long of just 31. Crabtree then nailed 6 of 7 with a long of 52 down the stretch and he will be missed. True frosh K Brennan Landry (PS#16) and P Jarrett Scruggs both have the potential to win the jobs this year. They also suffered injuries to their returnmen as Dan Dawson got injured early as did Sean White. That left the door open for Clint Hatfield who averaged 24.0 on KR's and 5.4 on PR's. All of the key returnmen are back. Punter Travis Hale saw his net punting average drop from 34.5 to 33.0. Even with the loss of Crabtree (keep in mind that he participated in just 4 games last year) this unit should get in the upper half of my special teams rankings this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rice is a small school with only 46,000 alumni and only 2,700 undergraduate students that must try to fill a 70,000 seat home stadium. Their small home crowds, which have averaged less than 20,000 over the last few years, make it no wonder that the Owls have been home for the holidays for 40 consecutive seasons despite having gone 7-4 in 1996 and 1997 and 8-4 last year. Bowl committees definitely consider a school's ability to sell tickets. Rice has been in contention for league championships for years, only to lose key games in November. They had an injury plagued team in 2000 and finished just 3-8, but that group had just 11 seniors. Last year they had 27 seniors including 23 5th year seniors and the experience paid big dividends. Rice actually came close to winning the WAC Title as they had a 42 yard FG attempt blocked on the last play of regulation vs Louis Tech (they eventually lost the game in OT). It's also very interesting to note that last year Rice finished 8-4 SU but were actually outscored by 2 points on the season overall. Rice is normally like a service academy as Hatfield uses a lot of seniors as starters. This year they have just 9 starters back which is the 2nd fewest in the WAC and their lowest total in over 10 years. They lose 29 lettermen which ties them for the most lost in the WAC and last year benefitted from +8 in turnovers. This is still a decent Rice squad which I rate #6 in the WAC on offense and #6 on defense and Hatfield is a fine coach that gets the most out of the talent on hand as he showed last year. I've been very high on Rice in each of the last 2 years pegging them for 4th place each season and that's where they finished last year. This year with the inexperience and tougher schedule, I think it will be extremely difficult for Rice not only to match last year's 8 win total, but to accomplish a winning record.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB KYLE HERM JR. 5-8 175 PS#182. 183 yds as rFr. 12 sts LY, 1121 pass (50.7%), 8-2 ratio, 1066 rush. Tm MVP. Greg Henderson (5-10 190 So) PS#170. 747 yds as **true.**

RHB CLINT HATFIELD SO. 5-9 185 361 yds, super 6.2 ypc as rFr. **Vincent Hawkins** (5-6 175 Sr) PS#460, 5 sts LY. 593 career rush yds (4.7). Thomas Lott (5-7 165 rFr) 4.5 spd.

LHB Sean White Sr. 5-6 180 PS#460. 3 sts, 134 yds (4.5) in 2000. 6 sts LY (inj'd), 199 yds (4.5). Joe Moore (5-10 205 So) #3 QB also. Mike Falco (5-10 185 Fr) PS#108QB.

FB ROBBIE BECK JR. 5-10 220 PS#450. 1 st as true, 358 yds (4.6). 5 sts LY, #2 w/634 yds (5.0). Ed Bailey (5-9 208 So) PS#328. 108 yds (4.3) as rFr. Jordan Kramer (6-0 210 So).

WR GAVIN BOOTHE JR. 6-1 185 PS#73. 7 sts as **true**, 18 rec (17.4). 6 sts LY (inj'd), 21 rec (16.6). Jeremy Hurd (5-10 155 Jr) PS#165QB. 3 sts in 2000, 129 pass, 326 rush yds.

TE Joe Wood rFr. 6-1 235 PS#77TE. Travis Thompson (6-2 245 Sr) 6 gms as rFr. 2 sts in 2000, 3 rec (9.7). 1 st LY, 1 rec, solid blocker. Matt Bolding (6-4 250 Fr).

C Ben Stephens Sr. 6-2 300 PS#216. L/7 sts at C as rFr. 4 sts in 2001 (1 at RG, 3 at C). TX hvywght wrestling champ in HS. Cotey-Joe Cswaykus (6-4 280 So) PS#435.

RG Mike Holman Jr. 6-3 290 PS#154. **Stanford trans,** 2nd string as **true**. L/6 sts in 2000. Transfer LY. Scott Mayhew (6-6 280 So) PS#375DL. 2 tkls, 5 games at DT.

LG KEITH MEYER SR. 6-2 290 **PS#78OL**. 6 gms as rFr. 2 sts at RG in 2000. 11 sts in 2001, 400 bench, missed 1 gm. Ross Huebel (6-2 270 So) 3rd string last year.

RT Greg Wilson So. 6-4 310 PS#435. 2 sts as rFr (1 at RT, 1 at LG), 2nd string rest of yr. Micah Meador (6-2 295 So) PS#435. Rolf Krueger (6-4 260 Fr) is PS#296OL.

LT Clint Crisp Sr. 6-3 300 PS#350OL. 1 gm as rFr. 9 gms in 2000. 2nd string in 2001 & lettered. Chris DeMunbrun (6-4 295 Jr) injured in 2000. 2nd string in 2001.

K BRANDON SKEEN JR. 6-2 190 PS#68. 9-11 FG's as Sr in HS, 5 from 40+. Made 47 yd FG n 2000 & KO's. 6 of 16 FG's, long 31 LY. Brennan Landry is PS#16, 54 & 57 yd FG's in HS LY.

DEFENSE

DE BRANDON GREEN SR. 6-3 250 **1st TM WAC** LY. 37 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 37 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl in 2000. 64 tkls, 12 sks, 9 tfl LY. Pike Pickett (6-3 240 So) PS#393, 11 tkls as **true.**

DT ROSS LASSLEY JR. 6-2 275 PS#318. 1 st, 4 tfl in 2000. 9 sts, 19 tkls, 4 tfl LY.

Jonathan Chism (6-3 275 Jr) **PS#179.** 27 tkls, 2 tfl, 2Y, 4.7 spd. Impressed staff in spg.

NG BJ Forguson Sr. 6-3 290 PS#299. 21 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 11 sts, 29 tkls, 9 tfl, HM WAC in '99. 5 sts in 2000, top DL until inj, 4 tfl. RS LY. Rishone Evans (5-11 250 rFr) PS#328.

DE Jeremy Calahan So. 6-3 270 PS#291. 3 sts as true, 29 tkls, 2 tfl. Nick Sabula (6-2 230 Sr) PS#255. 1 st, 30 tkls, 6 sks, 2 tfl, 4 pbu LY. Thadis Pegues (6-1 210 rFr) PS#392.

SLB Scott Huffman Sr. 5-10 230 10 tkls in 1999. 19 tkls in 2000. 3 sts LY, 35 tkls, 1 tfl. Gabe Howe (6-1 210 So) 15 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Omeke Alikor (6-0 195 Fr) is PS#187LB.

WLB Justin Engler Sr. 6-3 230 PS#314DB. 37 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 1 st in 2001, 34 tkls, 2 sks. Julius Mitchell (6-2 205 Jr) 8 tkls, 2 yrs. Brandon Boyd (6-0 195 Jr) 23 tkls, 2 yrs.

BLB Jeff Vanover Jr. 6-0 210 PS#237QB. 4 sts as rFr, 50 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Torn ACL LY & RS. Antwan Shell (5-10 190 Sr) 2 sts in 3 yrs, 50 tkls, 1 sk, 2 pbu.

CB Kevin Ford rFr. 5-11 210 PS#64QB. Clifford Sparks (5-9 195 So) PS#176DB, track team, 29 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu as rFr. Matt Ginn (5-9 170 Fr) is PS#410.

CB PATRICK DENDY JR. 6-0 180 PS#380. 15 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 54 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu. Raymorris Barnes (5-9 170 So) PS#331RB, 2 sts, 21 tkls. Jason Benjamin (5-7 185 Jr).

SS GREG GATLIN SR. 6-0 175 PS#242. 2 sts at CB in 2000, 41 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. 10 sts LY, 39 tkls, 2 int. John White (5-11 175 Jr) PS#331. 1 st, 33 tkls in 2000. 2 sts, 42 tkls, 1 int LY.

FS Corey Evans Sr. 5-11 175 PS#105QB. 10.38 in 100m. 5 sts, 949 ttl yds at QB '98-2000. RS LY. Adam Herrin (6-0 215 rFr) PS#220QB. Terry Holley (6-0 200 So) 9 tkls LY.

P TRAVIS HALE SR. 6-3 200 53 punts as true, 41.5 avg, net 32.4. 54 punts in 2000, 41.8 avg, 34.5 net. 66 punts LY, 39.1 avg, 33.0 net, 13 inside 20. Jared Scruggs is PS#55K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Mike Falco 5-10 185 PS#108	
K	Brennan Landry 5-9 175 PS#16	
WR	Andrew Hall 6-4 200 PS#167	
LB	Omeke Alikor 6-0 195 PS#187	
OL	Rolf Krueger 6-4 260 PS#296	
RB	Andrew Cates 6-0 210 PS#239	
OL	David Carter 6-4 265 PS#303	
RB	Quinton Smith 5-11 179 PS#243	
DB	Andray Downs 5-10 170 PS#395	
K	Jared Scruggs 6-3 165 PS#55	
LB	Matt Ginn 5-9 170 PS#410	
DL	William Wood 6-3 285 PS#403	
WR	John Brock 6-2 175 PS#376	
DB	Lance Byrd 5-11 161 PS#463	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score RICE	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	Houston	A					
Sep. 7	at Michigan St	G					
Sep. 14							
Sep. 21	at Nevada	A					
Sep. 28	Fresno St	A					
Oct. 5	Louisiana Tech	A					
Oct. 12	at Navy	G					
Oct. 19	at UTEP	A					
Oct. 26	SMU (HC)	A					
Nov. 2	at Tulsa	A					
Nov. 9	at Boise St	A					
Nov. 16	Hawaii	A					
Nov. 23							
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rice is 3-13 SU and 10-6 ATS since 1994 vs current Big 12 teams.
Owls are 0-4 SU and ATS in their last 4 trips to the state of California.
Rice is 24-14-1 ATS the last 39 on artificial turf & they play 9 gms on it TY.

Owls are 2-5-1 ATS in their last 8 home openers.
The favorite is 7-3 ATS their last 10 in this series.

Owls are 15-27 ATS as a road dog since 1991.
Rice is 4-9 ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1983.

Bonus: Rice is 6-2 ATS prior to a bye week.

Owls are 2-7 ATS their last 9 on the road following a SU loss.
Rice is 5-2 ATS in WAC road games on the fake stuff.

Owls really give a hoot at home with a 19-4 SU conference mark the L6Y.
FSU is 3-0 SU all-time in this series, home team is 3-0 ATS.

Pending earlier results, Rice is 8-14-1 ATS as a home fav under Hatfield.
Rice is 19-5 ATS in their last 24 October games.

Rice is 2-7 ATS their last 9 vs Service Academies.
Owls are 13-23 ATS in their last 36 grass games, but 3-2 ATS last year.

While Rice is 3-2 SU vs UTEP they are 1-4 ATS.
Pending prior results, Rice is 7-3 ATS the last 10 away on artificial turf.

Could apply: Rice came into 2002 with a 23-16 ATS mark off their last 39 SU wins but they are 3-8 ATS in that role the last 2 years.

Owls are 5-13 ATS their last 18 November road games, 0-5 ATS L3Y.
Rice is 5-1 SU and ATS in this series the last 6 years.

Owls are 1-8 ATS the L/9 in their 2nd straight AG, pending 10/19 outcome.
Rice has covered only 3 of their last 11 lined road finales.

Owls are 5-9 ATS in their last 14 home finales.
Might apply: Rice came into 2002 with a 13-3 ATS as a HD under Hatfield.

KEN HATFIELD (Career 155-108-4)
9th Year at Rice

Hatfield's records AT RICE

42-46-1	Straight Up	8-14-1	Home Favorite
45-43-1	Vs The Spread	13-3	Home Dog
19-22	Off A S/U Loss	10-9	Away Favorite
32-28-1	Vs Conference	14-17	Away Dog
		13-15	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (15,18,3)
Lost: 29 (16,12,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,923

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STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (70,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-8-1	7-4	7-4	5-6	5-6	3-8	8-4	37-40-1
ATS	4-7	7-4	6-5	6-4-1	5-6	5-6	6-6	39-38-1
Home Fav	1-2	1-0	0-3	2-1-1	1-2	2-1	1-3	8-12-1
Home Dog	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	11-2
Away Fav	1-1	2-0	2-2	0-1	2-1	0-1	1-1	8-7
Away Dog	1-3	1-3	2-0	3-2	1-3	1-4	3-2	12-17
Favorite	2-3	3-0	2-5	2-2-1	3-3	2-2	2-4	16-19-1
Dog	2-4	4-4	4-0	4-2	2-3	3-4	4-2	23-19
Grass	1-1	1-3	2-2	3-3	1-4	1-3	3-2	12-18
Artificial	3-6	6-1	4-3	3-1-1	4-2	4-3	3-4	27-20-1
vs Conf	3-4	6-2	3-5	5-2-1	4-3	3-5	4-4	28-25-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-3	2-1	2-2	11-13
Off SU Win	1-1	4-2	4-2	4-1	4-1	0-3	3-5	20-15
Off SU Loss	2-5	3-1	2-2	2-3	1-4	4-3	2-1	16-19

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kyle Herm	205	1066	169	897	11	4.4
Robbie Beck	126	646	12	634	7	5.0
Clint Hatfield	58	379	18	361	4	6.2
Greg Henderson	72	400	68	332	2	4.6
Vincent Hawkins	72	317	15	302	1	4.2
Jamie Tyler	83	295	5	290	2	3.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Herm	142	72	50.7	1121	8	2
Greg Henderson	48	19	39.6	347	3	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Gilbert Okoronkwo	23	439	19.1	2	40
Gavin Boothe	21	348	16.6	4	44
Leroy Bradley	14	260	18.6	2	64
Derek Gary	8	109	13.6	1	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Travis Hale	66	2581	39.1	–	33.0	0	13

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brandon Skeen	4-5	2-5	0-5	0-1	6-16	31

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Hebert	103	0	1	9	4
Joe Bob Thompson	91	3	5	5	0
Dan Dawson	82	3	7	4	3
Rashard Pittman	78	1	2	0	0
Brandon Green	64	12	9	2	1
Patrick Dendy	54	0	0	12	1
John White	42	1	0	2	1
Greg Gatlin	39	2	0	4	2
Larry Brown	39	1	2	2	0
Kenny Smith	37	0	0	5	0
Scott Huffman	35	0	1	0	0
Justin Engler	34	2	0	0	0
Nick Sabula	30	6	2	4	0
Jeremy Calahan	29	1	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dan Dawson	11	58	5.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Clint Hatfield	23	551	24.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
49	Cotton	NL	N Carolina	27-13	–
53	Cotton	NL	Alabama	28-6	–
57	Cotton	NL	Navy	7-20	–
60	Sugar	NL	Mississippi	6-14	–
61	Bluebonnet	NL	Kansas	7-33	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

RICE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	27.8	22	281	4.5	122	46.9	14.5	+8	2001	7	27.9	21	133	3.7	279	57.4	14.8
4	21.5	19	233	4.1	81	37.4	14.6	+9	2000	9	29.3	20	134	3.9	245	60.5	12.9
6*	21.5	18	258	4.3	55	39.6	14.5	+1	1999	4	23.7	18	125	3.9	214	61.2	14.4
5	21.4	17	257	4.5	61	37.9	14.9	+7	1998	9	23.4	20	187	4.7	195	57.2	16.4
9*	27.8	21	333	5.3	53	36.2	13.9	-1	1997	6	25.9	19	181	4.8	203	55.5	14.8
7	26.9	19	305	5.3	47	33.3	13.1	-2	1996	5	28.4	20	176	4.7	215	56.7	13.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Houston	21	69-354	5.1	6-12	42	1	13	21-7	0.3	22-47	192	9	+1
Duke	18	57-154	2.7	11-18	116	1	18	42-139	3.3	15-26	189	1	+2
at Nebraska	17	47-196	4.2	8-25	169	4	24	53-292	5.5	12-15	205	1	-2
at Hawaii	22	64-212	3.3	7-19	140	4	22	23-48	2.1	30-57	390	4	+3
Boise St	27	82-430	5.2	4-7	86	1	17	21-36	1.7	22-34	368	1	+3
at Navy	20	66-276	4.2	6-10	102	1	16	51-150	2.9	10-16	125	5	-1
Nevada	19	61-404	6.6	4-11	77	0	32	45-169	3.8	27-45	431	3	0
at Louisiana Tech	28	57-199	3.5	17-32	273	5	23	37-104	2.8	30-45	384	4	+2
at Fresno St	20	57-185	3.2	7-19	134	2	24	37-165	4.5	21-33	343	3	-2
Tulsa	27	62-498	8.0	5-8	155	4	27	39-261	6.7	23-45	245	0	0
UTEP	24	73-293	4.0	6-15	57	2	13	21-86	4.1	16-33	227	2	+3
at SMU	17	57-174	3.1	10-18	117	3	20	37-141	3.8	17-31	247	4	-1
TOTALS	260	752-3375	4.5	91-194	1468	28	249	427-1598	3.7	245-427	3346	37	+8
AVERAGES	21.7	63-281	4.5	8-16	122	2.3	20.8	36-133	3.7	20-36	279	3.1	0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Air Force	-7	12-41	L
at Tulane	-3'	30-24	W
at Northwestern	+7	40-34	W
Texas	+11'	31-38	W
at Tulsa	-10	42-24	W
BYU	+2'	27-14	W
at New Mexico	+1'	35-23	W
at SMU	-5	6-24	L
TCU	-21	38-19	L
at Utah	E	14-31	L
UTEP	-19	31-13	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU (OT)	-6	23-17	T
at Purdue	+13	19-21	W
Northwestern	-5'	14-23	L
at Texas	+6'	21-59	L
at San Jose St	-6'	17-20	L
Tulsa	-3'	14-10	W
at Wyoming	+7'	24-34	L
Colorado St	+10	35-23	W
at TCU	+2'	14-12	W
UNLV	-15'	38-16	W
at Air Force	+22	16-22	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+2'	3-28	L
at Michigan	+27	3-37	L
at Texas	+26'	13-18	W
Navy	-7	20-17	L
at Tulsa	-5	20-10	W
at Hawaii	-1	38-19	W
San Jose St	-10	49-7	W
TCU	E	42-21	W
at SMU	-10'	2-27	L
at Fresno St	+2'	18-47	L
UTEP	-8'	29-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston (OT)	E	30-27	W
at Michigan	+27'	7-38	L
Tulsa	-10	16-23	L
at Oklahoma	+33	14-42	W
at San Jose St	+6'	16-29	L
Fresno St	+8	24-27	W
Hawaii	-11'	38-13	W
at TCU	+23'	0-37	L
SMU	-9	43-14	W
at UTEP	+13'	21-38	L
at Nevada	-10	28-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+1'	21-14	W
Duke	-9	15-13	L
at Nebraska	+34	3-48	L
at Hawaii	+3'	27-24	W
Boise St	+4'	45-14	W
at Navy	-7	21-13	W
Nevada	-13	33-30	L
at LA Tech (OT)	+3'	38-41	W
at Fresno St	+15	24-52	L
Tulsa	-19	59-32	W
UTEP	-23'	27-17	L
at SMU	-6'	20-37	L

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Marcus Arroyo started five games as a true frosh in 1998, throwing for 364 yards (54.5%) with a 1-2 ratio. He redshirted in 1999 and then started all 12 games in 2000, throwing for 2,334 yards (50.9%) with a 15-10 ratio. He came into last season with a 9-8 record as a starter which is impressive for a school that has had just one winning season since 1992. Much was expected of Arroyo last year but the team went 0-5 in his first 5 starts and he was benched vs UTEP. Clint Carlson threw 3 int's in the 1H vs the Miners but then rallied with 366 yards passing in the win. The next week Carlson guided the team to 63 points against Tulsa, the most they had scored since 1991. Carlson, however, broke the thumb on his throwing hand vs Hawaii in the 2Q and while he finished out that game he would miss the next 3. Third string QB Brennan Crooks had been moved to DB but then moved back to 2nd string with Carlson out. In Arroyo's return to action against Nevada, he simply set an NCAA record for pass efficiency in one game (298.0) hitting 21 of 26 for 476 yards with 5 TD's and 0 int's and the team set WAC and school records with 849 total yards offense. Arroyo only hit 13 of 33 for 129 yards the next week against Boise but then bounced back with a 25 of 37 for 387 yard effort against Fresno. In the season finale Arroyo was benched after a few series and Carlson played the rest of the game, broken thumb and all. Carlson appealed for a sixth year which was not granted. For the season Arroyo threw for 1,905 yards (54%) but had a negative ratio of 12-14. Carlson threw for 1,298 yards (57.5%) with an 8-8 ratio. Beau Pierce (6-3 224 So) was a late transfer from Hancock JUCO that did well this spring. Scott Rislov (6-1 227 Jr) had 12 TD passes and 4 TD's running at JC last year. They also add true frosh Demonte Johnson (6-2 200) who had 24 TD passes in HS last year. Arroyo was HM WAC in 2000 and be able to hold off Pierce and Rislov and should put up better numbers in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Deonce Whitaker was the Spartans' leading rusher in 1998 and 1999. In 2000 he rushed for 1,577 yards and a super 7.0 ypc and was one of 8 semifinalists for the Doak Walker Award. In the first 3 games last year he rushed for an average of just 2.8 ypc. He reeled off consecutive 100 yard efforts vs LA Tech and SMU but then got injured and would total just 14 rush attempts in the final 7. Whitaker leaves with 17 school records including being the school's all-time leading rusher by over 1,000 yards. H-back Jamar Julien moved over to the TB job due to the injury and rattled off 3 consecutive 100 yard games vs Tulsa, Hawaii and Nevada. Unfortunately he too was injured early vs Boise St and had just 82 yards in the final 3 games. Julien elected to forego his senior year after rushing for 820 yards (4.7). Last season for the first time in school history they had 3 true frosh RB's playing in the same game (vs UTEP) in Lamar Ferguson, Lance Martin (5-10 203) and Clarence Cunningham (5-10 169). Ferguson had a big game vs Tulsa with 196 yards and finished as the team's #3 rusher with 302 (5.2). Not included in the 2 deep I list below is Anthony Ferrera (5-7 188 rFr). I expect the signees to have a major impact and project JUCO Rayvon Johnson as a starter and both true frosh, Trestin George (PS#74) and I'Lario Vital (PS#99), should contribute. In an unusual move they also bring over one of only 2 returning starters from the defense in DT Brandon Miles and put him at FB. Three more JUCO's who could contribute are Damarcus Ingram (5-10 210 Jr) who had 1,494 yards in 2 years at JUCO, and Johnathan McDaniel (6-1 240 Jr) as well as Oscar Rigg (5-11 215 Jr) who had 801 yards rushing and 8 TD's at JUCO last year. Despite losing 2 top-notch RB's I think this unit has increased depth and could come close to 2001's numbers, keeping in mind that both Whitaker and Julien missed time last year.

RECEIVERS - The Spartans returned their top 3 receivers from 2000 last year but did have to replace their starting TE. Edell Shepherd emerged as one of the top receivers in the WAC as he rolled up 1,500 yards receiving (3rd best ever in the WAC) including efforts of 269 vs Nevada and 264 vs Fresno St. He not only had 83 rec's but also a team high 18.1 ypc and 14 TD's. Despite playing only 2 years here he is #2 in career receiving yards, missing out on the top spot by just 16 yards. Against Nevada, both he and Charles Pauley topped the 200 yard barrier and Pauley finished the year with 41 rec's (16.3). Pauley averaged 20.5 in his JUCO career so he has shown consistent ability to stretch the defense. Unfortunately, not only does Shepherd depart but WR Casey LeBlanc (7 sts, 25 rec, 10.5) as well as TE George Campos (11 sts, 8 rec) also leave. I list the 2 deep below and the talent level here is far from overwhelming but they do get 2 significant additions in Kendrick Starling (PS#16JC) and Jamall Broussard (4 sts in 2000 at Texas Tech). Since they lose their top guy, I'm going to call this group a little weaker.

RT Tim Provost

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 SJS brought in a new OL coach. The results were amazing as SJS averaged 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing a minuscule 13 sacks. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter and had back their top OL in LT Chris Fe'esago. The line stayed fairly healthy all season and was very productive once again. While the ypc dropped to 4.1 (possibly due to Whitaker's absence) again they only allowed 13 sacks and had only given up 8 heading into the season finale. This year the losses are heavier as C Bruno Contreras (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Joel Tautuaa (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Fe'esago (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backup Jelani Hawkins (3 sts) all depart. Hill brings in some solid JUCO's and this has the makings of a decent unit but it is clearly less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Rush defense has been a concern for the Spartans for a long time as in the last 7 years they've allowed over 5.0 ypc rushing 5 times. Despite being inexperienced in 2000 they actually only allowed 4.7 ypc. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 37 starts and the line only averaged 259 lbs per man. Overall the Spartans had just 19 sacks and once again allowed 5.1 ypc rushing. All 4 starters depart from the defensive front as they move one of them, Brandon Miles (33 tkls, 2.5 sks) to FB. The other 3 departing are DE Kevin Michaelis (12 sts, 52 tkls, 2.5 tfl), DT Larry Dawson (12 sts, 43 tkls, 4.5 tfl) and DE David Coats (11 sts, 52 tkls, 5 sks) as well as backups DE Tim Mathewson (1 tkl) and DT Damurius Richardson (6 tkls). It would not surprise me to see Miles move back to the DL. They get a huge addition in Eddie Brown who is simply PS#6JC and was recruited by both Texas and Michigan. There are also numerous other JUCO's that I plug into the 2 deep. While this unit is lighter in terms of experience, it has definitely gained some bulk as the 4 projected starters average 273 lbs with 4 backups at 270 lbs or better. I think this unit will definitely be tougher vs the run and Eddie Brown should contend for All WAC honors.

LINEBACKERS - Last year this unit was wiped out by graduation with just 1 player returning with starting experience and they had to replace their starting MLB, Josh Parry, who was 2nd Tm WAC. They also lost a projected starter in Paul Okumu prior to the season due to injury. The unit suffered more injuries during the season and 6 different players would start at ILB. This year they must replace OLB Alvin Dean (12 sts, 62 tkls, 3 tfl), MLB Patrick Battle (6 sts, 49 tkls), MLB Onyeka Ossai (62 tkls, 2.5 tfl) and Brandon Lambert (8 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and Okumu is back plus they get a couple of JUCO's. This is far from an overwhelming unit but it actually has more experience returning than it did last year and should remain healthier.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - This was an experienced unit in 2000 that was #85 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup who had 4 starts but returned 5 players with starting experience. Despite the veteran unit, they dropped to #100, allowing 59.5% with a 27-12 ratio, and probably would have ranked lower had the rush D not been so poor as teams simply did not have to pass as much. This year they lose CB Willie Adams (8 sts, 70 tkls, 5 tfl), CB Alex Wallace (11 sts, 48 tkls, 3 int's, 10 pbu), FS Larry Thompson (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 4 int's, 3 pbu), CB Rick Lavender (4 sts, 33 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu) and CB Jermain Cooper (17 tkls, 2 pbu). Naturally they've gone the JUCO route to try to get some replacements. Despite the losses, they can't drop much more in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 the Spartans had an outstanding finish at #9 in my special teams rankings and they were #34 in 2000. Last year they returned both their punter and kicker and had most of the returnmen back as well. What had been an area of strength in Baldwin's final couple of years turned into a nightmarish year in 2001 as they finished #117 out of #117 teams. The team's net punting of 27.3 was among the weakest in the country. The top PR, Charles Pauley (7.4), did average 24.4 on KR's. After blocking 4 punts the previous 2 years with none vs them, the team allowed 2 punt blocks plus a TD and ended up -3 in the Blk/TD category. Their KR defense also allowed 22.4 ypr. Nick Gilliam hit 10 of 17 FG's with a long of 44 and is back. The only way for this unit to go is up, but this still looks like one of the weaker units in the NCAA this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1978 to 1992 SJS had 12 winning seasons including 4 California Raisin Bowl bids. Since 1993 the team has had just 1 winning season and that came in 2000 under the tutelage of Dave Baldwin. They went 7-5 and even earned 5 votes in the AP poll that year. Last year they had 9 starters back on offense but just 4 on defense and I pegged them for last place in the WAC. The Spartans surprised me by winning 3 games last season despite having the league's 2nd worst defense. In league games they allowed an ungodly 517.9 ypg. Offensively they were potent as in WAC games they averaged 483.9 ypg which was 3rd best in the conference. For the season SJS finished just 3-9 and were outscored by an average of 13.8 ppg after outscoring foes by 1.4 ppg in 2000. As usual, this year's non-conf schedule is hazardous with road trips to Washington, Stanford, Illinois and Ohio St (ouch!) and they have 9 road trips overall, the most in the NCAA this season. Unlike the past 2 years, where they have had veteran offenses, this year's edition has just 4 starters back. Last year's team scored 60 points twice in the same year for the first time since 1948. They had 746 yards vs Tulsa, setting a school record, and then broke it 2 weeks later vs Nevada with an amazing 849 yards. It will be tough for this year's offense to match 2001's output. The 2 keys to the offense this year are how quickly the rebuilt O-line comes together and if QB Arroyo can regain his 2000 form. SJS had my #106 rated defense overall last year and has just 2 starters returning on that side of the ball. Despite the paucity of starters returning, they look stronger. Going for the quick fix, Fitz Hill used 17 of the 25 scholarships available on JUCO's, including Eddie Brown (PS#6), and he hopes they give the team an upgrade in talent. SJS is actually 8-8 in WAC play the last 2 years but getting to or topping .500 this year will be tough. Last year's team had 45 lettermen returning and just 18 lost while this year they have the lowest percentage of returning lettermen in the WAC (51%) with 30 returning and 29 lost. The inexperience, plus the grueling 9 game road slate in which they play 13 games in 13 weeks & travel 23,617 miles makes it appear SJS is headed for another losing season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB MARCUS ARROYO SR. 6-1 195 PS#222. 5 sts as true, 364 yds (55%).12 sts in 2000, 2334 yds (51%) 15-10 ratio. 9 sts LY, 1905 yds (54%) 12-14 ratio. Scott Rislov (6-1 227 Jr).

RB Rayvon Johnson Jr. 5-10 185 PS#105 out of HS. 1732 yds, 19 TD at JC LY. Lamar Ferguson (5-5 143 So) 302 yds (5.2) as true. Trestin George is PS#74. I'lario Vital is PS#99WR.

WR Jamall Broussard Jr. 5-10 190 PS#244JC. Navy Prep in '99. 4 sts as **true at TT**, 10 rec (5.6). 22 rec (15.3) at JC LY. **Tuati Wooden** (6-0 184 Jr) 3 sts, 37 rec (11.8) LY.

WR CHARLES PAULEY SR. 5-10 166 PS#71JC. 7 sts here LY, 41 receptions (16.3), 121 yards rush, 581 ret yds, 2-4 passing, 110 yds! Jared Pimentel (6-0 171 So) PS#163QB.

WR Kendrick Starling Jr. 6-1 195 **PS#16JC** LY! Did not enroll. 54 rec (23.1) at JC. Juan Walden (6-1 215 Sr) 14 rec (8.1) 6 gms until inj LY. Cory Rainwater (6-4 179 Jr).

TE Marcus Helfman Sr. 6-5 241 PS#52TE in 1998. JUCO in 2001. Courtney Anderson (6-7 266 Jr) 8 sks as DE at JUCO LY. 17 rec in 2000. Jason Bass (6-3 216 rFr).

C LaMons Walker Sr. 6-3 269 PS#262OL. 2nd string OL in 2000, lettered. DL & TE in 2001, 4 tkls. **Charles Dehoney** (6-2 294 Sr) PS#474JUCO. 2nd string C in 2001.

RG Justin Arrington Jr. 6-1 296 PS#58JUCO. In for spring. Mark Manning (6-1 325 rFr) PS#206OL. +45 lbs. Dorsey Mitchell (6-4 327 Jr) PS#376JUCO. Didn't enroll LY.

LG JOSEPH HAYES JR. 6-4 300 2nd string in 2000 and lettered. 8 starts in 2001. Kevin Israel (6-2 309 Jr) PS#475JUCO. RS here last year. Ian White (6-2 265 So).

RT TIM PROVOST SR. 6-6 286 10 sts as rFr. 12 starts at RT in 2000. has great size. 12 starts in 2001. Has added 57 lbs since enrolling. Eric Olson (6-4 332 So).

LT John Toensfeldt rFr. 6-8 293 PS#296OL. Added 16 lbs. Jeff Gordon (6-4 279 Jr) Orig at N Illinois. 1st Tm All Conf at JUCO LY. Matt Cantu (6-2 300 Fr) in for spring.

K NICK GILLIAM SR. 5-8 185 Hit 5 of 11 FG's in 2000 (2 blk'd), 2-5 from 30-39. Solid 10 of 17 FG's in 2001, long 44, 3 misses from 50+! Creig Nakano (5-4 147 rFr).

DEFENSE

DE Chip Kimmich Sr. 6-4 257 PS#296JUCO. 1 st here in 2001. 19 tkls. 1 sk, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. Reggie Candler (6-3 268 Jr) 1 tkl in 2 yrs. Larnell Ransom (6-3 230 Fr) is PS#452LB.

DT Eddie Brown Jr. 6-3 295 **PS#6JUCO!!** PS#36DL, orig signed w/Tex A&M. Jason Gustus (6-0 298 Jr) PS#376JUCO. David Bridgewater (6-3 293 Jr) PS#473JUCO.

DT Adonis Forrest Sr. 6-3 294 PS#450JC & orig signed at **Arkansas.** Mike Beams (6-2 291 Sr) 16 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Brandon Miles (6-0 253 Sr) 12 sts at DT LY, 33 tkls, 2.5 sks.

DE Ethan Allen Sr. 6-2 245 PS#334JC. TE in spg LY, but moved to LB & had 6 sts, 20 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Steve Nash (6-2 251 Jr) 16 tkls, 0.5 sk LY. Added 24 lbs.

OLB Paul Okumu Jr. 6-0 234 PS#146JUCO. Projected starter here last year, but injured and redshirted. Skyler McKnight (6-0 228 Jr) late JUCO signee in 2001 and RS.

MLB PHILIP PERRY JR. 6-1 239 PS#220JUCO. Luke La Herran (6-1 233 Sr) had 29 tackles in 1999. 33 tackles, 8 tfl in 2000. 18 tackles, 1 tfl, 2 starts last year.

OLB Brian Foreman Sr. 6-1 215 PS#258WR. 10 tkls in 2000. 4 sts LY, 24 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl. Michael Smith (5-11 220 Jr) 10 tkls as true. 35 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Erik Garcia (5-9 206 Jr).

CB Mario Vital Jr. 5-9 187 PS#374JC. Only 7 rec allowed at JC LY. Eric Wilson (5-10 190 So) PS#144. Carlos Koustas (5-9 185 Sr) 3 sts in '99, 18 tkls. 3 sts in 2000, 15 tkls.

CB Quincy Washington Jr. 6-0 165 PS#223JC. Shaun Fletcher (5-11 190 Sr) PS#102WR in '98. JC in 2000. 3 tkls here LY. Ashanti Davison (5-8 176 Jr) 4 yrs w/Orioles Organization.

SS MELVIN COOK JR. 5-10 197 19 tkls, 1 int in 2000. 10 sts last year, 52 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Gerald Jones (6-0 196 Jr) PS#398JUCO in 2001. Josh Powell (6-1 185 So).

FS CJ Arnold Sr. 6-1 189 JUCO. 5 tackles last year. Zack Rance (5-11 210 Jr) 17 tackles, 17 games in 1999 & 2000. Donald Richardson (6-4 205 Fr) is PS#309.

P MICHAEL CARR SR. 5-11 201 JC in '99. 61 punts in 2000, 37.9 avg, net of 36.5. 34 punts in 2001, 36.2 avg, tm net of 27.3. Bryce Partridge (6-3 198 Jr) 16 punts, 32.9 avg in 2001.

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OG	Justin Arrington 6-1 296 PS#58JC
RB	Trestin George 5-8 187 PS#74
WR	I'lario Vital 5-11 207 PS#99
LB	Phillip Perry 6-1 239 PS#220JC
DB	Quincy Washington 6-0 165 PS#223JC
WR	Jamall Broussard 5-10 190 PS#244JC
WR	Kendrick Starling 5-1 195 PS#338JC
TB	Rayvon Johnson 5-10 185 PS#354JC
LB	Mario Vital 5-9 187 PS#374JC
DL	Jason Gustus 6-0 298 PS#376JC
DT	Dorsey Mitchell 6-4 327 PS#381JC
TB	Damarcus Ingram 5-10 210 PS#384JC
DB	Donald Richardson 6-4 205 PS#309

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SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SJS	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	at Arkansas St	G					
Sep. 7	at Washington	A					
Sep. 14	at Stanford	G					
Sep. 21	at Illinois	A					
Sep. 28	UTEP	G					
Oct. 5	at SMU	G					
Oct. 12	at Ohio St	G					
Oct. 19	at Nevada	A					
Oct. 26	Boise St (HC)	G					
Nov. 2	at Hawaii	A					
Nov. 9	Louisiana Tech	G					
Nov. 16	at Tulsa	A					
Nov. 23	Fresno St	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

SJSU is 4-7 SU in non-lined games. Total points are SJS 334, opp 302.
Spartans are 9-3 ATS vs option oriented teams.
SJS is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS S/'94 vs current Big 12 teams, avg score 55-19.

Spartans got blown out 45-0 by Air Force in their most recent Aug gm in '96.
Could apply: SJS is 4-1 ATS as an away favorite since 1996.

Spartans are 14-7 ATS in their L/21 September gms, 7-3 L3Y, but 1-2 LY.
San Jose St is 6-3 ATS vs the Pac 10 the last 5 years, but 1-2 ATS LY.

Pending L2W results, SJS is 6-4 ATS (only 1-3 LY) vs non-conf teams S/'99.
SJS is 3-1 SU last 4, 6-1 ATS last 7 & 10-3 ATS last 13 vs this huge rival.

Illini are one of six 2001 bowl teams on the SJS docket this year.
However, Illinois was the only one of them to be in a BCS bowl LY.

SJS is 5-2 ATS S/'95 in lined Sept HG's, but 0-3 ATS L/3 lined home openers.
The underdog is 4-2 ATS in this series.

Hopefully the Spartans have a good Sky Miles program, as this is their 5th road game in 6 wks and overall 8 of their 1st 10 games are on the road.

SJS is 1-2 SU and 2-1 ATS vs the Big 10 since '91 losing 112-69 in those gms.
SJS is 4-1 ATS the last 3 years as a dog of 20 or more.

Pending earlier results, SJS has covered 13 of 22 on artificial turf.
This will be the 17th all-time meeting. The series is tied 7-7-2 SU.

Overall, college teams do poorly prior to traveling to Hawaii (20-37 ATS).
However, SJS makes the trip A LOT and is 2-1 ATS in that role recently.

The road team has covered 4 of the last 6 series meetings.
Spartans are 4-2 SU and ATS vs the Warriors.

SJSU is 2-1 SU and ATS vs Louisiana Tech since 1993.
The HT and the fav are 2-1 ATS, all 3 meetings decided by 21 or more pts.

The home team is 3-0 ATS the last 3 years, average cover 23.6 ppg.
Spartans are 3-7 SU but 4-3 ATS in road finales.

The SU winner is 5-0 ATS in Spartan home finales.
SJSU has lost their last 4 home finales by a combined 174-67 tally.

FITZ HILL (Career 3-9)

2nd Year at San Jose St

Hill's records AT SAN JOSE ST

3-9 Straight Up	2-1 Home Favorite
5-7 Vs The Spread	0-1 Home Dog
3-5 Off A S/U Loss	0-0 Away Favorite
4-4 Vs Conference	3-5 Away Dog
1-3 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 30 (13,14,3)
Lost: 29 (14,15,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,207

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1-510-464-5973 1-916-484-5681

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (30,456)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-9	4-7	4-8	3-7	7-5	3-9	27-53
ATS	4-5	5-7	7-4	6-6	3-6	8-3	5-7	38-38
Home Fav	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	2-1	5-7
Home Dog	2-0	2-2	2-3	2-2	0-0	1-0	0-1	9-8
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	4-2
Away Dog	1-3	3-4	5-1	3-3	2-5	3-0	3-5	20-21
Favorite	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-1	4-3	2-1	9-9
Dog	3-3	5-6	7-4	5-5	2-5	4-0	3-6	29-29
Grass	4-5	4-5	4-4	5-4	3-4	5-2	4-5	29-29
Artificial	0-0	1-2	3-0	1-2	0-2	3-1	1-2	9-9
vs Conf	0-1	3-6	5-3	5-3	1-5	5-3	4-4	23-25
vs Non-Conf	4-4	2-1	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	1-3	15-13
Off SU Win	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-4	2-1	4-2	1-2	9-13
Off SU Loss	3-4	5-4	4-3	5-2	0-4	3-1	3-5	23-23

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jarmar Julien	174	897	77	820	12	4.7
Deonce Whitaker	108	497	47	450	1	4.2
Lamar Ferguson	**58**	**340**	**38**	**302**	**1**	**5.2**
Charles Pauley	**20**	**133**	**12**	**121**	**0**	**6.1**
Clint Carlson	25	100	85	15	2	0.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Marcus Arroyo	**261**	**141**	**54.0**	**1905**	**12**	**14**
Clint Carlson	167	96	57.5	1298	8	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Edell Shepherd	83	1500	18.1	14	87
Charles Pauley	**41**	**669**	**16.3**	**1**	**78**
Tuati Wooden	**37**	**437**	**11.8**	**3**	**32**
Casey LeBlanc	25	263	10.5	0	25
Juan Walden	**14**	**114**	**8.1**	**0**	**19**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Carr	**34**	**1231**	**36.2**	**–**	**27.3**	**0**	**8**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Gilliam	**5-6**	**3-4**	**2-4**	**0-3**	**10-17**	**44**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Larry Thompson	102	1	3	8	4
Alvin Dean	72	2	1	2	0
Willie Adams	70	0	5	3	0
Onyeka Ossai	62	0.5	1	1	0
David Coats	52	5	3	3	0
Kevin Michaelis	52	1	2	2	0
Melvin Cook	**52**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Patrick Battle	49	0	1	0	0
Alex Wallace	48	0	1	10	3
Larry Dawson	43	0.5	4	0	0
Michael Smith	**35**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Brandon Miles	**33**	**2.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Ricky Lavender	33	0	2	3	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Pauley	**16**	**118**	**7.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Pauley	**19**	**463**	**24.4**	**0**
Alex Wallace	16	337	21.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pasadena	NL	Memphis	9-28	–
81	California Raisin	NL	Toledo	25-27	–
86	California Raisin	NL	Miami (Oh)	37-7	–
87	California Raisin	NL	E Michigan	27-30	–
90	California Raisin	-14	C Michigan	48-24	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SAN JOSE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	24.6	21	153	4.1	276	54.9	17.5	-8	2001	4	38.4	24	204	5.1	297	59.5	13.0
8	31.2	20	188	5.2	229	50.0	13.4	+6	2000	5	29.8	25	223	4.7	253	51.5	16.0
2*	25.8	20	119	3.6	249	54.5	14.3	-10	1999	6	40.2	25	243	5.2	235	57.3	11.9
8*	22.8	17	132	3.8	203	53.1	14.7	+4	1998	7	32.1	23	259	5.1	171	51.9	13.4
5	20.5	19	135	3.4	205	46.7	16.6	-4	1997	5	35.2	21	185	4.1	219	50.2	11.5
4*	20.1	21	112	3.2	263	51.8	20.4	-1	1996	5	40.7	24	230	5.4	270	59.8	13.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at USC	17	30 - 115	3.8	20 - 37	213	0	17	33 - 165	5.0	21 - 28	213	2	-2
at Colorado	19	27 - 125	4.6	22 - 41	180	0	32	55 - 263	4.8	19 - 31	297	0	-2
at Arizona St	21	24 - 63	2.6	24 - 40	272	1	22	52 - 224	4.3	15 - 22	229	2	-2
at Louisiana Tech	19	42 - 206	4.9	12 - 27	192	1	30	30 - 168	5.6	31 - 42	407	1	-2
SMU	18	42 - 148	3.5	13 - 30	176	0	23	55 - 347	6.3	4 - 13	44	1	0
at UTEP	27	48 - 148	3.1	20 - 37	366	1	20	27 - 93	3.4	21 - 37	358	2	+1
Tulsa	26	41 - 464	11.3	22 - 34	282	0	22	33 - 171	5.2	26 - 42	196	1	+2
at Hawaii	20	40 - 124	3.1	24 - 47	251	3	16	20 - 85	4.3	19 - 38	318	1	+1
Nevada	35	55 - 315	5.7	23 - 28	534	0	32	36 - 226	6.3	26 - 49	565	3	+1
at Boise St	12	30 - 54	1.8	13 - 33	129	2	25	44 - 204	4.6	19 - 32	351	3	-1
at Fresno St	21	27 - 42	1.6	26 - 41	440	0	32	51 - 282	5.5	21 - 37	328	1	-5
Stanford	20	38 - 30	0.8	21 - 42	279	5	19	47 - 220	4.7	12 - 22	256	1	+1
TOTALS	255	444 - 1834	4.1	240 - 437	3314	13	290	483 - 2448	5.1	234 - 393	3562	18	-8
AVERAGES	21.3	37 - 153	4.1	20 - 36	276	1.1	24.2	40 - 204	5.1	20 - 33	297	1.5	-0.7

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Stanford	+30	12-28	W
Wisconsin	+16'	10-56	L
at Wyoming	+29	10-30	W
at Oregon St	+18	12-26	W
Colorado St	+21'	20-55	L
at UTEP	+3	10-7	W
Air Force	+15	25-22	W
Fresno St	+8	12-53	L
at San Diego St	+14	21-48	L
Hawaii	+1'	38-14	W
at UNLV (OT)	+9'	55-48	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Stanford	+15'	35-23	W
Idaho	-9'	12-17	L
at Oregon	+24	3-58	L
N Mexico	+7	37-20	W
at Virginia	+28	14-52	L
Rice	+6'	20-17	W
at UTEP	+6	21-28	L
at BYU	+18	43-46	W
Utah	+7	17-49	L
at Hawaii	-7'	45-17	W
San Diego St	+4'	6-34	L
at Fresno St	+14	21-24	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LSU	+27	21-29	W
at Colorado	+24	35-63	L
St Mary's	NL	38-3	–
Tulsa	-4	34-10	W
at Stanford	+19	44-39	W
at TCU	+5'	0-42	L
at Rice	+10	7-49	L
SMU		Cancelled	
at UTEP	+6'	26-42	L
Hawaii	-2'	41-62	L
at Fresno St	+16	12-63	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+49'	13-49	W
at Stanford	+17'	40-27	W
S Utah	NL	47-7	–
at USC	+23	24-34	W
Rice	-6'	29-16	W
at SMU	-2'	35-10	W
UTEP	-3	30-47	L
at Nevada	-16	49-30	W
at Hawaii	-8	57-48	W
TCU	+13	27-24	W
at Tulsa	-10	17-28	L
Frenso St	-1	6-37	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	+15	10-21	W
at Colorado	+16	15-51	L
at Arizona St	+15'	15-53	L
at Lousiana Tech	+7	20-41	L
SMU	-7	17-24	L
at UTEP	+3	40-28	W
Tulsa	-7'	63-27	W
at Hawaii	+13	10-34	L
Nevada	-3'	64-45	W
at Boise St	+15	6-56	L
at Fresno St	+28'	21-40	W
Stanford	+19'	14-41	L

INDEPENDENT

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 INDEPENDENT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Jose Fuentes, Utah St	Don Orlovsky, UConn	Marquel Blackwell, S Fla
RB	Julius Jones, ND	DeJuan Green, S Fla	Ryan Grant, ND
RB	Tom Lopienski, ND	Tony Lane, Navy	Donnie Fricks, Navy
WR	Kevin Curtis, Utah St	Arnaz Battle, ND	Elgin Hicks, S Fla
WR	Heyward Skipper, Troy St	Drew Amerson, Troy St	Maurice Stovall, ND
TE	Gary Godsey, ND	Tommy Collins, UConn	Tim Jones, S Fla
C	Jeff Faine, ND	Trent Garmon, Troy St	Brian Markowski, UConn
G	Sean Mahan, ND	Ken Dawson, S Fla	Grant Moody, Navy
G	Sean Milligan, ND	Trevor Hutton, Utah St	Rodney Jordan, Troy St
T	Jordan Black, ND	Branden Hall, Troy St	David Walsh, Navy
T	Jim Newton, Utah St	Brennan Curtin, ND	Stan Curington, Troy St
DL	Ryan Roberts, ND	Shurron Pierson, S Fla	Shelton Felton, Troy St
DL	Cedric Hilliard, ND	Darrell Campbell, ND	Josh Brindel, Navy
DL	Tavares Jurineack, S Fla	Chris Daley, S Fla	Greg Walls, S Fla
DL	Osi Umenyiora, Troy St	Nate Putnam, Utah St	Ryan Bushey, UConn
LB	Jesse Busta, Utah St	Naazir Yamini, Troy St	Jamal Lundy, UConn
LB	Courtney Watson, ND	Maurice Jones, S Fla	Derek Curry, ND
LB	Kawika Mitchell, S Fla	Carlos Pierre-Antoine, ND	Maurice Jones, S Fla
CB	Maurice Tucker, S Fla	Shane Walton, ND	Shalimar Brazier, Navy
CB	Vontez Duff, ND	Rayshun Reed, Troy St	Mark Estelle, Utah St
SS	Gerome Sapp, ND	Lenter Thomas, Navy	Jamar Glasper, Utah St
FS	J.R. Reed, S Fla	Glenn Earl, ND	Paul Clarkson, Navy
K	Nick Setta, ND	Marc Hickok, UConn	Scooter Ross, Navy
P	Steve Mullins, Utah St	John Skaggs, Navy	Joey Hildbold, ND
KR	Tony Lane, Navy	Julius Jones, ND	Roger Fernandez, Utah St
PR	DeAndrew Rubin, S Fla	Heyward Skipper, Troy St	Roger Fernandez, Utah St

Troy St DL Osi Umenyiora

S Florida LB Kawika Mitchell

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

1. NOTRE DAME - The Irish had a rare losing season last year but still were tough defensively with my #16 rated group. Ty Willingham is the new head man and did great things at Stanford with less talent than what he inherits here. Switching from an option offense to a passing scheme may hinder the offense early but they should catch on as the season progresses and be much more potent down the stretch. Losing seasons are a rarity for ND and I look for them to get back on the plus side of the ledger and back to the post season this year.

2. S FLORIDA - S Florida joins CUSA next year and is clearly the 2nd most talented of the Independent teams this season. They have 56 lettermen back which is high among these schools and would be competitive in CUSA play this year. They do have three IAA teams still on the schedule and surprised me last year with their outstanding 8-3 record including a convincing win over Pitt and narrow losses to N Illinois and Memphis. This team is much stronger than last year's version but the schedule is also tougher and while I expect more than 3 losses this season, I think they'll have the 2nd best record of the Independents and a solid year.

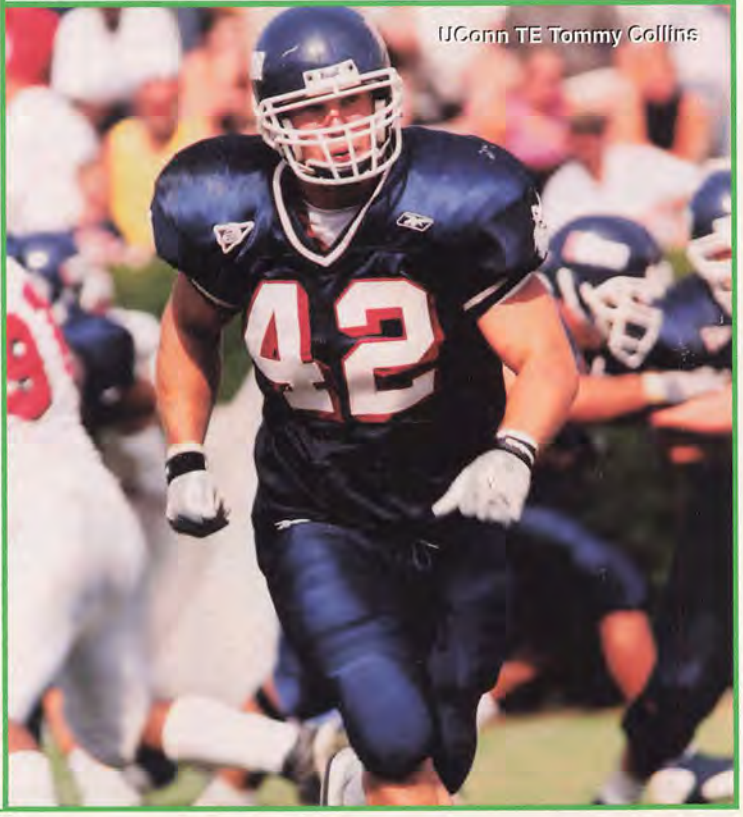
3. UTAH ST - The Aggies were -13 in turnovers last year but still had a respectable 4-7 finish. They played very tough vs teams like Utah, Oregon and BYU and all 3 games were decided in the 4Q. They have 14 starters back this year and the biggest question on the team is who will replace RB Emmitt White. I look for a capable replacement to emerge and the Aggies have a good shot at flirting with a winning record this year, especially if they get better turnover-wise.

4. TROY ST - Troy St's schedule gets a little tougher this year as they have 7 road trips vs IA teams so to achieve a winning record they will need a couple of upsets. They should be able to take care of all 5 home games so that is not out of the question and remember last year they did beat Miss State. They must break in a new QB but look stronger talent-wise than they did last season with 17 starters back.

5. NAVY - The Middies went winless for the first time in their school history last season and now bring in a new head coach. There is some talent available including 8 returning starters on defense, which is almost unheard of for a service academy. The schedule is still difficult so I cannot picture them topping .500 this year. They do host UConn on November 16th and that may be the difference in overall win/loss record and allow Navy to escape the Independents basement.

6. CONNECTICUT - UConn will be joining the Big East in 2005 and enters their 3rd year of IA ball. I'm really high on QB Dan Orlovsky and think he's one of the best in the Independents and UConn should be much stronger both offensively and defensively. They do play 4 MAC teams as well as Florida Atlantic and Navy so they should be able to top last year's 2 win total. I had to pick someone for the basement here in the Independents and I'll go with the Huskies despite the fact they are a much stronger team than last year.

Independent Notes: The ranks of the Independents drop by 1 this year as UCF departs for the MAC. Connecticut and South Florida will be joining leagues shortly therefore this will be a very lonely group in just a couple of years. The way I rank the Independents is not by strength of each team but by projected wins for the upcoming year so strength of schedule is as big a factor as is overall talent.



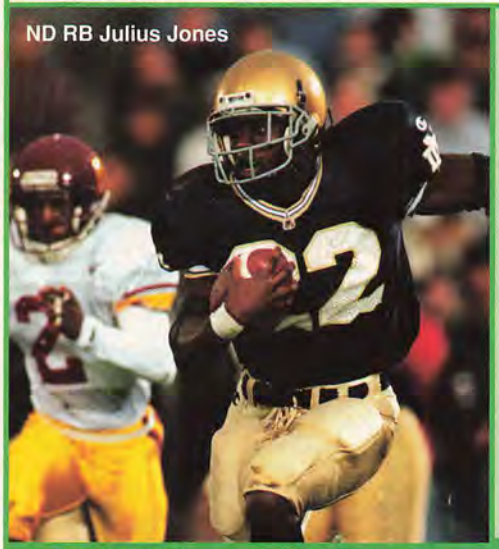
UConn TE Tommy Collins

2001 TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
63	UCF	30.3	2	408.8	2	100.5	6	3.3	5	308.3	56.5	4	13.5	24	26
67	Utah St	28.7	3	420.3	1	132.3	3	4.2	1	288.0	59.0	1	14.6	21	26
72	Notre Dame	19.5	5	289.7	6	188.2	1	3.9	4	101.5	50.0	5	14.9	32	26
100	S Florida	35.2	1	401.7	3	128.5	4	4.1	2	273.2	56.5	3	11.4	26	16
102	Navy	18.3	6	319.3	4	181.8	2	3.9	3	137.5	43.8	7	17.4	25	21
113	Troy St	22.4	4	313.2	5	103.1	5	2.8	6	210.1	56.5	2	14.0	26	42
115	Connecticut	17.5	7	246.3	7	77.5	7	2.3	7	168.8	44.9	6	14.1	26	29

2001 TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
15	Notre Dame	19.5	2	304.9	1	132.3	3	3.5	2	172.6	50.0	2	15.6	26	25
44	UCF	18.5	1	307.4	2	129.4	2	3.5	3	178.0	55.6	5	16.6	22	28
78	Troy St	24.5	4	365.9	4	173.1	4	3.8	4	192.8	49.8	1	15.0	25	29
80	S Florida	21.0	3	348.8	3	115.5	1	2.9	1	233.4	54.8	4	16.6	28	40
90	Navy	34.4	6	462.7	7	244.6	7	4.8	7	218.1	67.1	7	13.5	19	8
110	Connecticut	33.6	5	405.8	5	179.3	6	4.3	5	226.5	60.1	6	12.1	21	19
113	Utah St	38.3	7	462.3	6	177.1	5	4.7	6	285.2	54.6	3	12.1	19	20


ND RB Julius Jones

2001 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
South Florida	8	3	387	231
Troy St	7	4	246	269
UCF	6	5	333	204
Notre Dame	5	6	214	215
Utah St	4	7	316	421
Connecticut	2	9	192	370
Navy	0	10	183	344

2000 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Troy St	9	3	300	160
Notre Dame	9	2	344	226
UCF	7	4	333	221
S Florida	7	4	278	201
Utah St	5	6	292	356
Connecticut	3	8	220	368
Navy	1	10	182	391

1999 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana Tech	8	3	389	306
UL Monroe	5	6	186	322
Notre Dame	5	7	348	331
UCF	4	7	277	318
Navy	4	7	326	306
Connecticut	4	7	255	394
Mid Tennessee St	3	8	272	379
Louisiana-Lft	2	9	203	415

2001 INDEPENDENT LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Ryan Schneider, UCF	357	204	57.1	9	2923	8.2	17	136.6
Jose Fuentes, Utah St	437	260	59.5	18	3100	7.1	24	129.0
Brock Nutter, Troy St	307	173	56.4	13	2098	6.8	14	120.3
Marquel Blackwell, SF	456	258	56.6	11	2882	6.3	20	119.3
Carlyle Holiday, ND	144	73	50.7	7	784	5.4	3	93.6
Dan Orlovsky, UConn	269	128	47.6	11	1376	5.1	9	93.5
Brian Madden, Navy	145	62	42.8	8	902	6.2	4	93.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Marquel Blackwell, SF	11	92	241	456	2882	3123	283.9
Jose Fuentes, Utah St	11	49	-180	437	3100	2920	265.5
Ryan Schneider, UCF	11	37	-44	357	2923	2879	261.7
Brian Madden, Navy	8	217	905	145	902	1807	225.9
Brock Nutter, Troy St	11	84	-203	307	2098	1895	172.3
Carlyle Holiday, ND	11	156	666	144	784	1450	131.8
Dan Orlovsky, UConn	10	31	-117	269	1379	1262	126.2
Emmett White, Utah St	11	250	1361	0	0	1361	123.7

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Emmett White, Utah St	11	250	1361	5.4	13	123.7
Brian Madden, Navy	8	217	905	4.2	8	113.1
Alex Haynes, UCF	9	140	690	4.9	9	76.7
Demontray Carter, Troy St	11	160	801	5.0	8	72.8
Julius Jones, ND	11	168	718	4.3	6	65.3
Carlyle Holiday, ND	11	156	666	4.3	2	60.5
Tony Fisher, ND	9	78	384	4.9	4	42.7
Vince Brewer, SF	8	60	325	5.4	2	40.6

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Kevin Curtis, Utah St	11	100	1531	10	139.2	9.09	15.3
Heyward Skipper, Troy St	11	60	995	9	90.5	5.45	16.6
Tavaris Davis, UCF	11	47	722	5	65.6	4.27	15.4
Doug Gabriel, UCF	10	22	632	9	63.2	2.20	28.7
Jimmy Fryzel, UCF	11	39	664	2	60.4	17.0	3.6
Huey Whittaker, SF	11	52	548	2	49.8	4.73	10.5
DeAndrew Rubin, SF	11	34	532	4	48.4	3.09	15.6
Hugh Smith, SF	11	40	475	4	43.2	3.64	11.9

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Steve Mullins, Utah St	11	50	2241	44.8
John Skaggs, Navy	10	48	2151	44.8
Javier Beorlegui, UCF	11	46	2001	43.5
Joey Hildbold, ND	11	64	2703	42.2
Devin Sanderson, SF	11	58	2294	39.6

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeAndrew Rubin, SF	26	406	1	15.6
Gene Reese, Navy	9	97	0	10.8
Julius Jones, ND	18	192	0	10.7
Heyward Skipper, Troy St	21	215	0	10.2

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
David Hills, Navy	10	15	16	93.8	47
Nick Setta, ND	11	15	17	88.2	47
Marc Hickok, UConn	11	12	17	70.6	47
Javier Beorlegui, UCF	11	8	12	66.7	43
Dane Kidman, Utah St	11	7	13	53.8	40

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Vontez Duff, ND	12	358	1	29.8
Hugh Smith, SF	10	292	0	29.2
Demontray Carter, Troy St	17	455	1	26.8
Jason Dellaselva, UConn	10	267	0	26.7
Tony Lane, Navy	34	898	0	26.4
Luther Huggins, UCF	15	346	0	23.1
Roger Fernandez, Utah St	34	774	0	22.8

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Tito Rodriguez, UCF	11	100	43	143	13.0
Kawika Mitchell, SF	10	59	47	106	10.6
Corey Sears, Troy St	11	72	42	114	10.4
Lenter Thomas, Navy	10	56	42	98	9.8
Ricot Joseph, UCF	11	66	38	104	9.5
Naazir Yamini, Troy St	11	60	42	102	9.3
Anthony Williams, SF	11	57	45	102	9.3
Jesse Busta, Utah St	11	42	58	100	9.1

TFL

	NO	YDS
Elton Patterson, UCF	21	90
Anthony Weaver, ND	21	56
Greg Walls, SF	16	45
Nick Onaindia, Utah St	14	55
Chris Daley, SF	13	73
Courtney Watson, ND	13	27
Jesse Busta, Utah St	13	27

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Shurron Pierson, SF	10	81
Chris Daley, SF	9.5	61
Elton Patterson, UCF	9	47
Nick Onaindia, Utah St	9	42
Anthony Weaver, ND	7	25
Osi Umenyiora, Troy St	6	41
Greg Walls, SF	5.5	32
Tyler King, UConn	5.5	28

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Monday Night Schedule

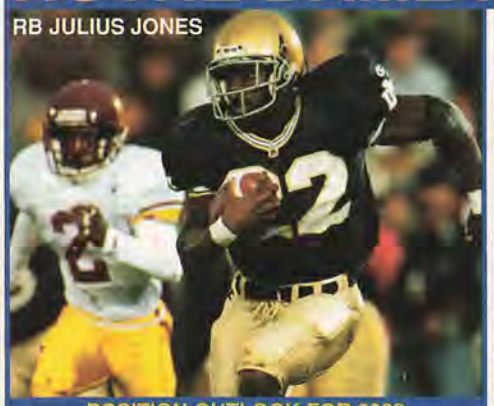
2002 Preseason Monday Nights

Aug	5	Houston	vs	NY Giants
Aug	12	NY Jets	at	Pittsburgh
Aug	19	San Francisco	at	Denver
Aug	26	Cleveland	at	Green Bay

2002 Monday Night Games

Sept	9	Pittsburgh	at	New England
Sept	16	Philadelphia	at	Washington
Sept	23	St Louis	at	Tampa Bay
Sept	30	Denver	at	Baltimore
Oct	7	Green Bay	at	Chicago
Oct	14	San Francisco	at	Seattle
Oct	21	Indianapolis	at	Pittsburgh
Oct	28	NY Giants	at	Philadelphia
Nov	4	Miami	at	Green Bay
Nov	11	Oakland	at	Denver
Nov	18	Chicago	at	St Louis
Nov	25	Philadelphia	at	San Francisco
Dec	2	NY Jets	at	Oakland
Dec	9	Chicago	at	Miami
Dec	16	New England	at	Tennessee
Dec	23	Pittsburgh	at	Tampa Bay
Dec	30	San Francisco	at	St Louis

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH


RB JULIUS JONES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Due to injuries and inefficiency true frosh Matt LoVecchio (PS#13) took over the starting job in Week 5 of the 2000 season. With him as a starter that year, the team simply went 7-1 down the stretch and he set a school record with just 1 int in 125 passes (0.8% prior to the bowl) with the previous record being 1.72%. He threw for 1,118 yards and rushed for an additional 423 and his pass efficiency rating of 151.7 would have made him 7th in the country if he had enough attempts to qualify. LoVecchio was the first true frosh to start more than 2 games at Notre Dame since Steve Beuerlein in '83 and was known as a very cool customer (prior to the bowl). He began last season as the starter but the team could not get into the endzone with him in the lineup and they seemed to show a spark when Carlyle Holiday (PS#8) entered the game. Holiday had some good games and in fact vs Pittsburgh, W Virginia and USC he completed 26 of 39 for 67% while also rushing for 350 yards. He led the team to 3 starting victories and it appeared the Irish had found their next great QB. However, Holiday got injured vs BC late in the 4Q and LoVecchio came off the bench to complete 3 of 5 passes. The BC, Stanford and Purdue games were all played in poor weather which could partially explain Holiday connecting on just 16 of 48 (33%) in those games including his horrible 1 of 16 effort vs Stanford (played in driving rain). He completed 50.7% for 784 yards with a 3-7 ratio but had 861 gross yards rushing, the most on the team, and was an effective leader. LoVecchio got in 69 passes for 287 yards (49.3%) with a 1-4 ratio while rushing for 32. Jared Clark (6-4 228 So, PS#23) has the strongest arm of the 3 and also 4.6 speed but only saw the field for 1:17 worth of action last year and moves to TE this year. This year's top frosh Chris Olsen (PS#14) has a shot to win the starting job. Generally when a team goes from the option to the West Coast offense, they struggle in the system's first year. There is that potential this season but since the passing numbers were in the bottom 10 of the NCAA last year, I think the numbers will improve greatly in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Tony Fisher (PS#17) started all 12 games in '99 and led the team in rushing with 783 yards (5.0), but by season's end it looked as if Julius Jones (PS#12) was the best back on the team. He finished with 375 yards (5.0 rushing) and 90 yards receiving as a true frosh. Jones won the starting job in 2000 but suffered through an injury plagued year yet still managed to lead the team in rushing with 687 yards (3.9). Fisher started 6 games and had 616 yards (4.5) in 2000 while Terrance Howard (PS#11) rushed for 452 yards (5.4). Basically everyone returned last year and they were also well stocked at the FB position. Injuries plagued this unit throughout the year (see "Hardcore Fans" on pg 306). Fisher did lead the team with 718 yards (4.3). A lot was expected from Howard last year but he fumbled on the first play vs Nebraska. He would have just 7 carries after the 5th game as he had found his way into Davie's doghouse. Howard did finish the year with 160 yards (3.3), getting a lot of action late in the year due to Jones' and Fisher's injuries. Ryan Grant got his first significant playing time as a true frosh in the season finale. He rushed for 77 yards against Purdue. Fisher and Howard both depart, leaving Jones and Grant to fight it out for the TB job. I list the FB's below and a lot has been expected out of Mike NcNair since he signed out of HS but he actually got his first carries in 4 years last season. He may see more action under a new coaching regime. Tom Lopienski has 16 career starts. Also in the mix at RB is Chris Yura (6-0 220 Sr, PS#50), Cory Jones (6-0 215 rFr, PS#50), Rashon Neal-Powers (6-2 224 rFr, PS#36DB) and Marcus Wilson (5-11 199 rFr, PS#95DB). New coaches generally like their own recruits so it is possible some of this year's true frosh will play. While this unit is a little less experienced, it can only stay healthier and I look for it to be stronger in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their top 2 TE's as well as their #2 receiver but did have David Givens returning. Givens (PS#8) probably would have been one of the top receivers in the NCAA had he played in a passing offense. Despite injuries last year, he still had 33 rec's (9.6) including nine vs Tennessee. Unfortunately he won't be around (#7DC of NE) for Willingham's pass offense. Not only does he depart but so does Javin Hunter (#6DC of BAL, PS#3) who led the team with 37 rec's (10.5). QB Arnaz Battle was switched to receiver last spring but broke a bone in his leg against Mich St and played in just 7 games, starting two. It was said that he may have had the best hands on the team. Beside Givens and Hunter, the team also loses TE John Owens (#5DC of DET, 9 sts, 6 rec). I list the 2 deep below and there are 5 VHT's left over from Davie's recruiting. PS#8 Lorenzo Crawford was dismissed form the university but was appealing his suspension at presstime. Naturally the numbers will be way up this year in the new offense. This group should remain less injury prone so despite being less experienced, I will call it as talented as the 2001 version. I also expect true frosh Maurice Stovall (PS#4) and Rhema McKnight (PS#9) to earn playing time this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Irish OL remained intact with the same 5 starters in all 12 games in 2000. That was the first time that had happened since 1989 and the results were 4.1 ypc rushing with just 25 sacks allowed. I've commented over the past few years how precise the athletic department at ND is, as they keep track of the minutes played for the OL, a position that garners few stats. This is a key piece of information. In that 2000 season the 5 projected starters came into the season with 981 combined minutes of playing time. Last year the projected starting 5 had 875 minutes as they had to replace 2 starters lost due to graduation but all 5 backups returned. They did suffer some injuries last year but 4 players managed to start 11 games. This year they must replace RT Kurt Vollers (11 sts) and backups C JW Jordan, RT John Teasdale and LT Casey Robin. Five players return who had 5 or more starts last year and those 5 played a combined 1,246 minutes last year so it is far more experienced than the past 2 versions. They must retool their blocking, however, to go from a more run blocking option-oriented scheme to the pass blocking of the West Coast offense. That may take some time to adjust to as well as open the door for some of the backups to earn their way into the lineup. Overall, ND averaged just 3.9 ypc rushing and the team yielded 26 sacks in just 218 pass attempts (11.9%). Despite the shift in schemes, this unit has enough talent and experience to improve upon last year's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 ND allowed 3.7 ypc and had 33 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and got DE Irons back into the lineup after injury. However, during the year Ryan Roberts beat out Irons for his starting spot but then was lost for the season due to injury. Also NG Andy Wisne was injured after 6 games and was out for the year. The Irish ended up allowing 3.5 ypc rushing while recording 25 sacks. This year they must replace Irons (6 sts, 22 tkls, 5 tfl), Wisne (6 sts, 16 tkls, 2 tfl) and DT Anthony Weaver (#2DC of BAL, 59 tkls, 7 sks, 14 tfl). Four players return with starting experience and naturally the group is loaded with VHT's, including some true frosh who could play right away. I list a very talented 3 deep below and this group looks just as experienced as last year and could improve on the numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Irish had to replace 1 starter who was a 2nd Team AA and a backup but 4 of the top 5 returned. This year they must replace 2 starters in ILB Tyreo Harrison (#6DC of PHI, 11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 97 tkls, 11 tfl) and OLB Rocky Boiman (#4DC of TEN, 7 sts, 41 tkls, 10 tfl). Four of the top 6 return and naturally there are plenty of VHT's in the group although it's surprising that Mike Goolsby (PS#4) and Carlos Pierre-Antoine (PS#4) have not seen more action in their careers. Overall this unit is a little less experienced and will probably be down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Irish finished a mediocre #63 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and last year had to replace #3 and #6 round NFL DC's but had 7 players return with starting experience. Overall ND moved up to #32 in my pass D rankings, allowing 50% with a 13-14 ratio. The good news this year is that practically everyone is back. CB Clifford Jefferson (4 sts, 23 tkls, 2 int's, 3 pbu), who lost his starting job after 4 games, SS Ron Isreal (21 tkls, 1 tfl, 5 sts due to injury), and FS Justin Smith (11 tkls) are the only losses. The safety positions suffered a blow when projected backups Donald Dykes and Abram Elam were dismissed form the university in May. The players at presstime were appealing the decision so their status is in limbo as of this writing. Not listed in the 2 deep below are CB Lionel Bolen (6-0 195 rFr), CB Garron Bible (5-10 197 So, PS#71), CB Dwight Ellick (5-10 179 So, PS#164WR), S Matt Sarb (6-0 195 Sr) and David Bemenderfer (5-11 195 So). Five players could return with starting experience and this could be a good group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000, one of the keys to the Irish's 9-2 regular season mark was their special teams play and they finished #2 in my overall rankings. The team blocked 5 kicks, setting a school record. Last year they were #15. Joey Hildbold is back for his 4th season as a starter. The last 2 years he has had net punting of 37.2 and 36.6 while increasing his punting average each year. Nick Setta (PS#1) hit 15 of 17 FG's last year with a long of 47, including 8 of 8 from 40+. Setta is not your typical kicker as he also is on the track team, running part of the 1600 relay team and runs a 4.4 forty. Vontez Duff (PS#12) has 4.3 speed and spelled solid returnman Julius Jones. While Jones averaged 10.7 on PR's and 22.5 on KR's, Duff averaged an awesome 29.8 on 12 KR's. Jones only needs 168 KR yards to pass Tim Brown on the all-time KR yard list here. The Irish blocked just one punt last year and allowed one. It will be interesting to see if Willingham puts the same attention on special teams that Davie did. In the last 4 years Willingham's special teams units at Stanford finished #100, #102, #82 and #112. That is a concern but this unit clearly has top 10 talent.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000, for the first time since '96, ND was not ranked in the preseason Top 25 but they had a textbook Turnovers=Turnaround year, going from 36 offensive TO's in '99 to just 8 in 2000. Their record soared to 9-2 during the regular season and they landed a Fiesta Bowl berth. After losing just 3 fumbles in all of 2000, they lost a fumble on the first play of the 2001 season. ND ended up with 23 turnovers. They faced a hellacious schedule last season, opening up with a tough 3 games against eventual bowl squads and their 0-3 start was the 1st ever in school history (115 years). They still had a shot at a winning season when, on a rainy night vs Stanford, they blew a late lead after having lost 6 starters during the game due to injury. They also had a 23-14 FD edge vs BC and a 20-16 FD edge vs Tennessee. Bob Davie is the only ND coach since they resumed playing in bowls in '70 who did not win a bowl game. In fact the Irish's last bowl victory was '93 and he was let go after last season. Ty Willingham comes over from Stanford where he did a great job despite the Cardinal's high academic standards. He is just 44-36-1 as a head coach (55%). ND has actually lost 6 or more games in 2 of the last 3 years. They will shift from an option oriented offense to Willingham's pro-style West Coast attack and it may take a while for the players to catch on to the new schemes. Last year they averaged just 19.5 ppg, the first time they've averaged under 20 ppg since 1982. They have 7 starters back on that side of the ball and should be more potent. The defense was solid last year, finishing #16 in my overall rankings, allowing just 304.9 ypg and 19.5 ppg. They also have 7 starters back and could be equally tough. This year's schedule has more soft spots than last year's killer slate (#3 toughest schedule). I think Willingham will do a fine job here and in his first season he should get the Irish back on the plus side of the ledger.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB MATT LoVECCHIO JR. 6-4 212 **PS#13.** 8 sts as true, 1118 pass yards (54%), 11-3 ratio, 423 rush. Carlyle Holiday (6-3 214 So) PS#8, 9 sts LY, 784 pass, 861 rush yds.

RB JULIUS JONES SR. 5-10 200 **PS#12.** 5 sts, 687 yds (3.9) in 2000. 6 sts, 718 yds (4.3) LY, 4.34 spd, 597 return yds. Ryan Grant (6-1 211 So) 110 yds (3.8), 5 gms as true.

FB TOM LOPIENSKI SR. 6-1 245 **PS#9.** 3 sts, 89 yds in '99. 5 sts ,97 yds in 2000. 8 sts, 80 yds in 2001. Mike McNair (6-0 230 Sr) PS#8, 15 yds LY. Nate Schiccatano is PS#25.

WR Maurice Stovall Fr. 6-5 205 **PS#4.** Lorenzo Crawford (5-10 195 So) PS#8, 10.2 in 100m! Carlos Campbell (5-11 194 So) PS#18, 1 st as true. Matt Shelton (5-11 172 rFr) PS#53.

WR Arnaz Battle Sr. 6-1 213 **PS#6QB.** 13 gms at QB '98-2000, 774 yds. 2 sts LY at WR until inj, 5 rec. Ronald Rodamer (6-4 206 So) PS#11. Omar Jenkins (6-1 204 Jr) 7 rec LY.

TE Gary Godsey Jr. 6-6 259 **PS#7TE.** 2 sts at QB in 2000, 226 yds. 1 st at TE LY, 100:23 min, 2 rec. Matt Root (6-6 258 rFr) PS#23. Billy Palmer (6-4 251 So) PS#66DL.

C JEFF FAINE JR. 6-3 298 **PS#6DL.** 12 starts, 25 minutes as rFr. 11 starts last year, 314:17 min. Ryan Scarola (6-5 310 Sr) **PS#9OL.** 1 st, 3 letters, 3 yrs, 72 min.

RG Sean Milligan Jr. 6-4 300 **PS#9OL.** 2 games. 6:07 minutes as rFr. 5 starts in 2001, 143:41 minutes, added 14 lbs this year. **Zachary Giles** (6-3 281 rFr) **PS#7OL.**

LG SEAN MAHAN SR. 6-3 285 **PS#21.** 1 st in '99 & 2000, 153 min. 11 sts LY, 302:06 mins. Ryan Gillis (6-3 305 Jr) PS#11, 13:02 in 2Y. Darin Mitchell (6-3 280 rFr) PS#80.

RT JORDAN BLACK SR. 6-6 305 **PS#19.** 9 sts, 232 mins as rFr. 12 sts, 244 minutes in 2000. 11 sts, 278 minutes LY. Jim Molinaro (6-6 297 Jr) PS#20DL, 3:23 in 2 years.

LT BRENNAN CURTIN JR. 6-8 305 **PS#37.** 25:50 minutes as rFr. 6 sts last year, 210 minutes. Mark LeVoir (6-7 309 rFr) **PS#4OL.** Dan Stevenson (6-5 292 rFr) **PS#19OL.**

K NICK SETTA JR. 5-11 177 **PS#1K.** 9 of 15 FG's, long of 47. 1-5 from 40-49 as rFr. Hit 15 of 17 FG's in 2001, long of 47. 8 of 8 from 40+! David Miller (5-11 210 Jr) PS#9.

DE RYAN ROBERTS SR. 6-2 258 **PS#28LB.** 5 sts in 2000, 28 tkls, 5 sks. 5 sts LY (inj), 20 tkls, 3 sks. Jason Sapp (6-3 249 So) PS#57LB, inj'd 1st 2Y. Chris Frome is PS#23OL.

DT Cedric Hilliard Jr. 6-2 290 **PS#10 DL.** 2 tfl as rFr. 5 sts LY, 164 minutes, 27 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl, 1 pbu. Jeff Thompson (6-4 273 rFr) PS#36DL. Derek Landri is PS#5OL.

DT DARRELL CAMPBELL JR. 6-4 288 **PS#22.** 4 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 9 sts LY, 26 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl, 191 min (inj'd). **Greg Pauly** (6-6 280 So) **PS#4.** Brian Mattes (6-6 250 Fr) is PS#27OL.

DE Kyle Budinscak So. 6-4 269 PS#97DL. 2 sts as rFr, 13 tkls, 83:13 min, +23 lbs TY. Travis Leitko (6-6 250 Fr) is PS#16DL. Brian Beidatsch (6-4 269 rFr) PS#183 DL.

OLB Derek Curry So. 6-3 233 **PS#25.** 2 tkls, 1 tfl, 11:16 min as rFr. **Justin Tuck** (6-5 238 rFr) **PS#16TE.** Jerome Collins (6-4 256 So) **PS#28WR,** 4.6. spd. Chad DeBolt (6-0 202 Sr).

ILB COURTNEY WATSON JR. 6-1 232 **PS#153.** 12 tkls in 2000. 11 sts in 2001, 76 tkls, 2 sks, 11 tfl, 3 pbu. Corey Mays (6-1 235 rFr) PS#22DL. Brandon Hoyte (6-0 226 rFr) PS#29LB.

ILB Carlos Pierre-Antoine Sr. 6-3 245 **PS#4LB.** 27 career tkls. Mike Goolsby (6-3 243 Jr) **PS#4LB.** 5 tkls 2Y, 23 games, 174 sp tms plays. Justin Thomas (6-1 243 Sr) PS#46.

CB SHANE WALTON SR. 5-11 185 10 sts in 2000, 42 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts LY, 43 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, 7 tfl. Jason Beckstrom (5-10 188 Sr) PS#45, 5 sts, 41 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu 3Y.

CB VONTEZ DUFF JR. 5-11 194 **PS#12RB.** 5 tkls as true. L/8 sts LY, 25 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. Quentin Burrell (6-0 178 So) PS#21. 3 tkls as true. Preston Jackson (5-9 176 So) PS#69.

SS GEROME SAPP SR. 6-0 218 **PS#1DB.** 13 tkls as true. 1 st, 39 tkls in 2000. 7 sts LY, 36 tkls, 1 tfl. Abram Elam (6-0 209 So) PS#52QB, 29 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu, 1 tfl LY.

FS GLENN EARL JR. 6-1 205 PS#60. 1 st, 23 tkls in 2000. 3 sts, 33 tkls, 4 tfl LY. **Donald Dykes** (5-11 194 Sr) **PS#41DB.** 1 st, 19 tkls in 2000. 8 sts LY, 48 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu LY.

P JOEY HILDBOLD SR. 5-10 191 **PS#15.** 54 punts in '99, 39.0 avg, 35.2 net. 66 punts in 2000. 41.0 avg, net of 37.1, 24 inside 20. 64 punts in 2001, 42.2 avg, 36.6 net, 19 inside 20.

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ND	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	† Maryland (Kickoff Classic)	G						The home team is 10-6 ATS in the Michigan St series. Irish are 9-6 their last 15 vs the Big East. ND is 6-16 ATS S/'91 when they lost SU to a team the previous season.
Sep. 7	Purdue	G						The Irish are 9-0 SU at Giants Stadium including a KO Classic win in '89 vs VA. This is the first meeting between these two schools.
Sep. 14	Michigan	G						Notre Dame is 4-2 ATS in their last 6 home openers. ND is just 3-6 ATS the last 9 series meetings, but won SU & ATS last 2 yrs.
Sep. 21	at Michigan St	G						Irish are 8-2 ATS as a home dog since 1988. The dog is 12-1-1 and 6-0 ATS in this series.
Sep. 28								ND is 6-15 ATS their last 21 games on artificial turf. Fighting Irish are 3-7 ATS their last 10 on the road vs the Big 10. Bonus: ND came into 2002 with a 10-21 ATS record in their L/31 Sept gms.
Oct. 5	Stanford	G						The visitor is 7-3 ATS last 10 but 0-6 SU the last 6 meetings. Irish are 15-6 ATS their last 21 vs Pac 10 teams.
Oct. 12	Pittsburgh	G						Fighting Irish are 7-3 ATS in their second straight home game. ND is 12-4 SU & 11-5 ATS last 16 meetings and 6-1 SU & ATS last 7.
Oct. 19	at Air Force	G						Mention this ad and take $15 off this weekend's Late Phone Package. ND is 4-15 ATS their last 19 vs Service Academies.
Oct. 26	at Florida St	G						Last meeting with FSU was '95 Orange Bowl. ND lost SU 31-26, but covered as a 10.5 pt dog. Pending earlier results, ND is 1-8 SU and 3-6 ATS their L/9 tries as an AD.
Nov. 2	Boston College	G						Might apply here: ND is 4-11-1 ATS as a home fav in November since 1990. Golden Domers are 7-4 SU but 4-7 ATS their last 11 meetings with BC.
Nov. 9	† Navy (Baltimore)	G						Navy has not beaten ND SU S/'63, the longest current series streak for ND. ND is 5-1 ATS in their L/6 regular season neutral site gms, pending opener.
Nov. 16								Bonus: Irish are 1-14 ATS in their last 15 prior to a bye since 1993.
Nov. 23	Rutgers	G						Pending earlier results: Irish are 8-17-1 ATS as home chalk the last 5 years. Notre Dame is 2-9-1 ATS in their last 12 home finales.
Nov. 30	at USC	G						Fighting Irish are 9-3-1 ATS when closing the season at USC. ND is 13-6-1 ATS vs USC the last 20, but 2-4 ATS the last 6.

TYRONE WILLINGHAM (Career 44-36-1)
1st Year at Notre Dame

Willingham's records AT NOTRE DAME

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
		0-0	Vs Non-Indep

2001 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (21,21,4)
Lost: 25 (12,12,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,795

INDEPENDENT

QB Carlyle Holiday

STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	8-3	7-5	9-2	5-7	9-2	5-6	52-27
ATS	5-6	6-5	4-8	5-5-1	4-8	8-3	4-7	36-42-1
Home Fav	2-3	4-1	1-5	2-2-1	2-5	2-2	1-3	14-21-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	5-2
Away Fav	2-2	2-3	1-3	1-2	0-1	4-0	0-0	10-11
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	2-2	0-1	2-3	7-8
Favorite	4-5	6-4	2-8	3-4-1	2-6	6-2	1-3	24-32-1
Dog	1-1	0-1	2-0	2-1	2-2	2-1	3-4	12-10
Grass	4-5	5-4	3-7	5-3-1	4-7	7-2	4-6	32-34-1
Artificial	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	4-8
vs Indep	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	3-5
vs Non-Indep	5-4	5-5	4-7	4-5-1	4-7	7-3	4-6	33-37-1
Off SU Win	4-4	4-4	1-5	4-4-1	2-3	6-2	2-2	23-24-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-0	3-2	0-1	1-5	1-1	2-4	10-14

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Julius Jones	168	750	32	718	6	4.3
Carlyle Holiday	156	861	195	666	2	4.3
Tony Fisher	78	413	29	384	4	4.9
Terrance Howard	48	168	8	160	3	3.3
Ryan Grant	29	121	11	110	1	3.8
Matt LoVecchio	18	32	49	-17	0	-0.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Carlyle Holiday	144	73	50.7	784	3	7
Matt LoVecchio	69	34	49.3	287	1	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Javin Hunter	37	387	10.5	1	42	
David Givens	33	317	9.6	0	21	
Julius Jones	9	57	6.3	1	21	
Omar Jenkins	7	111	15.9	1	47	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Joey Hildbold	64	2703	42.2	–	36.6	1	19
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nick Setta	4-4	3-5	8-8	0-0	15-17	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyreo Harrison	97	2	9	0	0
Courtney Watson	76	2	11	3	1
Anthony Weaver	59	7	14	3	1
Donald Dykes	48	1	1	1	0
Shane Walton	43	1	6	8	2
Rocky Boiman	41	4	6	0	0
Gerome Sapp	36	0	1	1	0
Glenn Earl	33	2	2	0	0
Abram Elam	29	0	1	5	2
Cedric Hilliard	27	2	6	1	0
Darrell Campbell	26	3	4	0	0
Vontez Duff	25	0	0	6	3
Clifford Jefferson	23	0	2	3	2
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Julius Jones	18	192	10.7	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Julius Jones	18	405	22.5	0
Vontez Duff	12	358	29.8	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Fiesta	+7	Colorado	24-41	L
95	Orange	+10'	Florida St	26-31	W
97	Independence	+6'	LSU	9-27	L
98	Gator	+2'	Georgia Tech	28-35	L
00	Fiesta	+3'	Oregon St	9-41	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	19.5	17	188	3.9	102	50.0	14.9	+3	2001	6	19.5	16	132	3.5	173	50.0	15.6
7	29.4	17	198	4.1	133	65.7	11.3	+12	2000	4	22.3	19	148	3.7	216	51.6	16.4
4*	29.0	20	182	4.2	238	57.8	14.5	-4	1999	6	27.6	21	142	4.0	242	58.0	13.9
7	27.3	20	212	4.6	168	52.9	13.9	+7	1998	7	20.7	21	146	3.6	208	59.0	17.2
7*	21.7	20	171	4.1	180	59.4	16.2	+4	1997	6	20.4	20	191	4.5	171	56.9	17.8
7*	35.4	23	270	5.2	194	58.0	12.5	-3	1996	7	16.5	16	119	3.1	150	44.9	16.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Nebraska	14	30-43	1.4	16-32	119	2	16	52-182	3.5	6-9	88	1	-2
Michigan St	18	43-156	3.6	13-24	124	3	16	40-124	3.1	14-25	208	3	-2
at Texas A&M	12	33-70	2.1	12-27	121	6	17	40-133	3.3	15-27	177	0	-3
Pittsburgh	18	57-249	4.4	10-13	70	2	15	26-50	1.9	11-22	182	2	+5
W Virginia	23	69-345	5.0	7-14	70	2	15	37-179	4.8	9-23	91	2	-1
USC	19	53-208	3.9	10-14	138	3	12	33-60	1.8	19-30	230	5	0
at Boston Coll	23	59-233	3.9	12-23	116	3	14	31-199	6.4	7-16	155	0	+1
Tennessee	20	45-122	2.7	13-24	146	4	16	34-78	2.3	17-29	228	2	-1
Navy	18	58-272	4.7	7-12	118	0	14	45-177	3.9	7-18	123	1	+1
at Stanford	13	43-241	5.6	2-20	64	0	20	45-199	4.4	8-23	159	4	+2
at Purdue	10	40-131	3.3	7-15	31	1	22	33-74	2.2	24-52	258	5	+3
TOTALS	188	530-2070	3.9	109-218	1117	26	177	416-1455	3.5	137-274	1899	25	+3
AVERAGES	17.1	48-188	3.9	10-20	102	2.4	16.1	38-132	3.5	12-25	173	2.3	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	-20'	17-13	L
at Purdue	-19'	17-28	L
Michigan St	-2'	7-23	L
at Michigan	+14	14-21	W
at Stanford	-1	15-33	L
at Pittsburgh	-10'	45-21	W
USC	-6	17-20	L
Boston College	-15	52-20	W
Navy	-17	21-17	L
at LSU	+11	24-6	W
W Virginia	-10	21-14	L
at Hawaii	-28	23-22	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan	+6	36-20	W
at Michigan St	-7	23-45	L
Purdue	-7	31-30	L
Stanford	-17	35-17	W
at Arizona St	+3'	28-9	W
Army	-25	20-17	L
Baylor	-14'	27-3	W
at Boston College	-11	31-26	L
at Navy	-20'	30-0	W
LSU	-2'	39-36	W
at USC	+8'	0-10	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kansas	-17	48-13	W
at Michigan	+7'	22-26	W
at Purdue	+4	23-28	L
Michigan St	-6'	13-23	L
Oklahoma	-6	34-30	L
Arizona St	-12'	48-17	W
USC	-8	25-24	L
Navy	-27	28-24	L
at Tennessee	+9'	14-38	L
at Pittsburgh	-9	27-37	L
Boston College	-8'	29-31	L
at Stanford	+5'	37-40	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas A&M	-3	24-10	W
Nebraska (OT)	+13'	24-27	W
Purdue	+6	23-21	W
at Michigan St	+4	21-27	L
Stanford	-11'	20-14	L
† Navy	-20	45-14	W
at W Virginia	-3	42-28	W
Air Force (OT)	-13'	34-31	L
Boston College	-8'	28-16	W
at Rutgers	-22	45-17	W
at USC	-1	38-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+13	10-27	L
Michigan St	-9	10-17	L
at Texas A&M	+3	3-24	L
Pittsburgh	-7	24-7	W
W Virginia	-12	34-24	L
USC	+1	27-16	W
at Boston College	+3'	17-21	L
Tennessee	+8	18-28	L
Navy	-27'	34-16	L
at Stanford	+7'	13-17	W
at Purdue	+2'	24-18	W

SOUTH FLORIDA BULLS

QB Marquel Blackwell

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The Bulls basically have had just 2 QB's in their short history with Chad Barnhardt being the first and Marquel Blackwell taking over as a rFr in 1999 when he started the last 9 games. In his first year Blackwell threw for just 1,620 yards (51.9%) with a 16-10 ratio while rushing for 394 yards. In 2000 he showed solid improvement and went through one stretch where he threw 110 consecutive passes without an interception. For the season he threw for 2,016 yards (57.8%) with a 13-4 ratio while rushing for 771. Coach Leavitt likes to compare him to TB Bucs QB Shaun King. He is now 21-10 as a starter but 6-7 vs IA teams. I expected Blackwell's numbers to drop due to the tougher competition and more IA teams on the schedule in 2001 but that did not happen. Blackwell increased his yardage to 2,882 (56.6%) and had a 20-11 ratio although his rushing numbers dropped down to 347. He was USA Today's National Player of the Week for his performance vs Pitt (37-65 for 343 yards) and at one point in the season had 31 consecutive completions. He would have led CUSA in total offense with 283.9 ypg. Ronnie Banks (6-3 220 So) is not as mobile as Blackwell but has the strongest arm of the QB's. Last year he played in 7 games, throwing 22 passes for 96 yards with a 1-1 ratio. Kevin Patullo (6-2 205 Jr) was PS#233 and was the Scout Team Offensive MVP in 1999 and has 25 pass attempts the last 2 years and 75 yards rushing. He is the holder on place kicks so he's played in all 22 games but he moved to DB this spring. David Mullins (6-2 200 Fr) was PS#290 last year but delayed enrollment until this year. Willie Williams (6-2 190 rFr) was PS#199DB. The QB of the future was signed this year in Evan Kraky (PS#33) who broke former Notre Dame QB Ron Powlus' state records in Pennsylvania. I expect him to redshirt. As long as Blackwell stays healthy, I look for improved numbers this season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year USF had to replace Rafael Williams, who led the team in rushing in 3 of their first 4 seasons and the leading returning rusher had just 114 yards. The group was banged up during the season and 5 different players earned starts. Vince Brewer led the team in rushing in the first 2 games but then was injured and not 100% healthy until down the stretch when he had 93 and 92 yard efforts vs IAA teams and he finished the year with 325 yards (5.4). Clenton Crossley, who Coach Leavitt says "has no ceiling on potential, he's big, he's fast" led the team in rushing with 380 yards (4.3). His best effort was 85 yards against S Utah. Quinton Callum originally signed at Florida St and had 338 yards (5.5). He led the team in rushing vs both Utah and UConn. Derrick Rackard had 3 starts but had just 16 carries due to injuries and he is the only loss from this group. Brian Fisher (5-9 180 So, PS#198) had 40 yards rushing and 16 receptions while playing WR. Fisher practiced at RB and WR in spring, and could see time at either position in the fall. Billy Henderson (5-11 185 rFr) was PS#217DB. The big news is the transfer in of DeJuan Green (PS#58) from Georgia. He participated in spring last year and has 4.44 speed. Green played in 11 games in 2 years for the Bulldogs and has 2 years of eligibility remaining. He brings an instant upgrade in talent level and this group is much more experienced and talented than it was heading into last season.

RECEIVERS - Last year USF had to replace their top 2 WR's as well as their top 2 TE's but did have 3 players returning with starting experience and also had the super addition of VHT WR Elgin Hicks (PS#24) who originally signed at Florida. Unfortunately, Hicks was in Leavitt's doghouse due to academic concerns and didn't see game action until the UConn game and had just 4 rec's for the year. Their top WR, DeAndrew Rubin had 11 rec's against Pitt in the 2nd game but suffered a turf toe injury which plagued him the rest of the season and he finished with 34 rec's (15.6). Rubin and Hicks are the gamebreakers. Practically everyone returns. Huey Whitaker led the team in rec's with 52, getting 7 starts in Rubin's place, while Hugh Smith had 40. When they do use a TE both players who combined for 4 starts last year return in Casey Cobb (6-4 245 Jr, 1 st, 2 rec) and Tim Jones (6-3 240 So) who was PS#34 and had 3 starts and 4 rec as a true. Also in the mix at TE is Mark Feldman (6-4 245 So, PS#98) and Tommy Hunter (6-5 245 Jr). I list 4 WR positions below and not listed is Marcus Edwards (6-0 185 rFr, PS#183), Cedric King (5-11 170 rFr, PS#288), Joe Bain (6-3 190 rFr, PS#131RB) and Rodney Joyner who is PS#158 this year. With a healthy Rubin and eligible Hicks on hand, as well as 9 other players who logged starts last year, this group is far more experienced and talented.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls averaged 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks in their final year of IAA ball. Last year they had to replace 2 starters to graduation including a 4th round DC and a backup. Five of the top 10 players were rFr and of course USF was taking a big step up in level of competition. Surprisingly, they still managed 4.1 ypc rushing and only allowed 16 sacks. This year once again 3 starters depart in LG Matt Sparrowhawk (10 sts), G Jimmy Fitts (11 sts, 465 bench, top OL award, 3 yr st'r), and LT Mike Snellgrove (11 sts, 2 yr st'r). Seven of the top 10 are back and this unit actually has a little more experience than it did heading into last year. Starting C Alex Herron missed half of last season due to injury and returns healthy. Still, last year's number were impressive and this unit might find a tough time matching them.

DEFENSIVE LINE- Versus a IAA schedule USF allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing and the defense as a whole had 21 sacks in 2000. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 26 starts as well as 3 backups but did have 5 DL's returning with starting experience. Five players on the preseason 3 deep were lost for the season due to injuries either prior to or early in the season. Once again, to my surprise the USF defense had some teeth and allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing while chalking up 40 sacks. They did get 19 of those sacks in the season's final 4 games, (vs 3 IAA teams & 0-11 Houston) with 9 of those by Shurron Pierson. This year basically everyone returns with the only loss being Tchecoy Blount (3 sts, 24 tkls, 5 tfl). They also get back DE Emerson Morris (6-2 240 Sr, PS#264LB) who was a starter last year until breaking a leg. DT Greg McKay (6-4 300 So), DE Derek Carter, DT Lee Roy Selmon Jr and DE Ian Blackwell (6-3 240 Jr, PS#90TE) all missed most or all of last season with injuries. They also add a couple of true frosh as well. Not listed below is Howard Campbell (6-2 275 So) who had 17 tackles and 1 tfl in 7 games. This group is much more experienced and should continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - I thought this unit was USF's team strength heading into last season. They had 2 returning starters at LB, one of whom was a VHT transfer from Georgia, and the other 2 projected starters were both HT's. As mentioned in the DL write-up, the defense was solid. This year they once again lose just 1 starter in MLB Anthony Williams (11 sts, 102 tkls, 6 tfl, Def MVP) and 5 of the top 6 are back including Kawika Mitchell, who moves inside to MLB. This looks like another solid LB corps although they do have 1 less HT than they had heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last season the Bulls had to replace all 4 starters including their super CB Anthony Henry who ended up with 10 int's for the Cleveland Browns in his rookie year. They did have 2 players returning with starting experience as CB Bernard Brown was a full-time starter in 1998 and 1999 who sat out 2000 and SS Joe Morgan started the final 7 at SS in 2000. They also added an Indiana transfer in Maurice Tucker. Interestingly, in the opener N Illinois coaches were very impressed with all 4 of USF's CB's saying they compared favorably to Illinois' CB's. Leavitt also said during the year about S JR Reed "he's something special, he's got a chance to be awfully good" and Reed had 5 interceptions, tying Anthony Henry's school record. This year they must replace CB Bernard Brown (10 sts, 67 tkls, 2 int's, 10 pbu), and SS Joe Morgan (11 sts, 76 tkls, 8 pbu) but 6 of the top 8 are back. Overall USF finished #85 in my pass D rankings, allowing 233.4 ypg (54.8%) with a 17-11 ratio. I look for them to improve upon that ranking this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - S Florida had a solid special teams unit in IAA ball but, of course, were not ranked in my ratings in 2000. Last year, their first year in IA ball, they finished a surprisingly high #17 but it's a good thing for them that FG accuracy is not included in the rankings as they hit just 3 of 11 FG's and missed numerous xp's. Santiago Gramatica struggled all year trying to replace his brother who was an NFL draft pick. Gramatica and Justin Geisler both handled the KO duties last year and the team did surprisingly well allowing just 17.8 yards per KR. Top PR DeAndrew Rubin averaged 23.4 on PR's before injury in 2000 and even though he was banged up last year, was #3 in PR's in the NCAA (15.6). Top KR Hugh Smith averaged a lofty 29.2 per return. Devin Sanderson did a great job punting while the team had a net of 35.7. Everyone returns this year and I do expect drastic improvement out of the FG game and this unit has the potential to stay near the top.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

On September 6, 1996 seventy-five players assembled for their first practice ever as the Bulls established their football program, and in 1997 they played their first game. They have made amazing strides in a short period of time and joined IA ball last year. They play in Raymond James Stadium (home of the Tampa Bay Bucs) and have gone 23-2 there with a 29-5 overall home record. They came into last season with an all-time record vs IA competition of just 1-5 but were coming off a 7-4 final season in IAA ball in which they beat the #1, #6 and #13th ranked IAA teams. USF did have an advantage that year as they were playing with 80 scholarship players (more than allowed in IAA). In last year's magazine I said that 3 or 4 wins would be an accomplishment for USF so their final record of 8-3 was simply amazing and they really impressed me in their road win vs Pittsburgh where they dominated a bowl bound team. They had just 10 seniors on the roster last year and this year have 56 lettermen returning. They did lose to N Illinois on a late FG and had the ball at the Memphis 2 with :02 left but came up short. This is their last season as an Independent as they move to CUSA in 2003. They are actually 4-0 SU at home vs IA teams with only 3 of last year's overall victories coming against IAA competition. Overall they surprisingly outscored opponents by 14.2 ppg (IA frosh by only 8.0 ppg) and are a much stronger team this year. Out of the 6 Independent teams, they clearly have the 2nd best talent this year (next to Notre Dame) and have a great shot at achieving yet another winning season. Improving on last year's 8-3 record will be tough as they must face Arkansas, Oklahoma and E Carolina on the road as well as S Mississippi at home, but this is a much stronger Bulls team this season.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB MARQUEL BLACKWELL SR. 6-1 205 *9 sts in '99, 1620 yds (52%) 16-10 ratio. 11 sts in 2000, 2016 yds (58%), 13-4 ratio, 771 rush. 11 sts LY, 2882 (57%) 20-11 ratio, 347 rush.*

RB DeJUAN GREEN JR. 5-11 205 *PS#58. 68 ttl yds at Georgia in 99 & 2000. Clenton Crossley (5-10 210 Jr) PS#209. 380 yds (4.3). Quinton Callum (5-11 205 Jr) PS#163 orig at/Fla St.*

WR RYAN HEARN SR. 5-9 185 *8 sts in 2001, 25 rec (10.5), speed. CJ Lewis (5-11 175 rFr) PS#169DB. Brian Fisher (5-9 180 So) PS#198RB. 3 sts, 16 rec last year.*

WR DeANDREW RUBIN SR. 6-0 185 *39 rec (10.7), 7 sts in '99 & 2000. 4 sts LY (turf toe) 34 rec (15.6), **4.42 spd**. 11 rec vs Pitt. Hugh Smith (5-10 175 Sr) 40 rec (11.9) 5 sts LY.*

WR ELGIN HICKS JR. 5-11 180 ***PS#24WR** & orig at **Fla**. Acad prob LY only 4 rec (17.3), 6 gms. Chris Iskra (6-1 185 Jr) **11 sts**, 37 rec (12.5). Travis Lipp (5-11 175 So) 12 rec (10.3).*

WR HUEY WHITTAKER JR. 6-5 225 *PS#217. 7 sts LY, **#1 w/52 rec** (10.5). Bruce Gipson (5-10 180 So) PS#380DB. 1 st as **true** in 2001, 4 rec (6.5). Tim Jones PS#34TE.*

C ALEX HERRON SO. 6-3 280 *PS#435OL. 6 sts as rFr, missed 5 with sprained MCL. Justin Daniel (6-2 265 rFr) PS#315OL. John Miller is (6-2 265 Fr) PS#238OL.*

RG Ken Dawson Sr. 6-6 295 ***PS#90**. 5 sts in 2000. 3 sts LY, 425 bench. Must graduate to be eligible. **Chris Carothers** (6-3 290 rFr) PS#248. Mark Sopcik (6-4 280 So).*

LG Shelly Houston rFr. 6-3 295 *PS#426. 2nd string LY but RS. Devon Small (6-3 275 rFr). 2nd string as true, but RS. 355 bench. Cesar Paz (6-1 280 rFr) PS#376OL.*

RT Levi Newton So. 6-4 305 *PS#176. 11 gms as **true**, 3 sts at RG. Chris McBee (6-5 320 rFr) PS#326. Nathan Seay (6-4 290 rFr) PS#314. Frank Davis (6-4 290 rFr).*

LT DERRICK SAROSI SO. 6-6 295 *PS#355OL. 11 sts as rFr at RT. Jason Lehman (6-4 315 Jr) PS#305JUCO, in for spring. Antonio Underwood (6-5 300 Fr) is PS#156OL.*

K SANTIAGO GRAMATICA SO. 5-10 165 *PS#54K. Hit only 3 of 11 FG's as true, long of 33. 44 of 52 on xp's. Justin Geisler (6-1 170 So) 0 of 1 on FG's, and did kickoffs last year.*

DE SHURRON PIERSON JR. 6-3 240 *PS#375. PQ. 9 sts LY, 40 tkls, **10 sks**, 2 tfl. **4.52, 440 bench, 39"VL**. Cedric Battles (6-4 255 Jr) PS#305, 1 st, 20 tkls. Derek Carter (6-4 230 So) PS#153TE.*

DT GREG WALLS SR. 6-2 285 *4 sts, 27 tkls in 99. 4 sts, 40 tkls, 11 tfl in 2000. 8 sts, 67 tkls, 5.5 sks, 10 tfl LY. Matt Groelinger (6-4 255 So) 2 sts, 28 tkls, 3.5 sks, 4 tfl. Greg McKay.*

NT TAVARES JURINEACK SR. 6-3 290 *PS#165. 2 sts, 31 tkls in 2000. 8 sts LY, 52 tkls, 10 tfl, 455 bench. **Lee Roy Selmon Jr** (5-11 280 Jr) 2 sts, 7 tfl as **true**. 6 sts in 2000 40 tkls, 2 tfl. Inj'd LY.*

DE CHRIS DALEY SR. 6-2 255 *PS#300. 5 sts, 20 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 8 sts LY, 42 tkls, **9.5 sks**. Kenny Huebner (6-3 235 rFr). Emerson Morris (6-2 240 Sr) 3 sts, 12 tkls, 4 tfl until inj LY.*

WLB Courtney Davenport Jr. 6-1 215 *10 yds at RB in 2000, 8 games. 1 start in 2001 at LB, 22 tkls, 3 tfl. Terrence Royal (6-3 240 Fr) PS#385LB. Stephen Nicholas is PS#311LB.*

MLB KAWIKA MITCHELL SR. 6-2 255 ***PS#42** & orig at **Georgia**. 8 sts here in '99, 67 tkls. 11 sts in 2000. #1 w/77 tkls. 10 sts LY, 106 tkls, 6.5 tfl. Mike Minus (5-11 225 Jr) 400 bench, 23 tkls, 2Y.*

SLB MAURICE JONES JR. 6-2 240 *PS#155LB. 1 start in 2000, 15 tkls, 2 tfl. 10 sts in 2001. 60 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl, fastest LB. Jason Allen (6-2 225 So) 1 start, 8 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr.*

CB Kenny Robinson Jr. 5-10 180 *PS#380. 1 st in 2000, 1 int, 4 pbu. 1 st LY, 25 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. **Antonio Warren** (6-1 180 So) PS#159, 2 pbu LY. D'Juan Brown (5-11 175 rFr) PS#213.*

CB MAURICE TUCKER SR. 6-1 190 *PS#163. 4 sts at **Indiana** as true. 7 sts in '99. **4.25 spd**. 10 sts here LY, 33 tkls, 10 pbu. Ron Hemingway (5-11 175 Jr) PS#380. 1 st, 11 tkls 1 int, 1 pbu.*

SS Kevin Verpaele Jr. 6-0 195 *PS#352. 5 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 1 start in 2001, 42 tkls, 4 tfl, top special teams award. John Miller (6-1 190 Jr) 45 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu in 2001.*

FS J.R. REED JR. 5-11 185 *17 tkls, 3 pbu as true. 11 sts in 2001, 89 tkls, 2 tfl, **5 int**, 11 pbu, 4.5. Javan Camon (6-0 175 So) 28 tkls, 2 pbu. Johnnie Jones (6-2 190 So) PS#164.*

P DEVIN SANDERSON SR. 6-4 220 *47 punts in 2000, 41.1 average and net of 36.0 in IAA. 58 punts last year, 39.6 average, **net of 35.7**. Brandon Baker (6-4 200 rFr) PS#253QB.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB Evan Kraky 6-2 205 PS#33
DB Roshawn Marshall 5-11 185 PS#87
DL Ramon McCullough 6-2 295 PS#117
OL Antonio Underwood 6-5 300 PS#158
WR Rodney Joyner 5-11 170 PS#158
OL John Miller 6-2 265 PS#237
RB Leonte Wright 5-9 180 PS#197
OL Jason Lehman 6-4 315 PS#305JC
LB Steve Nicholas 6-3 205 PS#311
QB Jean Julmiste 6-2 215 PS#213
DL Broward Holsey 6-5 265 PS#362
QB David Mullins 6-2 200 PS#274
DB Drametrice Smith 6-1 200 PS#462
LB Terrence Royal 6-3 238 PS#405

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USF	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 29	Florida Atlantic (Thur)	G						USF is 6-8 SU (6-2 ATS) all-time vs Div IA competition, but 5-2 the last 7. Bulls are 12-5 SU all-time when it is 80º or more, 11-1 at home, 9-0 at RJS. USF is 15-4 SU all-time, 12-0 L/12, after a SU loss with no consecutive losses S/'99.
Sep. 7	N Illinois	G						USF is 6-3 SU in "revenge" games in their history. Pending LW: USF is 30-15 SU in night games & was 5-2 ATS at night LY.
Sep. 14	at Arkansas (Little Rock)	G						Bulls are 6-15 SU all-time away, 3-11 the last 14 (2-2 ATS L/4). As an 18 pt dog, the Bulls covered & nearly pulled off the outright upset LY.
Sep. 21								Bulls are 2-2 ATS as away dogs. S Florida is 1-4 SU, but 1-0 ATS in their 1st away game of the season.
Sep. 28	at Oklahoma	G						USF is 4-9 SU vs Nationally ranked (IA or IAA) foes, lost to S Miss in 2000. Last time S Florida played a Big 12 foe they lost to Baylor 28-13 in 2000.
Oct. 5	at N Texas	A						The Bulls are 13-7 SU, 1-1 ATS in the month of October. S Florida is 5-13 SU, but 1-0 ATS on artificial turf.
Oct. 12	S Mississippi	G						S Florida is 1-2 SU and 1-1 ATS in CUSA play. Only meeting came in 2000. USM won 44-6 & had 23-7 FD & 349-151 yd edges.
Oct. 19	at E Carolina	G						Could apply: S Florida is 2-1 ATS as a double digit away dog. Pending 9/14 result, USF is 2-1 SU prior to a bye, none of them lined.
Oct. 26								
Nov. 2	Charleston Southern	G						SF is 2-0 SU vs the Bucs their only 2 meetings, outscoring them 48-6. The Charleston Southern Buccaneers were 5-6 LY as a Div IAA Independent.
Nov. 9	Memphis (HC)	G						USF is 4-1 SU in Homecoming games. Pending LW: the Bulls are 11-4 SU and 2-0 ATS in the month of November.
Nov. 16	Bowling Green	G						S Florida is 4-1 SU and 1-0 ATS in home finales. Could apply: Bulls were 4-0 ATS as home chalk.
Nov. 23	at Houston	G						S Florida is 4-1 SU, 1-0 ATS in season finales. Pending 10/5 result, USF has never lost SU to a team they have beaten previously (7-0 SU).
Nov. 30								

JIM LEAVITT (Career 35-20)
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Leavitt's records AT SOUTH FLORIDA

35-20	Straight Up	4-0	Home Favorite
6-2	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
3-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
2-0	Vs Independent	2-2	Away Dog
		4-2	Vs Non-Indep

2001 RECORD: (8-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 56 (24,27,5)
Lost: 10 (6,4,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,620

INDEPENDENT

LB Kawika Mitchell

STADIUM: RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (41,441)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	X	X	5-6	8-3	7-4	7-4	8-3	35-20
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-2	6-2
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	4-0
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-2
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	4-0
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-2
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-2	5-2
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
vs Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0
vs Non-Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-2	4-2
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-2
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-0

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Clenton Crossley	88	393	13	380	7	4.3
Quinton Callum	62	365	27	338	5	5.5
Vince Brewer	60	335	10	325	2	5.4
Marquel Blackwell	92	347	106	241	9	2.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Marquel Blackwell	456	258	56.6	2882	20	11
Ronnie Banks	22	12	54.5	96	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Huey Whittaker	52	548	10.5	2	45
Hugh Smith	40	475	11.9	4	42
Chris Iskra	37	461	12.5	2	52
DeAndrew Rubin	34	532	15.6	4	57
Ryan Hearn	25	263	10.5	1	28
Clenton Crossley	19	178	9.4	2	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Devin Sanderson	58	2294	39.6	–	35.7	0	12

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Santiago Gramatica	2-4	1-5	0-2	0-0	3-11	33

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kawika Mitchell	106	1.5	5	2	0
Anthony Williams	102	0	6	2	0
JR Reed	89	0	2	11	5
Joe Morgan	76	2	4	8	1
Greg Walls	67	5.5	10	1	0
Bernard Brown	67	0	1	10	2
Maurice Jones	60	4	7	6	0
Tavares Jurineack	52	1	9	0	0
John Miller	45	0	3	5	1
Chris Daley	42	9.5	3	5	0
Kevin Verpaele	42	0	4	0	0
Shurron Pierson	40	10	2	2	0
Maurice Tucker	33	0	1	10	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeAndrew Rubin	26	406	15.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hugh Smith	10	292	29.2	0
Quinton Callum	9	150	16.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SOUTH FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 4 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	35.2	21	129	4.1	273	56.5	11.4	+2	2001	4	21.0	20	115	2.9	233	54.8	16.6
8*	25.3	18	152	4.2	203	58.1	14.1	-2	2000	11	18.3	17	122	3.4	174	49.8	16.2
8	22.4	17	149	3.7	163	51.1	14.0	-3	1999	10	22.5	17	161	4.0	151	47.9	13.9
–	36.5	18	192	5.2	217	59.8	11.2	-1	1998	–	16.2	15	179	3.8	103	48.3	17.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at N Illinois	12	30-51	1.7	17-32	223	3	21	47-200	4.3	20-36	144	2	0
at Pittsburgh	27	32-100	3.1	37-65	343	0	21	29-12	0.4	30-51	371	6	+1
at Memphis	20	23-124	5.4	25-62	276	1	16	43-161	3.7	15-20	164	5	0
N Texas	15	41-126	3.1	15-24	206	0	14	37-118	3.2	18-33	203	1	0
at Utah	27	26-67	2.6	32-61	336	4	24	49-245	5.0	17-24	264	0	-2
Connecticut	23	32-64	2.0	25-39	270	2	24	38-135	3.6	22-42	209	5	0
S Utah	31	33-97	2.9	41-54	332	3	10	38-80	2.1	5-13	53	2	-2
Liberty	25	29-271	9.3	21-40	309	2	31	39-61	1.6	39-65	407	4	+2
Houston	19	29-144	5.0	25-39	301	0	20	45-161	3.6	16-37	151	5	0
W Illinois	22	45-232	5.2	20-33	277	1	18	31-38	1.2	19-46	238	5	0
Utah St	15	24-138	5.8	15-34	132	0	26	37-59	1.6	28-51	363	5	+3
TOTALS	236	344-1414	4.1	273-483	3005	16	225	433-1270	2.9	229-418	2567	40	+2
AVERAGES	21.5	31-129	4.1	25-44	273	1.5	20.5	39-115	2.9	21-38	233	3.6	0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kentucky Wesleyan	NL	80-3	–
at The Citadel	NL	7-10	–
Drake	NL	22-23	–
at W Kentucky	NL	3-31	–
Morehead St	NL	33-17	–
at Elon	NL	13-41	–
S Illinois	NL	10-23	–
Charleston Southern	NL	24-6	–
at Cumberland	NL	44-0	–
Georgia Southern	NL	23-24	–
Davidson	NL	48-3	–

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Slippery Rock	NL	39-10	–
Valparaiso	NL	51-0	–
at Liberty	NL	24-21	–
The Citadel	NL	45-6	–
Elon	NL	35-7	–
W Kentucky	NL	24-31	–
at Hofstra	NL	30-50	–
at Charleston Southern	NL	24-0	–
Cumberland	NL	69-3	–
at Georgia Southern	NL	23-28	–
Morehead St	NL	38-22	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	NL	12-41	–
SW Texas St	NL	17-10	–
at W Kentucky	NL	21-6	–
at Troy St	NL	24-41	–
S Illinois	NL	21-14	–
Liberty	NL	28-0	–
Illinois St	NL	14-13	–
New Hampshire	NL	42-41	–
at James Madison	NL	3-13	–
New Haven	NL	41-27	–
Hofstra	NL	23-42	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Jacksonville St	NL	40-0	–
at Kentucky	NL	9-27	–
James Madison	NL	26-7	–
at Baylor	NL	13-28	–
Troy St	NL	20-10	–
at S Mississippi	NL	6-44	–
Liberty	NL	44-6	–
at Connecticut	NL	21-13	–
W Kentucky	NL	30-24	–
at Mid Tenn St	NL	9-45	–
Austin Peay	NL	59-0	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	+18	17-20	W
at Pittsburgh	+22	35-26	W
at Memphis	+7'	9-17	L
N Texas	-12	28-10	W
at Utah	+14	21-52	L
Connecticut	-17'	40-21	W
S Utah	NL	42-12	–
Liberty	NL	68-37	–
Houston	-11	45-6	W
W Illinois	NL	48-17	–
Utah St	-7	34-13	W

UTAH ST AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Utah St had their starting QB, Jeff Crosbie (2,007 yds 46.8% 10-17 ratio in '99), returning but he was injured early. HC Mick Dennehy would have gone to the backup QB, however he was suffering from a bruised sternum so he turned to 3rd stringer Jose Fuentes (PS#121). Fuentes, who had just 11 pass attempts in 1999, started the final 9 games in 2000 as Crosbie missed the rest of the season. He threw for 2,709 yards (52.7%) with a 16-8 ratio and was 2nd Team Big West. He threw for 509 yards vs Boise St and 421 vs Idaho and also set a school record with 196 straight passes without an interception. Fuentes was the starter again last year and ended up throwing for 3,100 yards (3rd best in school history), hitting 59.5% with a 24-18 ratio with 44 yards rushing and has now thrown for over 200 yards with a TD pass in 16 consecutive games. He was 18th in the NCAA in total offense. Fuentes' 18 interceptions were the third highest among the top 100 passers and he was pulled vs Idaho St but surprisingly Crosbie did not get the call, as Travis Cox (6-1 191 So, PS#190) came in and hit 4 of 7 for 12 yards while rushing for 23. All 3 are back as is Stuart Perry (6-4 182 rFr, PS#252) who was the scout team QB. Fuentes should have his best season as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Demario Brown broke the Utah St single season rush record with 1,536 yards and I thought it would be very tough to replace him. Emmett White was a top-notch returnman in 1999 and in 2000 he simply came in and led the NCAA in all-purpose yardage with 1,322 yards rushing (5.5) while hauling in 47 receptions (12.6). Last year he tied an NCAA record with his second consecutive 2,000+ all-purpose yard season. He would have led the NCAA in all-purpose yardage but was injured in the season finale against Fresno St and had just 5 yards, which dropped him to #5. He was #11 in rushing and #19 in scoring. He accomplished all this despite being hampered in 3 games by an injury to his right knee including the UCF game when David Fiefia (PS#167) played most of the 4Q. White did rush for 274 yards vs Wyoming, the 3rd best in school history and his second best performance. Fiefia played WR in 2000 and had 31 rec (11.1). He moved back to RB last year and in the season finale vs Fresno, with White out, rushed for 116 yards. He will battle for the top job along with Roger Fernandez (5-9 180 So) who had 30 yards rushing as the #3RB. Fernandez was the Scout Team Offensive MVP in 2000 and has the best speed of the TB's. However, I expect Richard Watson (5-10 205 rFr) to take over the top job as he has the best size of the trio and was PS#120DB, rushing for 1,400 yards and 26 TD's as a high school senior. Last year they lost starting FB John Roberts to a broken arm in October. This year they must replace not only Roberts but also FB Joe Solosabal. Naturally, with the loss of a very productive RB like White, this group should be weaker in 2002, but I thought the same thing when they lost Brown.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Utah St relied on Aaron Jones who had 1,159 yards on 63 rec's with a super 18.4 ypc. Despite playing the majority of the season with a broken hand, he broke a school record with 297 yards receiving vs Boise St. He was a big loss last year and their #2 receiver was RB Emmett White and the #3 receiver David Fiefia (31 rec) moved to RB so the top returning receiver, Chris Stallworth, had just 26 rec (11.1) in 2000. Stallworth made a crucial mistake by being late to a team meeting and did not start the opener. Backup walk-on WR Kevin Curtis started the opener and snagged 11 passes and never looked back. Curtis, who worked hard in the spring increasing his speed to 4.37, simply led the NCAA in receptions per game (9.1) and was #3 in rec ypg (139.2) with 1,531, setting school records and he turned out to be 3rd team All American despite drawing little interest from other schools. He had 6 straight 100+ yard rec games to begin the season, the first Aggie to do so, and was a Biletnikoff candidate. Curtis returns as do all the other top WR's with the only loss being Marshall Sanders (1 st, 3 rec). TE's have not caught a lot of passes in this offense but FB/TE J.R. Suguturaga changed that with 24 (8.4) in 10 starts in 2001. Suguturaga leaves but the other 2 TE's who have starting experience have combined for nine starts return and I list them below. It will be tough for Curtis to duplicate last year's numbers but with everybody back this group is more experienced than it was heading into last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Aggies had to replace 2 starters from a unit that paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed just 15 sacks. They then got hit hard by injuries during the year with 2 returning starters, LG Jess Schuck and RT Eric Gwilliam, both missing the majority of the second half of the season due to injury. Only one full-time starter returns from last year but 4 players who started at least 2 games apiece are back. Last year's O-line opened the holes for 4.2 ypc rushing and the team allowed 26 sacks in 458 pass attempts (5.7%). Gone this year are their top 2 OL's in C Ed Powell (11 sts) and RG Jim Walker (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm BW in 2000). Also gone are Schuck (6 sts, 3 yr st'r) and Gwilliam (5 sts). They bring in 4 top-notch JUCO's who I list in the 2 deep below and as long as this unit maintains better health, they could be improved despite the losses.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Utah St has produced some great defensive linemen like Merlin Olsen and Rulon Jones and DE Nate Putnam was compared to Jones in 2000. Putnam started the last 8 games as a rFr in 2000 but last year surprisingly lost his starting job to Nick Onaindia, probably in part because he was hampered by a shoulder injury all year. When their other starting DE, Ryan Duncan, went down to injury, Putnam regained his starting job and was productive but does need to add some weight to his frame. Last year's D-line had 5 players returning with starting experience and basically had 3 starters back. This year they lose Onaindia (11 sts, 65 tkls, 9 sks), Duncan (6 sts til inj, 28 tkls, 2 tfl) and DT Tyler Olsen (4 sts, 23 tkls, 4 tfl). Basically 3 full-time starters return and Jeremy Guenter and Justin Jackson should do a fine job filling in the other DE slot. The depth here is unproven and there are no HT's in the group, so that is a concern. Last year the team allowed 4.7 ypc rushing and netted just 20 sacks, but keep in mind they did take on some very explosive offenses. Overall the talent level is close to last season and I look for stronger numbers from this group.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Aggies had to replace 3 starters from this unit but were still in pretty good shape as Jesse Busta, who was not a starter, still was 1st Team Big West and #2 tackler in 2000 and he returned as did Tony Newson who was 2nd Team Big West in 1999 but missed 2000 due to injury. Gone this year are Newson (7 sts, 53 tkls, 4 tfl) and Ryan Solomona (6 tkls) who was injured in the 4th game and missed the rest of the year. HERO Nathan Barber (7 sts, 55 tkls, 2 tfl) is also gone. I list the 2 deep below with Busta having at least 100 tackles in each of the last 2 years. This group is more experienced than last season, has some added talent in JUCO's and rFr, and I'll call it solidly improved in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 the Aggies finished #75 in my pass D rankings and had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and then lost a projected starter at the beginning of the year and dropped to #92 in 2000. Last year basically all four starters returned but they did have to replace some backups. The Aggies finished #64 in my pass D rankings despite allowing 285.2 ypg because they took on a tremendous slate of opposing QB's including Joey Harrington, David Carr (top QB's picked in NFL draft), Rohan Davey and Brandon Doman and only allowed 54.6% but did give up 25 TD's with 10 int's. This year they lose CB Tony Walker (11 sts, 59 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu) but everyone else returns and I list the 2 deep below. While this year's group is probably just as experienced as it was last year, I still think they could improve upon their rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998 this unit finished #111 in my special teams rankings but moved all the way up to #18 in 1999, led by Emmett White who averaged 23.9 on KR's and 15.0 on PR's. White averaged 24.1 on KR's and 8.7 on PR's in 2000 and also named All Big West as a return specialist the last 2 years. Surprisingly with everyone back the unit finished #80 in my rankings in 2000. Part of the reason was they had 3 punts blocked and gave up 2 TD's on PR's. Backup QB Steve Mullins was 2nd Team Big West with a 41.4 average (35.6 net). In 2001, with White and Mullins back, they moved up to #66. Versus S Florida they allowed a PR TD and a blocked punt was returned for a TD and they finished -3 in the TD/Blk category. Mullins was 4th in the NCAA in punting and was a Ray Guy finalist despite the season finale against Fresno St where he had a punt blocked and another one partially blocked. That drove his average all the way down to 44.8 for the season with a net of 35.4. He is the nation's leading returning P in terms of average. White's PR average dropped to 7.8 while Roger Fernandez set a school record with 774 KR yds (22.8). They will miss White on PR's but Fernandez averaged 24.4 on 5 PR's and should do fine in that role. Kicker Dane Kidman hit 7 of 13 FG's with a long of 40 and will be challenged by Ben Chaet (PS#78) who hit 5 of 8 FG's with a long of 49 as a senior in high school and 75% of his KO's were touchbacks. I look for improvement in the kickoff area as well and even with the loss of White, this group should improve in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Utah St has had 19 non-winning seasons in the last 21 years. They did make it to the 1997 Humanitarian Bowl as the Big West Champs. In 2000 Mick Dennehy, who was 39-12 in 4 seasons coaching Montana and won 3 Big Sky Titles and reached the IAA championship game in 1996, became USU's 3rd head coach in 4 seasons but has struggled as in his 2 years here as they are just 9-13. Last year was their first as an Independent in recent years so they did not have a chance at a conference title to give them a boost in the second half of the season. They did set a new record last year for average attendance (21,784) despite the fact that instate rivals BYU and Utah were not on the home schedule. USU led a potent BYU team 34-21 in the 3Q, trailed Oregon by just 3 in the 4Q and played four top 25 opponents last year (also LSU and Fresno St). They had just 66 scholarship players in 2000 and had to face 15,000 miles of travel last year, playing games in 4 different time zones while still rebuilding their numbers. They got a TD to tie Wyoming late but missed the XP. Against S Florida they had a 26-15 FD edge but gave up 3 defensive/special team's TD's. Coach Dennehy had his contract extended prior to the Fresno St game but that turned out to be their worst loss since 1989. The team's offense was potent at times last year and their 455 yards vs Oregon was the most the Ducks had allowed in the last 2 years. The Oregon DC said that USU runs a lot of odd sets in motion, the most that he had seen. They were the 20th team in NCAA history to have a 3,000 yard passer, 1,000 yard receiver and 1,000 yard rusher. This year 7 starters are back on offense including their QB but the big question is who will replace RB Emmett White who topped 2,000 all-purpose yards in each of the last 2 years. They may have trouble beating last year's 28.7 ppg. Their defense was probably better than the 38.2 points allowed as they took on four top 25 offenses. They have 8 starters back on defense and I expect them to be much stingier than the 462.3 ypg allowed last season. I will note that Utah St finished -13 in turnover margin last year so make sure you check out my Turnovers=Turnaround article on page 295. With an extra game added this year, the Aggies have a great shot at topping last year's 4 win total and there are only a couple of games on their schedule that I would declare as unwinnable, so they have do have a shot at avoiding a 5th consecutive losing season.

2001's TOP PLAYS ARE LISTED BELOW:

4★	N Mexico -2'	over UTEP	26-6 WIN!
5★	SMU +13	over TCU	10-38 loss
4★	Baylor +4'	over N Mexico	16-13 WIN!
5★	Mich St +7'	over N'western	26-27 WIN!
4★	Rice +4'	over Boise St	45-14 WIN!
4★	Missouri +2'	over Iowa St	14-20 loss
4★	Arizona St -3	over Oregon St	41-24 WIN!
5★	Arkansas +1	over Auburn	42-17 WIN!
4★	Penn St -1'	over S Miss	38-20 WIN!
5★	N Mexico -2'	over UNLV	27-17 WIN!
4★	Georgia +3	over Mississippi	35-15 WIN!
4★	Pittsburgh -3'	over W Virg	23-17 WIN!
4★	Virg Tech +14	over Miami, Fl	24-26 WIN!

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OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOSE FUENTES SR. 6-3 200 *PS#121. 9 sts in 2000, 2709 yds (53%) 16-8 ratio, **2nd Tm BW**. 11 sts LY, 3100 yds (59.5%), 24-18 ratio. Jeff Crosbie, 3315 career pass yds.*

RB David Fiefia Jr. 5-7 190 *PS#167. 3 sts @ WR in 2000, 31 rec (11.1) #3 rec. 187 rush (6.2) LY at RB. Roger Fernandez (5-9 180 So), 896 ret yds LY. **Richard Watson** PS#120DB.*

WR GARY COLEMAN SR. 5-9 174 *PS#182JUCO. 43 rec (15.7) @ JC in 2000. 3 sts here LY, #3 w/36 rec (12.2). Jason Deml (6-2 207 Jr) 1 start, 11 rec (7.8) in 9 games LY.*

WR CHRIS STALLWORTH JR. 6-2 196 *7 sts as true, 26 rec (11.1). 9 sts LY, #4 w/33 rec (11.6). Brian Majors (6-1 166 rFr) PS#344. Derrek Jeffery (5-9 172 Sr) 1 rec, sprinter in HS.*

WR KEVIN CURTIS SR. 5-11 183 *85 rec (20.0) 2Y @ JC in 96-97. Mission. **#1 in NCAA w/9.1 rec/gm** LY. 100 rec (15.3), **3rd Tm AA**. Donta' Candler PS#343 (5-11 175 So).*

TE Chris Cooley Jr. 6-3 248 *PS#200TE. 19 tkls, 4 tfl, 8 gms @ DE as true. 4 sts, 3 rec (7.0) LY. **Casey Poppinga** (6-5 251 Sr) PS#93, WY trans, **14 sts here**, 2Y, 18 rec (12.7).*

C Aric Galliano Jr. 6-3 288 *PS#70JUCO, recruited by Big 12. Backed up in 2001 here but still RS. Mike Scheper (5-11 265 Sr) 2 time all-conf @ Willamette College.*

RG Trevor Hutton Jr. 6-2 300 *PS#39JUCO, in for spring this year. Greg Vandermade (6-3 291 Jr) PS#283JUCO. Kohl Mayberry (6-6 285 rFr) PS#366OL.*

LG LUIS TRUJILLO SR. 6-1 300 *PS#281OL. PQ in 98. RS in 99. 3 sts @ RG in 2000. Started 5 of L/6 @ LG LY. Ryan Gunstream (6-3 280 rFr). Jake Chavira PS#38JUCO.*

RT Brennen Burningham So. 6-6 275 *Sign in '98, mission. Scout team MVP in 2000. 4 of L/6 sts @ RT in 2001. Grant Calverley (6-4 277 Sr) PS#333JC, 7 games as backup LY.*

LT JIM NEWTON SR. 6-10 278 *PS#199OL. Took off RS as true mid yr, 5 gms. RS in '99. 11 sts in 2000, added 21 lbs. 11 sts LY. Barry McLaughlin (6-5 274 Sr) JUCO LY, 2 sts here.*

K DANE KIDMAN SR. 5-11 187 *Only 1 FG first 3 years as backup. Hit 7 of 13 FG's last year, long of 40, 1 of 3 from 40+, 2 blocked. Ben Chaet (6-1 175 rFr) PS#78.*

DE Jeremy Guenter So. 6-4 265 *PS#136DL in 1998. Mission. 7 games LY, 8 tkls, 1 sk, missed 1st 4 w/broken foot. Justin Jackson (6-3 262 Jr) PS#96DL in 2000, JC trans LY.*

DT RONALD TUPEA SO. 6-1 270 *PS#238LB. 7 starts as rFr (last 7), 23 tkls, 1 tfl. Ty Cahoon (6-3 310 So) PS#283OL. Alii Seiuli (6-3 295 Jr) 400 bench, 4.9 speed.*

DT JORGE TAPIA JR. 6-2 286 *8 sts as rFr, 36 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl. 11 sts in 2001, 15 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. James Robinson (6-2 245 So) 2 tkls as a true. Ryan DeQuillettes (6-2 280 rFr).*

DE NATE PUTNAM JR. 6-6 222 *PS#75 TE in 1997. Mission. 8 sts in 2000, **1st Tm BW**, 59 tkls, 14 tfl. 5 sts LY, 20 tkls 6 tfl, 5 pbu despite inj'd shoulder. Kendell Olsen (6-7 230 rFr). Brookter (6-2 180 So) PS#210WR, 9 tkls, 1 tfl. Dan Catalano (6-3 215 rFr) PS#381DB.*

HERO RODNEY WILSON JR. 6-1 210 *5 tkls as true. 6 starts LY, 26 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. DJ*

MIKE JESSE BUSTA SR. 6-2 236 *1 start as rFr, 47 tkls, 2 tfl. 4 sts in 2000, **1st Tm BW**, 110 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts LY, #1 w/100 tkls, 13 tfl. Nathan Dandridge (6-0 230 So) 5 tkls as true.*

MAC Robert Watts So. 6-3 220 *PS#370. Scout Tm MVP in 2000. 4 sts LY, 28 tkls, 1 tfl. Scott Hunt (6-4 225 Jr) PS#105LB, 14 games, 23 tkls, 2Y. Jared Johnstun (6-2 227 rFr).*

CB ADEBOLA JIMOH SR. 6-1 190 *4 tkls as rFr. 11 sts, **2nd TM BW** in 2000, 46 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. 9 sts LY, 39 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 1 tfl. Jerome Dennis (6-0 180 So) 1 st, 11 tkls LY.*

CB Mark Estelle Jr. 5-10 170 *PS#178JUCO, 5 int, 5 blk punts at JC. 2 sts here LY, 24 tkls, 2 tfl. Bryan Jackson (5-11 189 Jr). 4 sts, 32 tkls LY. Marvin Clark PS#272JC.*

SS JAMAR GLASPER SR. 6-1 199 *PS#122DB, 9 sts in 2000 @ SS, 60 tkls, 6 tfl, 6 pbu. 11 sts LY, #2 w/77 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Ross Luna (5-10 185 So) PS#241. Mike Rosencrans is PS#309JC.*

FS DERREK SHANK JR. 5-10 187 *PS#353DB. 6 sts as true, 39 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. 4 sts, 31 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu, 10 gms LY. Kevin Anderson (6-2 215 Jr) PS#279JC, 6 int at JC LY.*

P STEVE MULLINS SR. 6-3 205 *PS#151QB. 51 punts (42.5) 37.6 net as rFr. 64 punts (41.4) net 35.6, **2nd TM BW** in 2000. #4 in NCAA w/44.8 avg LY, net 35.4. #1 returning P (avg) TY.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL	Jake Chavira	6-2 320 PS#38JC
OG	Trevor Hutton	6-2 300 PS#39JC
LB	Eric Rapley	6-2 240 PS#195JC
DB	Marvin Clark	5-10 180 PS#272JC
DB	Kevin Anderson	6-2 215 PS#279JC
OG	Greg Vandermade	6-3 291 PS#283JC
DB	Mike Rosencrans	6-0 200 PS#309JC
OL	Jordan Houtz	6-5 250 PS#364
RB	James Samuel	6-0 225 PS#426JC
TE	Nick King	6-3 245 PS#459JC
DB	Joe Lindsay	5-11 168 PS#419
DB	Terrance Washington	5-10 180 PS#455
LB	Spencer Bailey	6-2 220 PS#399
DB	Ryan Bohm	5-11 185 PS#456

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Aggies are 0-7 SU, 0-6-1 ATS vs the Pac 10 since 1990. Utah St is 2-5 SU, 3-4 ATS in the state of California since 1991.
Aug. 31	Utah	G						Utah St is 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS in their first lined home game. Aggies are 0-4 SU, 1-3 ATS their last 4 vs the Utes.
Sep. 7	at Nebraska	A						Including bowl games, the Aggies are 3-7 ATS their last 10 on art turf. USU is 0-5 SU, 1-4 ATS vs the Big 12 S/'96 losing by an avg score of 38-12.
Sep. 14	Idaho St	G						Aggies are 7-2 in their L/9 non-lined games, 10-2 SU all-time vs Idaho St. LY the Bengals led 27-0 at the half, but USU scored 28 second half pts to win.
Sep. 21	at Iowa	G						Aggies are 5-7 SU, but 9-3 ATS in the 1st of back to back away games. This is Utah St's 1st battle vs a Big 10 foe S/'89 a 41-2 SU & ATS loss to Illinois.
Sep. 28	at Boise St	A						Utah St is 0-2 SU and ATS, being outscored 96-54 the L/2 on the smurf turf. Aggies are 2-4 SU and 1-5 ATS the last 6 vs the Broncos.
Oct. 4	BYU (Fri)	G						Utah St is 6-10 ATS in October games the L4Y, but 4-2 ATS the L2Y. The Aggies are 0-6 SU, 2-3 ATS (0-2 L2Y) vs the Cougars.
Oct. 12								
Oct. 19	New Mexico (HC)	G						Aggies are 4-3 SU and 4-2 ATS in games after a bye since 1997. Pending earlier results: Utah St is 0-9 SU, 3-6 ATS vs current Mt West tms.
Oct. 26	at UL Monroe	G						Utah St is 6-2 SU, 5-3 ATS vs current Sun Belt teams since '99 (5-0 L/5). This is the first time these schools will battle each other.
Nov. 2								
Nov. 9	New Mexico St	G						Utah St is 10-1 SU, 9-2 ATS their last 11 in this battle of the Aggies. Aggies are 3-3 SU, but 0-3 ATS their last 6 in home finales.
Nov. 16	at Troy St	G						Coming into 2002 season, USU was 4-2 ATS their L/6 as an away favorite. Troy St finished 7-4 SU, 4-3 ATS last year in their 1st Division IA year.
Nov. 23								
Nov. 30	at Mid Tenn St	A						Could apply: Entering the 2002 season Utah St was 4-11 ATS as an AD L3Y. Pending prior results, USU is 9-7 SU but 5-8 ATS in November since '96.

MICK DENNEHY (Career 9-13)(Div IAA 39-12)
3rd Year at Utah St

Dennehy's records AT UTAH ST

9-13 Straight Up	1-1 Home Favorite
7-11 Vs The Spread	2-2 Home Dog
2-6 Off A S/U Loss	1-1 Away Favorite
5-3 Vs Conference	3-7 Away Dog
	2-8 Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (19,21,2)
Lost: 20 (11,9,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,784

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-5	6-5	3-8	4-7	5-6	4-7	32-45
ATS	3-5	5-4	7-3-1	4-6	3-7	4-5	3-6	29-36-1
Home Fav	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	0-1	5-6
Home Dog	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-3	1-1	1-1	1-1	7-10
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	4-3
Away Dog	1-2	2-2	3-0-1	3-2	1-4	1-4	2-3	13-17-1
Favorite	1-1	2-1	3-2	0-1	1-2	2-0	0-2	9-9
Dog	2-4	3-3	4-1-1	4-5	2-5	2-5	3-4	20-27-1
Grass	3-5	4-2	6-2	3-4	2-5	3-3	3-6	24-27
Artificial	0-0	1-2	1-1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-0	5-9-1
vs Conf	3-2	3-1	3-2	2-3	2-4	4-1	1-2	18-15
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-3	4-1-1	2-3	1-3	0-4	2-4	11-21-1
Off SU Win	2-1	3-1	4-2	1-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	15-11
Off SU Loss	1-3	1-3	2-1-1	3-4	2-4	1-2	1-4	11-21-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Emmett White	250	1392	31	1361	13	5.4
David Fiefia	30	195	8	187	2	6.2
Roger Fernandez	8	37	7	30	0	3.8
Jose Fuentes	49	44	224	-180	0	-3.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jose Fuentes	427	260	59.5	3100	24	18
Jeff Crosbie	9	4	44.4	17	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kevin Curtis	100	1531	15.3	10	58
Emmett White	48	408	8.5	3	45
Gary Coleman	36	440	12.2	4	70
Chris Stallworth	33	384	11.6	4	45
JR Suguturaga	24	201	8.4	0	33
Jason Deml	11	86	7.8	1	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Steve Mullins	50	2241	44.8	–	35.4	3	13

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dane Kidman	2-4	4-6	1-3	0-0	7-13	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jesse Busta	100	3	10	1	0
Jamar Glasper	77	0	4	2	0
Nick Onaindia	65	9	5	1	0
Tony Walker	59	0	2	9	3
Nathan Barber	55	1	1	4	4
Tony Newson	53	0	4	2	0
Ade Jimoh	39	0	1	3	1
Bryan Jackson	32	0	0	2	0
Derrek Shank	31	1	1	1	1
Ryan Duncan	28	1	1	0	0
Robert Watts	28	0	1	0	0
Rodney Wilson	26	2	3	0	0
Steve Tate	26	1	1	0	0
Mark Estelle	24	0	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Emmett White	16	125	7.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roger Fernandez	34	774	22.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
47	Grape	NL	Pacific	21-35	–
60	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	13-20	–
61	Gotham	NL	Baylor	9-24	–
93	Las Vegas	NL	Ball St	42-33	–
97	Humanitarian	+2'	Cincinnati	19-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTAH STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.7	22	132	4.2	288	59.0	14.6	-13	2001	7	38.3	23	177	4.7	285	54.6	12.1
5*	26.5	19	120	4.1	266	51.3	14.6	-2	2000	4	32.4	22	197	4.4	256	56.1	14.0
8	21.3	20	176	5.0	196	46.5	17.5	-11	1999	7	27.4	21	160	3.9	230	53.5	14.2
4	21.5	17	103	2.7	215	46.0	14.8	-3	1998	7	28.1	17	123	3.0	197	50.3	11.4
8*	32.4	24	162	4.2	278	49.6	13.6	+1	1997	6	24.7	22	125	3.0	246	53.7	15.0
4*	26.6	25	149	3.7	318	55.3	17.5	-6	1996	8	30.8	22	168	3.9	226	52.4	12.8

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Utah	16	21-70	3.3	23-43	231	1	19	46-213	4.6	16-33	147	2	-4
at LSU	20	24-91	3.8	30-52	235	2	20	43-275	6.4	13-24	229	1	-1
Wyoming	30	35-294	8.4	31-46	277	0	28	34-166	4.9	22-38	422	1	0
Oregon	27	25-77	3.1	27-48	378	1	25	45-289	6.4	17-24	261	0	-4
at BYU	26	33-143	4.3	25-43	283	3	30	42-259	6.2	25-35	304	1	-1
Idaho St	20	37-156	4.2	20-36	222	2	19	43-116	2.7	17-34	249	2	0
UCF	18	31-117	3.8	21-34	264	1	22	33-109	3.3	23-49	284	5	0
at Connecticut	17	39-113	2.9	20-31	234	7	19	26-34	1.3	19-51	245	3	+3
Weber St	27	41-243	5.9	24-35	441	1	23	28-105	3.8	29-50	395	3	0
at S Florida	26	37-59	1.6	28-51	363	5	15	24-138	5.8	15-34	132	0	-3
at Fresno St	14	24-92	3.8	21-39	240	3	32	54-244	4.5	24-31	469	2	-3
TOTALS	241	347-1455	4.2	270-458	3168	26	252	418-1948	4.7	220-403	3137	20	-13
AVERAGES	21.9	32-132	4.2	25-42	288	2.4	22.9	38-177	4.7	20-37	285	1.8	-1.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+14'	21-14	W
Idaho St	-18	41-7	W
Colorado St	+13'	24-35	W
New Mexico	+1'	22-25	L
at BYU	+14'	35-42	W
at Oregon St	+8	16-24	T
New Mexico St	-26	38-7	W
at Idaho	-2'	63-17	W
Boise St	-22	24-20	L
at Nevada	+6	38-19	W
at N Texas	-13	48-51	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+7	12-20	L
at New Mexico (OT)	+12	36-39	W
at Colorado	+24	6-25	W
Sam Houston	NL	47-17	–
Oregon St	+3'	16-20	L
at Washington	+21	12-53	L
Idaho	+5'	14-26	L
at Boise St	+2'	16-30	L
at N Mexico St (2OT)	+4'	29-26	W
Nevada	+6'	21-26	W
N Texas	-7'	28-27	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+28	7-38	L
Steven F Austin	NL	51-17	–
at Utah	+16'	18-38	L
BYU (2OT)	+17	31-34	W
Arkansas St	-12	20-14	L
at Kansas St	+29'	0-40	L
at Idaho	+6'	3-31	L
Boise St	-3	27-33	L
New Mexico St	-2'	6-14	L
at Nevada	+3	37-35	W
at N Texas	-4	34-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+21	16-38	L
Southern Utah	NL	30-14	–
at Arizona St	+21'	20-44	L
Utah	+12	14-35	L
at BYU	+20	14-38	L
at N Texas	-1	17-12	W
Idaho	+11'	31-14	W
Arkansas St	-5	44-31	W
at New Mexico St	+6'	44-37	W
at Boise St	+16	38-66	L
Idaho St	NL	24-27	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+9	19-23	W
at LSU	+23'	14-31	W
Wyoming	-4'	42-43	L
Oregon	+16	21-38	L
at BYU	+19'	34-54	L
Idaho St	NL	28-27	–
UCF	+5'	30-27	W
at Connecticut	-15	38-31	L
Weber St	NL	56-43	–
at S Florida	+7	13-34	L
at Fresno St	+22	21-70	L

TROY ST TROJANS

WR Heyward Skipper

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Brock Nutter returned for his fourth year as starter but it was his first facing mostly IA foes and also his first running the new Trojan Spread offense brought in by new OC John Shannon. Nutter had a strong arm with good size and speed and threw for a career high 2,098 yards (56.4%) in 2001 but saw his TD/Int ratio drop from 16-5 to 14-13. He did have 127 yards rushing last year and finished his career with a 35-13 record as a starter. Hansell Bearden (6-2 200 So, PS#188) played in seven games throwing 28 passes for 182 yards (57.1%) with a 2-3 ratio while rushing for 64 yards. He has a strong arm and was #1 in the spring throwing for 276 yards (59.6%) but with an 0-3 ratio in two spring scrimmages. He is more mobile than Nutter and OC Shannon thinks that if he holds on to the job it will help cut down on the 42 sacks allowed last year. Kacson Maddox (6-5 205 rFr) was a WR in HS as a soph and junior and had 1 year as a QB. The big addition this year is Matt Ray (PS#130) who started 3 games at UNLV in 1999 and last year at JUCO threw for 1,990 yards (60%) with a super 15-2 ratio while rushing for 8 TD's and leading his team to the conference championship. Even though he was not in for the spring I expect him to win the starting job. Naturally with the loss of an experienced veteran like Nutter, this unit appears weaker in 2002. But if Ray wins the job note that he actually has a higher PS# than Nutter did, so he does have potential.

RUNNING BACKS - Demontray Carter was a rare VHT for this team (PS#17) and had 10 starts at Auburn in 1997 and 1998 with 646 yards but did have some fumbling problems there and decided to transfer to Troy St. He led the team in rushing in 2000 with 865 yards (5.8) and also had 253 yards receiving and 271 return yards. Last year he rushed for 801 yards (5.0) with 8 TD's while adding 24 rec's (8.1) and another 453 return yards. He will clearly be missed. LeBarron Black was the #2 rusher in both '99 and 2000 with 468 yards (5.0) in '99 and 392 (3.4) in 2000. Last year he rushed for 151 yards (2.4). DeWhitt Betterson was a track champ in HS and was the #2 rusher last year with 283 yards and a solid 5.4 ypc. He is also a bigger bruising style back. The top FB's are Chris Cox (5-9 200 Jr) who had 49 yards rushing last year and Adrian Moore (6-1 230 Jr) who started 12 games at TE in 2000 with 7 rec's. Some of this year's top signees will contend but with the loss of a talent like Carter, this unit clearly looks weaker in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year Troy St had to replace two of their four starters, including a #5 NFL draft pick in Jonathan Carter who led the team with 44 rec's and a solid 16.8 ypc. They also suffered a big loss when Adrian Moore, a 12 game starter at TE in 2000 who was supposed to play SL in 2001, had knee surgery and missed the entire season. They actually had just one returning receiver with experience in Heyward Skipper. He led the team with more than double the catches of anyone else and almost had 1,000 yards (995) with 60 rec's (16.6). He returns for his senior season & is one of the highest rated WR's for next year's NFL draft. Unhappy with his receivers, OC Shannon opted to start soph's Calvin Colquitt and Chris Day vs Nicholls St but those two would combine for just 17 catches on the year. I list the 2 deep below and once again some of this year's signees could earn some playing time as could some rFr from last year's class in Michael Morris (6-1 180, PS#263), Jamaal Smith (5-10 175, PS#344), and Blake Broadhurst (5-10 165, PS#385). I do not list the TE position below but the main players there are Cedric Phillips (6-2 240 Jr, 4 sts, 5 rec) and Jonathan Tomlin (6-3 240 Sr) who had 3 starts. The huge addition this year is Drew Amerson who was the career receiving leader at CS Northridge and had 97 rec's last year. He already had a big impact in the spring and could become the top WR. Basically everyone is back from last year plus they signed 6 more true frosh this year, and with the added talented this is a much improved receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 a veteran OL paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 starters and then their OL was hit hard by injuries in 2-a-days, so they didn't have very much continuity heading into the season. Throw in the fact that they were playing a tougher schedule than their IAA slate of 2000, and it wasn't surprising that they averaged just 2.8 ypc rushing while allowing 42 sacks. This should be one the most improved OL's in the NCAA this year as all 5 starters are back and now have a year of IA experience under their belts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year Troy had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups but had a fairly experienced DL and the defense allowed 3.8 ypc while recording 29 sacks. They had allowed 3.0 ypc or less the previous 3 years but of course took on tougher opponents in 2001. This year is similar to last year as the only losses are DE Vernon Marable (11 sts, 60 tkls, 9 tfl, 15 QBH), and DT Carlos Stennis (1 st, 10 tkls). Six of the top 8 are back and the replacement at DE is Shelton Felton who led the team in tfl last year with 11. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Torre Lankford (6-2 280 rFr, PS#396), Larry Brown (6-3 220 rFr), David Tramble (6-4 250 rFr), Eric Thomas (6-1 250 So) and Jordan Lesley (6-2 223 So). The top pro prospect in the group is Osi Umenyiora who had 11 starts and 6 sacks last year. This unit looks very solid and should improve upon last year's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year TSU had a veteran LB corps, replacing just 1 starter. Blakeney recruited a solid crop of frosh LB's last year and all three (whom I list as 2nd string) redshirted last year and all have starting potential. Also, Deloise Moore rushed for 1,473 yards (7.4) at JUCO in 2000, and last year was his first on defense. He looked very solid this spring and in fact earned a starting role. They do have 3 big losses this year in SLB Jimmy McClain (11 sts, 83 tkls, 6.5 tfl), WLB Corey Sears (11 sts, 111 tkls, 9 tfl, S Miss trans) and FSU transfer Ben Waldrop, who did not start but had 95 tackles and 6 tfl to go along with 10 QB hurries. MLB Naazir Yamini led the team in tackles in 2000 but was #2 last year while Robby Farmer had an impressive 20 tackles and 1 tfl playing in just 3 games last year prior to breaking his leg. Both return and this has the makings of a pretty decent LB corps, but it is less experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year TSU had to replace 3 players who combined for 22 starts. In their first year of IA ball allowed just 49.8% with a 14-15 ratio. Keep in mind they did take on 4 IAA teams and my rankings take into account strength of opponent played so despite solid pure statistical numbers, TSU finished #90 in my pass D rankings. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Ronald Harper (6-0 180 So) who had 4 starts at FS last year and 28 tackles, Neal Oates (5-11 191 Jr, PS#344), and Adrian Ghent (5-8 183 Fr). This year everyone is back and there will be solid competition for playing time. Seven players return with starting experience and they could make a decent jump in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Troy St had never been in my special teams rankings but using their IAA stats from 2000 they would have finished #30, but keep in mind they did play softer competition and had they faced IA teams they probably would have finished lower. Last year they had to replace their 4 year punter and super K and a KR who avg'd 28.6. The unit finished #65 in their first official year in my rankings. In the first game of the year Lance Lieb and Roger Ridgeway handled the punting duties but each dropped a snap vs Nebraska which resulted in the Huskers taking over deep in TSU territory. True frosh Jeremy Schatz was added into the mix and ended up seeing the bulk of the duties, averaging a solid 37.6. He decided to leave the team in the offseason. K Drew Boteler hit just 5 of 10 FG's with a long of 35 and handled the kickoffs. They bring in FSU transfer Matt Munyon and VHT true frosh Thomas Olmsted (PS#14) to give them added talent in the kicking game. The top KR was Demontray Carter who averaged a super 26.8 on 17 returns, but Chris Day was also solid (24.7) on 9 returns. Heyward Skipper is back to handle PR's after averaging a decent 10.2 last season. Although KR Carter is a big loss, they aren't devoid of talent, and CS Northridge transfer Drew Amerson was the top returnman there last year. This unit clearly looks stronger and Blakeney says he puts an emphasis on it.

PHIL'S FORECAST

This is Larry Blakeney's 12th year here and he is an outstanding 98-34-1 as the team has moved up from Div II to IAA and finally to IA last year under his tutelage. The team won 3 Southland Football Titles in their final 5 years in IAA and in 1999 beat Cincinnati, S Florida and Mid Tenn St and finished ranked #6 in IAA ball. Troy St played the big boys tough last year and in fact they led Nebraska 7-0 and were tied with Miami, Fla 7-7 after 1Q and also beat Miss St in a downpour. The Trojans have recorded 14 straight regular season wins at Memorial Stadium. Last year they faced four IAA teams and played 4 teams from major conferences. This year they face four IAA teams again and 7 from major conferences. Most preseason magazines had Troy pegged from 5th to 7th among the Independents last year, but I had them 3rd and they actually finished 2nd. They have an experienced group this year with 48 lettermen back and lose just 13 while 9 starters are back on offense and 8 on defense. They have 7 tough road games this year but should be able to take care of all 5 home games so they need to just pull one upset to avoid a losing season and 2 upsets would bag them a winning season. They will be confident in those road games after last year's Miss St upset, but I think they are going to find it tough to improve upon last year's 4 loss total.

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'01 5★ Bowl POY	Florida St (+2) Virg Tech	30-17 WIN!
'01 5★ Pro POY	St Louis (-7) San Francisco	27-14 WIN!
'01 5★ College POY	New Mexico (-2') UNLV	27-17 WIN!
'00 4'★ Playoff POY	NY Giants (-4) Philly	20-10 WIN!
'00 5★ Bowl POY	L'ville (+2) Colorado St	17-22 loss
'00 5★ Pro POY	Washington (-6') Dallas	13-32 loss
'00 5★ College POY	Wisconsin -6' Indiana	43-22 WIN!
'99 5★ Playoff POY	UNDER 37' TB/WASH	14-13 WIN!
'99 5★ Bowl POY	Washington +10' Kan St	20-24 WIN!
'99 5★ Pro POY	Carolina +7' Green Bay	33-31 WIN!
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OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Matt Ray Jr. 6-3 205 3 sts at UNLV in '99, 541 yds (54%), 3-0 ratio. 1990 yds (60%), 15-2 ratio at JC LY. Hansell Bearden (6-2 200 So) PS#188, 246 total yds LY.

RB LeBarron Black Sr. 5-10 215 3 sts in 3Y, 1011 yds (3.7), 30 rec (7.3). DeWhitt Betterson (6-0 210 So) PS#398. 283 yds (5.4) as rFr. Jermaine Richardson (5-10 180 So) PS#171.

WR JASON SAMPLES SO. 6-3 185 PS#256QB. 10 sts as true, 30 rec (12.2) #2 rec, 27 rec L/7 gms. Chad Lucas (6-1 180 Jr) 6 rec (8.5) LY. Larry Brackins (6-5 200 Fr) is PS#137DB.

WR HEYWARD SKIPPER SR. 6-0 181 **4.3 spd!** 10 sts, 29 rec (14.4) in 2000. 11 sts LY, 60 rec (16.6), 21 PR (10.2). Thomie Venisee (6-2 206 Sr) PS#268. 3 sts, 2 rec in 2000. 6 sts LY, 12 rec (12.1).

SL ERIC FELTON SR. 5-10 180 JUCO. 5 sts here LY, 18 rec (8.3). Chris Day (6-0 174 Jr) 17 rec (13.0), 2 sts, 1 of the tm's fastest. Michael Morris (6-1 180 rFr) PS#263.

SL DREW AMERSON SR. 6-0 170 10 sts at Cal N'Ridge LY, 97 rec (12.8). **Career rec leader there!** Blake Broadhurst (5-10 165 rFr) PS#385. Jamaal Smith (5-10 175 rFr) PS#344.

C TRENT GARMON SR. 6-1 305 PS#117. 4 games at Army as true. 4 games, 54 plays here in 2000. 9 starts at C in 2001 (missed 2 w/injury). Lee Milliner (6-3 270 So).

RG RODNEY JORDAN SR. 6-4 287 2 sts, 447 plays, 96 KD's in 2000. 11 sts at RG LY. Donnie Bostian (6-6 321 So) 2nd string as rFR. Obed Ellis (6-3 270 Sr) 2nd string LY.

LG ROBIN LEE SR. 6-2 288 Lettered as **true**. 5 gms, 81 plays, 14 KD's in 2000. 11 sts at LG LY, 26 KD's. Lee Walls (6-4 282 Sr) PS#481. 3L. Wes Garmon (6-1 281 rFr) PS#342DL.

RT BRANDEN HALL JR. 6-4 318 Most talented OL here. 11 starts at RT, 60 cut blocks, 29 knockdowns. James Edwards (6-5 285 rFr) PS#491OL. Kyle Smith (6-3 325 So).

LT STAN CURINGTON SR. 6-7 294 Lettered as rFr. 12 sts in 2000, 542 plays, 74 KD's. 11 sts at LT in 2001, 32 knockdowns. Henry Tellis (6-5 297 So) 8 gms as rFr, lettered.

K DREW BOTELER SO. 5-8 156 52 yd FG in high school. 5 of 10 FG's here LY, long 35, 27-31 on XP's. Matt Munyon (5-11 185 Jr) hit 3 of 8 FG's at Florida St, long of 44 in '00.

DE OSI UMENYIORA SR. 6-3 267 13 sts, 75 tkls, 6 tfl as rFr. 10 sts, 81 tkls, **1st Tm SL** in 2000. 11 sts LY, 59 tkls, 6 sks. Jamaal Holt (6-1 242 So). **Johnny Jackson** PS#375, orig at **L'ville**.

DT DAVERN WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 283 RS at Auburn in 1998. 12 sts here in 2000, 56 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, 61 tkls, 6 tfl. Greg Mills (6-1 274 Jr) **PS#71DL.** 8 sks at JUCO in 2000.

DT JOSE GAMBOA SR. 6-1 265 1 st in 2000, 17 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 sts LY, 65 tkls, 4 sks, 6 QBH. Byron Knight (6-0 276 Sr) 2 sts, 30 tkls in 2000. 47 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl, 7 QBH in 2001.

DE Shelton Felton Sr. 6-2 250 16 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 32 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. #1 w/ 11 tfl last year, 45 tkls, 11 QBH. Demarcus Ware (6-5 220 So) 14 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl as true.

SLB Deloise Moore Sr. 6-1 210 PS#123JUCO. 1473 yds rush at JUCO in 2000. Move to LB LY, 12 tkls. **Keith Staple** (6-2 220 rFr) PS#199LB. Matt Howard (6-3 215 Jr).

MLB NAAZIR YAMINI SR. 5-11 234 12 sts in 2000, #1 w/120 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. 11 sts LY, 105 tkls, 7 tfl, **19 QBH**. Leverne Johnson (6-0 235 rFr) PS#135. Michael Jackson (5-9 222 Jr).

WLB Gordon Williams Sr. 6-0 220 19 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 24 tkls, 2 QBH LY. Added 15 lbs. Bernard Davis (6-1 230 rFr) PS#271. **Robby Farmer** (6-1 220 So) **20 tkls in 3 gms LY!**

CB FREEMAN WHITE JR. 5-9 175 3 tkls as true. 11 sts at CB LY, 45 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu. Jermaine Miller (6-0 175 rFr) PS#306. Travis Dunlap (5-10 180 Jr) orig signed w/MTenn St.

CB RAYSHUN REED SR. 5-11 190 1 st, 31 tkls, 5 tfl, 5 pbu in '99. 7 sts, 24 tkls, 15 pbu in 2000, HM SLC. 11 sts (10 at S) LY, 6 int, 8 pbu, 57 tkls. Johnny Faulk (5-11 175 rFr).

SS DAMIEN COLEMAN SO. 6-0 195 PS#287. L/5 sts as **true**, 65 tkls, 7 pbu. David Philyaw (5-10 190 Sr) PS#339. 7 sts in 2000, 1 int, 8 pbu. 1 st LY (inj). Arthur Adams (5-10 200 So).

FS DERRICK ANSLEY SO. 6-1 180 PS#247QB. 3 sts at FS in 2001, 55 tkls, 3 int. Deiric Jackson (5-9 183 Sr) 10 sts, 1 int, 11 pbu in 2000. **9 sts at CB LY**, 28 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu.

P Thomas Olmsted Fr. 6-4 215 **PS#14**. 9 of 11 FG's, 83% KO's in EZ, 41.0 avg as P in HS LY. Roger Ridgeway (5-11 185 Sr) 43.5 avg at JC in 2000. 10 punts LY, 38.3 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Brenton Thomas 6-0 185 PS#96
DB	Larry Brackins 6-5 200 PS#137
K	Thomas Olmsted 6-4 215 PS#14
WR	Zsan Robinson 6-2 180 PS#220
LB	Chris Dickerson 6-3 217 PS#286
QB	Matt Ray 6-3 205 PS#379JC
OL	James Gardner 6-4 280 PS#372
QB	Bragg Knott 6-4 210 PS#237
WR	Toris Rutledge 6-3 175 PS#326
DL	Dominique Bacon 6-5 243 PS#413
RB	Marlo East 6-0 180 PS#408
WR	James Earl Cray 5-11 174 PS#384
WR	Frank Taylor 6-2 190 PS#398
QB	Derron Tagger 5-8 160 PS#293

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Nebraska	A						Trojans were a powerhouse in the Southland Football League, winning 3 titles in 5 years before joining Division IA in 2001. Troy St was the 4th winningest program in Division IAA ball since 1990.
Sep. 7	at UAB	G						Trojans lost to Nebraska last year 42-14 covering as a 49 pt away dog. Troy St was 3-2 ATS as a double digit dog last year.
Sep. 14	S Utah	G						Trojans were 5-0 SU, 0-1 ATS in the state of Alabama last year. This is the 1st meeting ever vs a CUSA team since Troy St joined Div IA.
Sep. 21	at Iowa St	G						Last year Troy St outscored non-lined foes by a combined 111-51 margin. The Thunderbirds of S Utah were 2-9 last year as a IAA Independent.
Sep. 28	at Missouri	G						Trojans were 3-2 ATS as an away dog last year. Troy St was 3-2 ATS on grass coming into the 2002 season.
Oct. 5	Austin Peay	G						Should apply: Trojans were 2-1 ATS off a SU loss last year. Trojans were 0-2 SU, 1-1 ATS in September road games last year.
Oct. 12	at Mississippi St	G						Troy St is just 3-5-1 SU in the last 9 meetings in this series. The Trojans shut the Governors out 27-0 in the last meeting in 1972.
Oct. 19	at Marshall	A						Trojans were 1-1 SU and ATS last year in games after a bye week. Last year Troy St upset Mississippi St 21-9 as a 24 pt away dog.
Oct. 26	Florida Atlantic (HC)	G						This is the 1st meeting vs a MAC tm since the Trojans joined Div IA. Pending earlier results: TSU is 0-2 SU, 1-1 ATS on art turf being outscored 96-31.
Nov. 2	at Arkansas	G						The Trojans went 4-0 SU in non-lined games last year. The Owls of FAU went 4-6 as a Div IAA non-scholarship school last year.
Nov. 9	† Florida A&M (Mobile, Alabama)	G						Trojans are 3-1 SU and 1-0 ATS in road finales. Troy St was 2-1 SU but 1-1 ATS in November games last year.
Nov. 16	Utah St	G						The Rattlers of FAMU were 7-3 in the regular season in 2001. They lost in the 1st round of the IAA playoffs vs defending champ GA Southern.
Nov. 23								This will only be the 2nd lined HG in Trojan football history (0-1 ATS). Troy St won 18-16, but didn't cover as a home favorite in their finale LY.
Nov. 30								

LARRY BLAKENEY (Career 98-34-1)
12th Year at Troy State

Blakeney's records AT TROY STATE

98-34-1	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
4-3	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
2-1	Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	3-2	Away Dog
		4-3	Vs Non-Conf

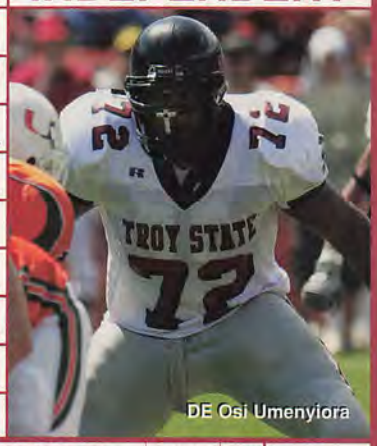
2001 RECORD: (7-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (20,25,3)
Lost: 13 (5,7,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,966

INDEPENDENT



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STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (SCRUSHY FIELD) **(17,500)**
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	12-2	5-6	8-4	11-2	9-3	7-4	63-22
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	4-3
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-2
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-2
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-2
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	4-3
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-2
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Demontray Carter	160	844	43	801	8	5.0
DeWhitt Betterson	**52**	**295**	**12**	**283**	**1**	**5.4**
LeBarron Black	**63**	**171**	**20**	**151**	**0**	**2.4**
Hansell Bearden	**15**	**64**	**27**	**37**	**0**	**2.5**
Brock Nutter	84	127	330	-203	2	-2.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brock Nutter	307	173	56.4	2098	14	13
Hansell Bearden	**28**	**16**	**57.1**	**182**	**2**	**3**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Heyward Skipper		**60**	**995**	**16.6**	**9**	**90**
Jason Samples		**30**	**365**	**12.2**	**0**	**36**
Demontray Carter		24	194	8.1	4	37
Eric Felton		**18**	**149**	**8.3**	**1**	**33**
Chris Day		**17**	**221**	**13.0**	**0**	**36**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Schatz	47	1768	37.6	–	32.5	0	8
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Drew Boteler	**4-5**	**1-2**	**0-3**	**0-0**	**5-10**	**35**	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Corey Sears	111	3	6	2	0
Naazir Yamini	**105**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Ben Waldrop	95	3	3	3	0
Jimmy McClain	83	3	3.5	4	0
Jose Gamboa	**65**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Damien Coleman	**65**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0**
Davern Williams	**61**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**
Vernon Marable	60	1	8	0	0
Osi Umenyiora	**59**	**6**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Rayshun Reed	**57**	**0**	**1**	**8**	**6**
Derrick Ansley	**55**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**
Byron Knight	**47**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Shelton Felton	**45**	**4**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Freeman White	**45**	**0**	**0**	**13**	**3**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Heyward Skipper	**21**	**215**	**10.2**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Demontray Carter	17	455	26.8	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TROY STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 4 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	22.4	19	103	2.8	210	56.5	14.0	-1	2001	8	24.5	19	173	3.8	193	49.8	15.0
6*	27.5	17	152	4.0	172	53.7	11.8	+12	2000	6	16.1	16	103	3.0	197	52.1	18.7
8*	29.5	18	195	4.3	221	57.0	12.8	0	1999	8	18.2	17	97	3.0	189	50.4	15.7
–	22.9	17	164	3.5	137	58.3	15.2	+8	1998	–	16.0	16	86	2.7	204	52.5	18.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Nebraska	13	35-(-25)	-0.7	15-36	190	8	25	60-330	5.5	9-16	127	1	0
at Mid Tenn St	22	27-61	2.3	25-42	268	6	29	55-313	5.7	20-28	328	0	0
Nicholls St	17	36-118	3.3	13-22	147	1	18	60-183	3.1	5-18	103	3	-2
at Miami (Fla)	24	45-155	3.4	15-29	157	5	23	28-101	3.6	21-37	327	0	-2
at Mississippi St	11	33-82	2.5	10-26	130	0	19	47-128	2.7	13-34	144	4	-1
CS-Northridge	23	37-179	4.8	22-37	339	3	20	32-81	2.5	27-47	378	9	-1
S Utah	12	31-(-2)	-0.1	17-27	161	6	13	61-231	3.8	1-9	6	3	-1
at Maryland	15	26-(-1)	0.0	19-36	272	8	25	55-277	5.0	17-29	232	1	-2
at UL Monroe	31	56-218	3.9	23-33	307	2	11	22-74	3.4	9-27	142	1	+5
Jacksonville St	23	39-187	4.8	17-26	254	1	13	32-114	3.6	13-26	189	3	+1
N Texas	17	40-162	4.1	14-22	86	2	13	43-72	1.7	9-18	145	4	+2
TOTALS	208	405-1134	2.8	190-336	2311	42	209	495-1904	3.8	144-289	2121	29	-1
AVERAGES	18.9	37-103	2.8	17-31	210	3.8	19.0	45-173	3.8	13-26	193	2.6	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alcorn St	NL	30-0	–
E Kentucky	NL	21-12	–
at Alabama St	NL	20-13	–
at Nicholls St	NL	20-22	–
at SW Texas St	NL	17-31	–
Sam Houston St	NL	13-10	–
Stephen F. Austin	NL	13-20	–
at Samford	NL	14-25	–
Northwestern St	NL	13-14	–
at McNeese St	NL	7-10	–
Jacksonville St	NL	49-0	–

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama St	NL	26-0	–
at Marshall	NL	12-42	–
at Tenn-Chatt	NL	23-6	–
Samford	NL	27-23	–
at Sam Houston St	NL	17-14	–
at Stephen F. Austin	NL	14-21	–
SW Texas St	NL	20-17	–
at Northwestern St	NL	14-13	–
Nicholls St	NL	31-10	–
McNeese St	NL	3-23	–
at Jacksonville St	NL	31-7	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	NL	31-24	–
at Alabama St	NL	27-20	–
S Florida	NL	41-24	–
at Mid Tenn St	NL	48-31	–
Northwestern St	NL	24-21	–
at SW Texas St	NL	24-17	–
Sam Houston St	NL	41-16	–
at Nicholls St	NL	20-0	–
Stephen F. Austin	NL	27-7	–
at McNeese St	NL	7-24	–
Jacksonville St	NL	35-16	–

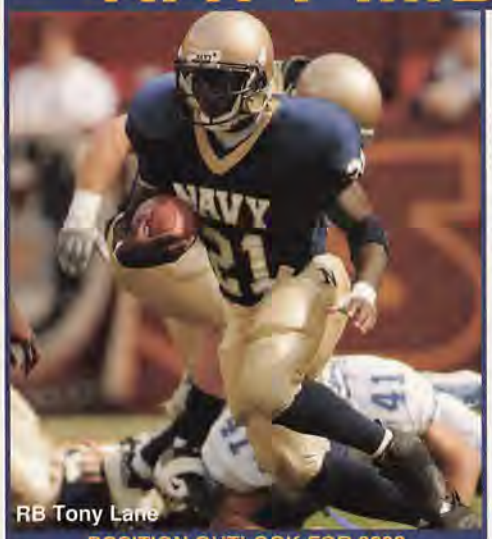
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama A&M	NL	28-13	–
at Appalachian St	NL	34-30	–
Alabama St	NL	62-19	–
at S Florida	NL	10-20	–
at Northwestern St	NL	17-24	–
SW Texas St	NL	31-17	–
at Sam Houston St	NL	23-21	–
Nicholls St	NL	41-9	–
at Stephen F. Austin	NL	6-0	–
McNeese St	NL	20-16	–
at Jacksonville St	NL	28-0	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+49	14-42	W
at Mid Tenn St	+14	17-54	L
Nicholls St	NL	26-0	–
at Miami (Fla)	+50	7-38	W
at Mississippi St	+24	21-9	W
CS-Northridge	NL	44-31	–
S Utah	NL	20-17	–
at Maryland	+22'	14-47	L
at UL Monroe	-12	44-12	W
Jacksonville St	NL	21-3	–
N Texas	-6	18-16	L

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN



RB Tony Lane

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Navy's starting QB got injured and soph Brian Madden became the first Midshipman ever to rush for over 100 yards in each of his first 5 games. He was the #1 rushing QB in the NCAA despite only 5 starts with 951 yards (5.3) and he added 325 yards passing (46%). He missed the 2000 season with injury and then was suspended for the first two games of 2001. Craig Candeto (PS#75) has a strong arm but did miss some practice time last spring playing on the baseball team. Despite a bruised knee in August he started in the first 2 and hit 10 of 24 for 134 yards while rushing for 20 net yards. Ed Malinowski, who started 3 games at QB in 2000, saw plenty of action in those two, hitting 15 of 31 for 171 yards, but upon Madden's return he was demoted to 3rd string and ended up seeing most of his action on special teams. Navy's offense averaged just 238 yards per game without Madden, but when he returned, he led the team 69 yards for a TD in 8 plays for their first lead of the season on his very first possession. By the second possession, he was already the leading rusher on the team for the season. He set a school record with 7 straight 100 yard games but was held to just 94 vs Rice to snap that streak. He also suffered a slightly separated shoulder against Toledo but finished as Navy's 7th all-time leading rusher despite starting just 13 games. Madden had 217 rush attempts, which was 178 more than the next highest ball carrier (39) and he also threw for 902 yards (42.8%) with a 4-8 ratio. He clearly will be missed. I like Candeto as he is a rare HT for Navy and has a strong arm. Andy Michalowicz (6-1 220 Jr) was PS#86 and started on the JV team last year. There are 4 soph's on the roster in Billy Meraz (5-11 194), Ryan Moody (6-1 191), Aaron Polanco (6-0 199), and Jontavius Singleton (5-9 160). Polanco rushed for 109 yds (25 att) & hit 9 of 18 for 142 yds in the spring game. Following spring practice, Johnson gave Candeto a vote of confidence and named him the starter. Polanco had a fantastic spring, vaulting him to #2 on the depth chart. I think they have several talented QB's that should fare well, but Madden was a dynamic leader and will be missed.

RUNNING BACKS - The Middies' traditional spread option offense uses a FB and two slot backs, but the FB gets the bulk of the carries (usually about 40%) and the slot backs usually rush the ball about 10% of the time and get plenty of action in the passing game. Last year they went to a new flexbone offense which replaced the FB with a superback, but new HC Paul Johnson returned them to the spread this year. He was the OC here in the mid-90's and saw that the spread can lead to a bowl win so he has reinstated it. Normally in the spread offense I list the slotbacks under receiver but when Johnson ran the offense in 1996 the SB's ended up with more rush attempts than rec's, so I'll list them here. They appeared to be in great shape at this position last season as their top rusher, Raheem Lambert (597 yards in 2000), returned but the group saw very little action with QB Madden calling his own number most of the time. The top RB, in terms of carries, was Tony Lane with just 39 (3.9 att's per game) and Lambert's total fell to 67 yards as he lost his job and was also injured. This year practically everyone returns and I list the 2 deep below. They only have to replace Lambert as well as FB Marlon Terrell (5 sts, 289 total yards), FB Rashad Jamal (20 yards), SB Gene Reese (4 sts, 346 total yds) and FB Pat Haines (16 yards). Four players return with starting experience. FB Bryce McDonald took over the starting job until an injury last year and was the best blocking RB. Not listed below is Adam Wood (6-1 224 So) PS#326, Ryan Barry who was PS#426, Mike Pasternak (5-10 210 So), Chris Boehm (5-10 162 So), Mike Brimage (5-7 207 So), John Crumpacker (5-9 190 Jr) Larry Jones (5-8 185 So) and Frank Divis (5-11 210 So). With practically everyone back and last year's pitiful totals, I expect solid improvement in the rushing numbers from the RB's in 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their top 3 WR's but returned Jeff Gaddy, who had 4.35 speed and a 35" vertical leap. He was the MIP of the spring and led the team with 24 rec's (15.2). He will be missed. Also departing is WR Marshaun Minter (11 rec, 11.5). I list the 2 deep below and basically everyone else returns. Getting Brandon Rampani back is a plus as he was the #1 receiver in 2000 with 22 grabs (14.7) and he also possesses 4.36 speed. I list 6 WR's below and not listed are Michael Blackman (5-10 179 So, PS#189), Mark Tedrow (6-2 202 Jr, PS#274), Lionel Wesley (5-10 184 So) who had 1 rec in six games as a true, JP Blecksmith (6-3 221 Sr, PS#111QB), Brian Yarbrough (5-10 175 So, PS#380), Gale Goodlow (6-0 193 So) and Corey Dryden (6-3 219 So). This group is much more experienced and I'll call it stronger. It wouldn't surprise me to see some players end up at slotback or even fullback, as the unit is very deep despite the loss of their top guy.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Navy had 3 starters returning including AA center Terrence Anderson and they had the top rush offense in the NCAA, averaging a nifty 5.2 ypc, 292 ypg, and allowed just 11 sacks. Having to replace 3 starters in 2000, they dropped to 3.6 ypc while allowing 40 sacks. Last year they had to replace four full-time starters and one part-time starter but came into the year with an average weight of 280 lbs which is good for a service academy. Overall the team improved to 3.9 ypc rushing while the sacks allowed dropped to 21. This year 7 of the top 10 are back. They must replace C Brian Schulz (10 sts, 2 yr st'r, strongest OL), RT John Jeffery (10 sts) and backup G Dan Venuto (2 sts at TE). Six players return with starting experience and once again they have good size along the front. I cannot list all of the OL's on the roster as there are 32 of them!! They also have some seasoned depth at the backup positions which is rare for Navy. This year's unit is much more experienced and should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Middies' have played a lot of different defensive alignments, with a 4-2-5 in 1998, a 3-4 in 1999 and 2000 and then last year a 4-3. In 2000 they allowed 4.3 ypc and registered just 17 sacks. Last year they had 2 full-time starters returning to the D-line but their top DE, Michael Wagoner, was suspended for the first 3 games, DT Andy Zetts broke his foot and missed the first 4 games, DT Matt Berger suffered a season ending knee injury against Air Force, and DE Ralph Henry missed the last 2 games, so clearly the group was injury plagued. Overall, Navy allowed 4.8 ypc rushing and the team recorded just 8 sacks. This year they must replace Wagoner (7 sts, 27 tkls, 5 tfl), Berger (4 sts, 8 tkls), and DE Eric Severson (8 tkls, 1 tfl). Five players return with starting experience. I list the 2 deep below and just like on the O-line, there are 10 soph's who I do not list who played on the JV team last year and could contribute. This year's group is much more experienced and can only improve on 2001's poor numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Middies' had to replace 5 players from this group who had combined for 18 starts and 102 tackles. Their top LB, Jake Bowen, missed most of the season with a foot injury. This year they lose OLB Ryan Hamilton (8 sts, 51 tkls, 3 tfl), MLB Bowen (3 sts, 13 tkls, 1 sk), OLB Dan Ryno (4 sts, 27 tkls) and MLB Mike Chiesl (21 tkls, 1 sk). I list the 2 deep below and 4 players return with starting experience. Ben Mathews was an OLB as a true and started the last 3 games then bulked up to play MLB last year. He couldn't handle the added weight and saw little action in the first 5 games. He played much more in the final 5 after getting in shape and moving back to OLB, so he should have a bigger impact this season. Also, Eddie Carthan is probably the team's top LB and he missed the last 4 games last year due to injury. Carthan also struggled with injuries in spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Jay McCracken (5-10 237 So, PS#412) as well as several soph's who were on the JV team last year. This unit looks more experienced and has a decent level of talent, and I'll call it solidly improved this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 a young Navy secondary finished #112 out of 112 teams in my pass D rankings and in 1999 a more experienced group moved up to #90. In 2000 one starting CB was dismissed from the school and they once again finished dead last (#117) in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 1 full-time starter and 2 backups who combined for 7 starts. Two returning starters, Marcus Jackson and DeJuan Cromer, lost their jobs and Jackson quit the team so basically 1 full-time starter returned. For the 3rd time in 4 years Navy finished dead last in my pass D rankings, allowing 67.1% with a 20-9 ratio vs a soft slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace FS Matt Brooks (6 sts, 50 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu), Jackson (3 sts, 6 tkls) and Cromer (1 st, 19 tkls). I list the 3 deep below. A safety has led the team in tackles for 6 straight years. Lenter Thomas was basically a track athlete who began his football career on the Navy prep team in 1998 and got experience with the JV team in 1999 and 2000 and should have an exceptional senior season. CB Shalimar Brazier also runs on the track team. This unit has good athleticism and is very experienced and should easily escape the basement of my pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prior to last season the highest finish for Navy in my special teams rankings under Weatherbie was #57, which came in 1997. In 2000 they were only #94. Last year they had to replace their punter, kicker and top PR but I still called for a decent gain in the rankings and they even exceeded my expectations. They finished #37 and had three big stars. Kicker David Hills hit an amazing 15 of 16 FG's with a long of 47 and was 5 of 5 from 40+. Punter John Skaggs simply set a Navy record by averaging 44.8 per punt and he was #5 in the NCAA in punting average. The old record was set back in 1941 and was only 41.3 ypp. Tony Lane is an exciting KR man and had 205 yards on KR's against Temple (a school record). While he only possesses 4.6 speed (and was caught from behind against Temple twice), he did set a school record for KR yards in a season with 898 and averaged an outstanding 26.4 (#19 in NCAA). Gene Reese averaged 10.8 on 9 PR's. PK Hills and Reese depart, but practically everyone else is back and since FG accuracy is not factored into my special teams rankings, it is possible for them to move up this season, even with the loss of an outstanding kicker.

PHIL'S FORECAST

George Welsh led Navy to 4 straight winning years but then they had 13 straight losing years until Charlie Weatherbie brought them to 9-3 and 7-4 marks in 1996 and 1997. Unfortunately, since QB Chris McCoy left they are just 9-35 SU as Navy has struggled against the tougher schedules they have faced since 1996. After a horrible season in 2000 in which they finished 1-10 and were outscored by 19 ppg, the unthinkable happened last year and the Midshipmen went winless for the first time in school history. They were outscored by an average of 16.1 ppg last year. They fired Weatherbie with 3 games left in the season as new AD Chet Gladchuk had seen enough. Paul Johnson, from Georgia Southern, was brought in and he was the OC here in 1995 and 1996. He guided his Georgia Southern team to 2 straight IAA titles and almost a 3rd last year and was the IAA Coach of the Year for 4 straight years. Navy has not won a Commander-In-Chief's Trophy since 1981 and has just 1 SU home win the last 3 years. Georgia Southern won 39 straight home games under Johnson, who puts an emphasis on those games. Offensively they have averaged less than 20 ppg the last 2 years and should be able to top that even with just 5 offensive starters back. Defensively they have 8 starters back, an almost unheard-of number for a service academy, so they should have one of their better defenses in recent years. With an extra game added this year, the Middies should easily get a victory or two , and I'll give them a shot at winning even 3 or 4 games, but a winning record looks like it will be very difficult to achieve.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Craig Candeto Jr. 5-11 197 PS#75. 3 gms as true, 128 yds (44%), 82 rush. 2 sts LY, 208 yds pass (45.5%) 3-2 ratio, 80 rush. Aaron Polanco (6-0 199 So) 251 ttl yds in spg gm.
FB Bryce McDonald Sr. 6-0 217 3 sts in 2000, 36 yds . 4 sts LY, 123 yds (4.2). Cee Harris (5-3 213 Sr) 40 yds, 2Y, 378 bench, 4.57. Kyle Eckel (5-10 230 So) PS#450, 2 varsity gms LY.
SB TONY LANE JR. 5-9 195 6 sts LY, 185 rush (4.7), 12 rec (19.3), 34 KR (26.4). Donnie Fricks (5-8 180 Sr) PS#88DB. 5 sts, 49 yds, 2Y. Bronston Carroll (5-9 190 Jr) PS#283.
SB Eric Roberts So. 5-10 180 5 yds rush as true. Impressive spring! Brad Tepper (5-8 194 Sr) 6 rec in 2000. 2 sts, 111 yds LY. Scott Lieng (5-8 160 Jr) 345 lb bench.
WR Brandon Rampani Sr. 6-0 197 14 rec (19.7) in '99, 2 sts in 2000, #1 w/22 rec (14.7). Chandler Sims (6-4 208 Sr) 4 sts, 18 rec (10.2). Mike McIlravy (5-9 172 Sr) PS#279, 72 yds LY.
WR DOMINIC BAILEY SR. 5-9 152 4.51 spd. 5 sts, 13 rec (14.8) in 2000. 7 sts LY, 11 rec (10.1). Amir Jenkins (6-0 194 So) PS#197. Aaron Weedo (5-10 183 So) had 2 rec (34.5) in spg gm.
C Shane Todd Jr. 6-5 305 PS#350. C on 7-0 JV in 2000. 9 gms as bkup C LY, 30 plays vs Tulane, 24 vs GT. Ben Eastburn (6-3 269 Sr). Ryan Roeling (6-4 282 Fr) recruited by Virg.
RG MATT NYE SR. 6-4 280 JV in 99 & 2000. 7 sts LY. **Brett Cochrane** (6-4 278 Sr) Lettered in 2000, 2 sts, 4 gms LY (inj). Matt McCutchan (6-1 280 So) PS#194.
LG GRANT MOODY SR. 6-4 274 Pitt St in '98, trans. 2 gms here in 2000, 10 sts at LG LY. Sean Magee (6-4 285 Jr) #2 RT LY. Travis Peace (6-5 286 Sr) PS#126TE, 1 st LY.
RT DAVID WALSH SR. 6-5 273 JV in '99 & 2000. 10 sts at LT LY. Steve Mercer (6-3 250 Sr) 1 rec in 2000. 1 start at TE LY, 1 rec. Jim Zakar (6-5 259 Sr) 1 st at TE in 2000.
LT Derek Jaskowiak Sr. 6-4 270 JV Tm in 1999 & 2000. 10 games as backup LY, 50 plays vs Rutgers, 46 vs Army. Tucker Bennett (6-3 265 Jr). Nick Wilson (6-5 241 So).
K Scooter Ross So. 5-9 192 PS#34K. Played on JV team in 2001. Eric Rolfs (6-0 169 Jr) 4 punts last year. Geoff Blumenfeld (6-0 172 So). Played on JV in 2001.

DE Steve Adair Jr. 6-2 231 9 tkls, 1 tfl, 10 games last year. Ralph Henry (6-2 259 Jr). 4 sts (1st 8 gms) LY until torn MCL. 17 tkls, 4 tfl. Jeff Vanak (5-11 246 So) PS#231.
DT JOEY OWMBY SR. 6-3 251 13 tackles, 14 games in 2 yrs. Kevin Schwind (6-1 289 Jr) PS#377, 17 tackles, 2 tfl. Nate Chase (6-2 286 Jr) PS#435OL. 3 tkls in 4 games LY.
DT JOSH BRINDEL SR. 6-2 253 PS#301LB. 3 sts in 2000, 34 tkls, 2 tfl. 10 sts LY, 44 tkls, 7 tfl. **Andy Zetts** (6-0 257 Sr) PS#262LB. 8 sts in 2000, 14 tkls, 2 tfl. 6 sts LY (inj) 20 tkls, 1 int.
DE SAM MOSS SO. 6-1 249 #1 DE in spg. Pete Beuttenmuller (6-5 245 Sr) 5 tkls in 2000. 5 sts LY, 21 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Dan Person (6-4 257 Sr) 1 tkl in 2000. 4 sts LY, 15 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int.
SLB EDDIE CARTHAN JR. 5-11 223 6 sts as **true**, 21 tkls, 1 tfl. 6 sts until inj LY, 36 tkls, 5 tfl. Lane Jackson (5-11 203 So) PS#361. MIP in spg TY. Reggie Sealey (6-0 222 So).
MLB ANDY SINITIERE JR. 5-11 206 3 sts, 26 tkls, 4 tfl last year. Dustin Elliott (6-0 228 So) last 4 sts as true, 38 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu, 13 tkls vs ND. Chris Wade (6-0 226 Jr), 2 tkls.
WLB Ben Mathews Jr. 6-1 222 3 sts, 35 tkls, 3 tfl as **true**. Little PT in 1st 5 gms, 39 tkls, 1 ttl, 2 sts in last 5. Brian Stann (6-1 224 Sr) 4 tkls LY. Jeff Adusei (6-3 206 So).
CB SHALIMAR BRAZIER JR. 5-10 198 Best cover CB. 4 sts as true, 3 pbu. 10 sts LY, 46 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Lavaughn Kelley (6-1 162 So). Sina Ekundayo (5-11 174 Jr) PS#320, #2 in 60m hurdles.
CB MARCUS SANDERS JR. 5-10 170 #1 post spg. 2 tkls LY. Clyde Clark (6-1 190 Sr) 4.49, 32" VL. L/7 sts LY, 43 tkls, 3 pbu, 7 tfl. Susp'd in spg. ? for fall. David Bush (5-6 175 Jr) 10 tkls LY.
ROV LENTER THOMAS SR. 5-11 188 On track tm & hard hitter. 7 sts LY, #1 w/98 tkls, 3 pbu, 3 tfl. Michawn Yuvienco (5-11 201 Sr). Joey Fay (6-0 202 Sr) 7 gms in 2Y, 4 tkls. Track in HS.
FS Paul Clarkson Jr. 6-2 200 Last four starts in 2001, 25 tackles, 2 interceptions, 3 pbu. Eli Sanders (5-11 189 Jr) 2 starts, 16 tackles. Justin Golson (5-8 199 Jr).
P JOHN SKAGGS JR. 6-0 202 48 punts LY & set **Navy record** with 44.8 avg (#5 in NCAA!) net of 37.9. Eric Rolfs 4 punts, 37.5. Bobby Sparks (6-3 197 Jr) 69 yd punt as true.

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NAVY	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at SMU	G						Navy is 46-35 (61%) ATS the last 8 seasons despite an 8-13 mark the L2Y. This is the 4th straight season the Midshipmen have not had a NL game. They are 9-0 SU their last 9 non-lined games (9-1 ATS after a NL gm).
Sep. 7	NC State	G						Navy is both 0-5 SU and ATS in the last 5 season openers. Midshipmen are 21-10 ATS as an away dog the last 7 years.
Sep. 14								Navy is 0-6 SU and ATS their last 6 vs the ACC. The Middies are 3-12 ATS since 1987 in their 1st lined home game.
Sep. 21	Northwestern	G						Middies are 12-7 ATS their last 19 after a bye. Navy is 0-4 SU and 2-2 ATS vs Big 10 including a bowl game in 1981.
Sep. 28	Duke (HC)	G						The SU winner has covered each of the last 4 series meetings. Navy is 0-3 ATS the last 3 years in Homecoming games.
Oct. 5	at Air Force	G						Home team is 5-9 ATS in this series since 1988. Strange but true: Navy is 31-7 ATS away after a home game since 1991.
Oct. 12	Rice	G						Navy is 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS vs the Owls the last 4 games. Pending LW, Middies are 29-18-1 ATS S/'87 in Oct, but 7-9 ATS the L/16.
Oct. 19	at Boston College	A						Midshipmen are 14-5 ATS on artificial turf the last 8 years. Navy is 10-8 ATS in their last 18 vs Big East teams, but 1-5 the last 2 yrs.
Oct. 26	at Tulane	A						Navy is 5-4 SU, but 8-1 ATS their last 9 vs the Green Wave. Pending 9/7: Navy is 15-6 ATS the week before a bye.
Nov. 2								
Nov. 9	† Notre Dame (Baltimore)	G						The Middies have sunk the ND battleship 10 of the last 14 meetings ATS. Should apply here: Navy is 7-15 ATS as a double digit home dog.
Nov. 16	Connecticut	G						Middies are 5-3 ATS in their last 8 home finales, but 1-3 ATS the L4Y. Pending LW: Navy is 19-9 ATS the last 8 years in November & December.
Nov. 23	at Wake Forest	G						Navy is 1-4 SU, but 4-1 ATS in away finales since 1997. Could apply: Coming into 2002 the Middies were 24-7 ATS the L9Y off a SU win.
Dec. 7	† Army (E. Rutherford, NJ)	G						The prior year's SU loser is 13-7 ATS the next year in this series. The underdog is 9-5 ATS the last 14 in this rivalry.

PAUL JOHNSON (Career 62-10)
1st Year at Navy

Johnson's records AT NAVY

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

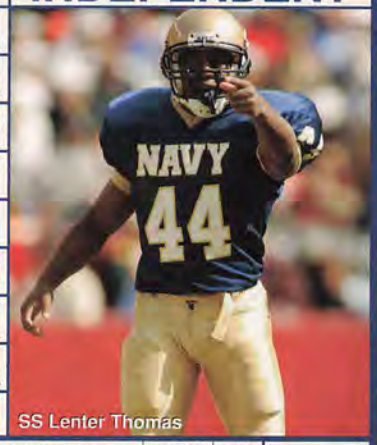
2001 RECORD: (0-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (15,22,1)
Lost: 22 (11,10,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,496

INDEPENDENT



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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	8-3	7-4	3-8	5-7	1-10	0-10	29-48
ATS	6-3	8-2	6-3	3-7	9-3	4-7	4-6	40-31
Home Fav	1-1	3-0	3-0	0-2	1-1	0-3	0-0	8-7
Home Dog	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-1	2-3	5-11
Away Fav	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-1	0-0	0-0	6-3
Away Dog	5-0	3-1	2-1	3-2	3-0	3-3	2-3	21-10
Favorite	1-1	5-1	4-1	0-2	4-2	0-3	0-0	14-10
Dog	5-2	3-1	2-2	3-5	5-1	4-4	4-6	26-21
Grass	5-3	7-1	5-3	0-7	5-2	3-6	3-4	28-26
Artificial	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	4-1	1-1	1-2	12-5
vs Indep	2-0	0-2	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	6-4
vs Non-Indep	4-3	8-0	4-3	3-6	8-3	4-6	3-6	34-27
Off SU Win	4-1	6-2	4-1	2-1	3-1	0-0	0-0	19-6
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-0	2-1	1-5	6-1	4-6	4-5	19-20

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brian Madden	217	1033	128	905	8	4.2
Marlon Terrell	37	199	4	195	1	5.3
Tony Lane	**39**	**198**	**13**	**185**	**1**	**4.7**
Gene Reese	22	150	14	136	0	6.2
Bryce McDonald	**29**	**126**	**3**	**123**	**1**	**4.2**
Craig Candeto	**30**	**80**	**54**	**26**	**0**	**0.9**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Madden	145	62	42.8	902	4	8
Ed Malinowski	43	19	44.2	215	0	2
Craig Candeto	**33**	**15**	**45.5**	**208**	**3**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeff Gaddy	24	365	15.2	2	49
Chandler Sims	**18**	**183**	**10.2**	**0**	**20**
Tony Lane	**12**	**232**	**19.3**	**3**	**54**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
John Skaggs	**48**	**2151**	**44.8**	**–**	**37.9**	**0**	**12**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Hills	7-8	3-3	5-5	0-0	15-16	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lenter Thomas	**98**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**0**
Ryan Hamilton	51	1	2	0	0
Matt Brooks	50	0	5	5	2
Shalimar Brazier	**46**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Josh Brindel	**44**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Clyde Clark	**43**	**0**	**7**	**3**	**0**
Ben Mathews	**39**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Dustin Elliott	**38**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Eddie Carthan	**36**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Michael Wagoner	27	0	5	1	0
Dan Ryno	27	0	1	0	0
Andy Sinitiere	**26**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Paul Clarkson	**25**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**
Pete Beuttenmuller	**21**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gene Reese	9	97	10.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tony Lane	**34**	**898**	**26.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
63	Cotton	NL	Texas	6-28	–
78	Holiday	-5'	BYU	23-16	W
80	Garden	+5'	Houston	0-35	L
81	Liberty	+14'	Ohio St	28-31	W
96	Aloha	-1	California	42-38	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NAVY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	18.3	18	182	3.9	138	43.8	17.4	-6	2001	7	34.4	22	245	4.8	218	67.1	13.5
4*	16.5	18	178	3.6	139	52.3	19.2	-5	2000	6	35.5	22	189	4.3	230	61.1	11.8
6*	27.2	20	292	5.2	98	45.4	14.4	+7	1999	7	25.5	20	152	3.6	209	57.1	14.2
4	23.2	19	261	5.0	114	46.0	16.2	-11	1998	2	34.2	23	217	4.9	246	65.7	13.5
5*	36.2	21	304	5.4	113	51.4	11.5	+10	1997	7	19.0	14	115	3.1	148	52.5	13.8
9*	32.7	22	280	5.0	147	48.0	13.1	+9	1996	6	25.8	18	152	4.0	195	52.9	13.5

	OFFENSE				2001 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Temple	17	31-49	1.6	15-30	210	3	26	54-285	5.3	15-22	175	3	+1
Georgia Tech	13	40-106	2.7	11-26	111	4	22	54-270	5.0	15-19	291	0	-4
Boston College	15	51-177	3.5	4-9	124	1	24	44-232	5.3	19-26	247	2	-3
Air Force	20	50-223	4.5	13-20	189	2	23	62-293	4.7	7-13	78	0	-1
Rice	16	51-150	2.9	10-16	125	3	20	66-276	4.2	6-10	102	1	+1
at Rutgers	20	52-254	4.9	9-22	125	1	18	45-206	4.6	13-20	327	0	-1
at Toledo	19	52-285	5.5	7-13	113	0	26	47-238	5.1	21-29	282	1	-1
Tulane	24	56-300	5.4	10-34	113	4	26	27-137	5.1	36-49	442	1	0
at Notre Dame	14	45-177	3.9	7-18	123	1	18	58-287	4.9	7-12	118	0	-1
†Army	17	37-97	2.6	12-36	142	2	15	52-222	4.3	8-19	119	0	+3
TOTALS	175	465-1818	3.9	98-224	1375	21	218	509-2446	4.8	147-219	2181	8	-6
AVERAGES	17.5	47-182	3.9	10-22	138	2.1	21.8	51-245	4.8	15-22	218	0.8	-0.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	+4'	31-45	L
Rutgers	-19'	36-7	W
at SMU	E	46-16	W
at Duke	-11	17-26	L
Air Force	+1'	7-10	L
VMI	NL	42-7	–
at Notre Dame	+17	17-21	W
Temple	-13	49-17	W
Colgate	NL	52-24	–
Kent St	-27	62-29	W
† Army	-12'	39-7	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wake Forest	+9	14-26	L
Kent St	-21	38-24	L
at Tulane	+22	24-42	W
W Virginia	+16	24-45	L
at Air Force	+14'	7-49	L
Colgate	NL	42-35	–
at Boston College	+14	32-31	W
Rutgers	-10'	33-36	L
† Notre Dame	+20'	0-30	L
SMU	+3'	11-24	L
† Army	+6'	30-34	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	+18	14-49	L
at Kent St	-18	48-28	W
Boston College	+7	10-14	W
at Rice	+7	17-20	W
at W Virginia	+10	31-28	W
Air Force	+10	14-19	W
Akron	-10	29-35	L
at Notre Dame	+27	24-28	W
at Rutgers	-14	34-7	W
Tulane	-8'	45-21	W
at Hawaii	-3	41-48	L
† Army	-7	19-9	W

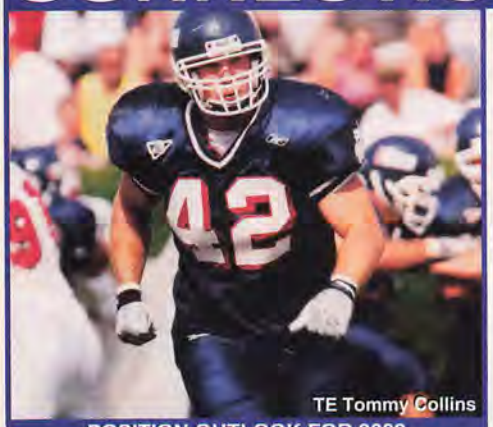
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-10'	6-17	L
at Georgia Tech	+16	13-40	L
at Boston College	+19	7-48	L
TCU	+27	0-24	W
at Air Force	+15'	13-27	W
† Notre Dame	+20	14-45	L
Rutgers	-7'	21-28	L
Toledo	+18	14-35	L
at Tulane	+13'	38-50	W
Wake Forest	-2'	26-49	L
† Army	+2	30-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	+17'	26-45	L
Georgia Tech	+25'	7-70	L
Boston College	+20	21-38	W
Air Force	+15	18-24	W
Rice	+7	13-21	L
at Rutgers	E	17-23	L
at Toledo	+29	20-21	W
Tulane	+2'	28-42	L
at Notre Dame	+27'	16-34	W
† Army	+1'	17-26	L

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES


TE Tommy Collins

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - UConn brought in JUCO transfer Ryan Tracey in 2000 and he exceeded expectations, and was on pace to set all of UConn's single season passing records when he tore his ACL vs S Florida and missed the rest of the year. He still threw for 1,984 yards (54.5%) with a 15-5 ratio and had four 300 yard passing games. After the 2nd string QB went down after 2 starts, walk-on Chris Willis started the final game as the Huskies really struggled down the stretch. Last year Tracey was expected back but was forced to quit the team in August because his knee wasn't healing properly so Keron Henry (6-2 198 So) was elevated to the starting spot. Henry, who was very mobile and the best runner of the UConn QB's, guided the team to a TD against Virginia Tech's tough defense and started 5 of the first 6 games but suffered numerous injuries and missed the majority of the rest of the year. He completed just 38.7% with a 1-5 ratio but did rush for 279 yards. Dan Orlovsky (6-5 226 So) was PS#62 and was forced into the starting role as a true frosh, even though they wanted to redshirt him. Against Cincinnati and Utah St he set a school record with 101 combined pass attempts and his 382 yards vs Cincy set a freshmen record here and was fourth best all-time. He finished the year with 1,379 yards passing (47.6%) with a 9-11 ratio. Jermell Williams (6-1 181 rFr) was PS#104 and managed to redshirt. With Orlovsky and Henry both back (and different type of QB's), they will battle for the starting job this year. This group is far more experienced and I look for vastly improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Taber Small took over the RB duties in 1999 after transferring from Temple and in six starts had 757 yards (3.8). He was bothered by injuries in 2000 but still led the team with 560 yards (3.5). Last year all of the top backs returned and Edsall said the battle for the starting job was wide open all spring and summer. Small ended up the starter and rushed for 326 yards (3.3) before being injured and lost for the year against Utah St. Chris Bellamy had 86 yards against E Wash and was anointed the starter when Small was injured but he too was injured after just 5 attempts and he finished with only 237 yards (3.9). The most impressive performance by a back last year was Chandler Poole. He got in 4 games and had 37 yards rushing as a true frosh, then in his only start last year vs Mid Tenn St he became the only UConn back to hit the 100 yard rush mark (despite missing the 4Q w/inj). He played in just 3 games. Evan Benson (5-7 198 Jr) was PS#251. He has 4 starts in two years and 393 yards rushing. Jonathan Wholley (5-9 179 So) is a transfer from Wagner College who sat out last year. Small is the only departure from the quintet that I mentioned above. Some of this year's true frosh signees should compete including Terry Caulley (PS#147), Cornell Brockington (PS#359) and LeChaz Green (PS#358). I do not list a FB position below because it is rarely used in the offense but the starter at that spot is Terry McClowry (6-2 246 Jr) who had 54 all-purpose yards last year. Also, possibly the best RB or LB on the team is this year's true frosh signee Deon Anderson. He is listed as a FB and could enter into the RB equation, but I also list him in the 2 deep under LB. With most of the players back and last year's paltry production from this unit, I expect improvement in 2002.

RECEIVERS - The Huskies had a veteran receiving corps in 2000 but last year had to replace their top 2 WR's who combined for 92 rec's with the leading returning receiver having just 29 in 2000. They did have Wisconsin transfer Rashad Drayton on hand at TE and he started all year with 16 rec's. I list the 2 deep below and all of the top WR's are back with the only loss from this group being Drayton. One of the players I expect to have a big impact this year is Jason Williams (PS#219) who ran a 4.29 in the spring and his position coach compares him to Qadry Ismail. Another player with big potential is TE Tommy Collins who was an HT out of HS, and it looks like he will live up to his potential this year. This group looks more experienced and I'll call it stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Huskies had an experienced OL that only paved the way for 3.0 ypc rushing but allowed just 22 sacks. In 2000 they had 2 full-time starters returning and 2 others with starting experience and the ypc dropped to 2.7 but the sacks remained solid at 27. Edsall has worked on strengthening the OL as in 1999 the best OL bench was 375 lbs, and last year 3 players topped 400. The 2000 version averaged 279 lbs per man while last year's starting lineup averaged 294. Last year they had 3 players back with starting experience. One of the 2 full-time returning starters lost his job at midseason and UConn averaged 2.3 ypc rush (with banged up RB's) while the sacks increased to 29. This year the only losses are RT CJ Hessel (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backup T Ed Injaychock, as 8 of the top 10 return. Five players return with 7 or more career starts and some starters lost their jobs in the spring. Edsall will probably shuffle the line a couple more times for the best combination. This unit is more experienced than it has been in recent years and should be solidly improved, especially with some talented additions.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Edsall has been forced to play a lot of true frosh the past several years. In 1998 the Huskies finished #117 out of 119 IAA teams in rush D. The team allowed 4.5 and 4.8 ypc rushing the last 2 years while recording just 15 and 14 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 20 starts but did move starting OLB Uyi Osunde into one starting DE spot so they basically had 3 starters back and 4 returned who started 6 or more games. They also added an Auburn transfer in Ryan Bushey and appeared to be in much stronger shape. Unfortunately, both starting DE's were lost at the beginning of the year due to injury so they only had 1.5 starters returning. The rush D did improve, allowing 4.3 ypc, and the team recorded 19 sacks. They have no less than 6 players who have 9 career starts under their belt. They are so deep that I couldn't fit everyone below in the 2 deep. Not listed are Frank Quagliano (6-3 236 Sr, 9 tkls, 1 pbu), Jeff Fox (6-2 285 So, 1 tkl as true), Deon McPhee (6-1 274 rFr), Matt Jackson (6-3 237 Sr), and true frosh Jason Ward who was 1st Team All Canada. This year they finally have a veteran DL that should resemble other IA units.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 this group was hit hard by injuries and true frosh Razul Wallace set a school record with 19 tfl despite only starting the last 7 games. Last year 5 players returned with starting experience but they did lose starting LB Kamari Stroman in October. That forced true frosh Maurice Lloyd (PS#300DB) into the starting lineup but he was very productive down the stretch, starting the last 5 games and recording 60 tackles with 3 tfl. The 3 players who started the final 3 games all return. The only losses from this unit are Stroman (5 sts, 35 tkls, 6 tfl), Justin Cook (3 sts, 36 tkls, 1.5 sks) and Jamie Lenkaitis (3 tkls, 1 game). I list the 2 deep below and there are even some HT's in the mix including true frosh Deon Anderson and Kinnan Herriott (PS#83DB) who played as a true last year. They also add in JUCO Cedric Baylor (5-11 217 Jr, PS#314) who redshirted. There is plenty of experience in this group with some added talent and I look for this unit to continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UConn had just 6 int's in 2000 and finished #112 in my pass D rankings. Two true frosh ended up as starters. Last year not only did everyone return but they got back Roy Hopkins, an 11 game starter from 1999 that missed most of 2000 due to injury. They moved FS Jamal Lundy to HUSKY so they had only 3 starters back and 6 players with starting experience. UConn finished #102 in my pass D rankings allowing 60.1% with a 20-9 ratio. This year the entire 2 deep returns and they get some outstanding additions. Jason Dellaselva was PS#198 and had 30 tackles in 2000 but moved to RB last year and returns to the secondary. Ezra Carey (5-11 169) was PS#351JC and redshirted. Not listed below is Dwaun Black (5-11 172 Sr) who had 1 start and 18 tackles in 2000, Keith Harrison (5-10 167 rFr, PS#302), Eric Roy (5-9 175 So) and John Fletcher (5-9 170 So) who had 1 start as a true, 3 tfl and 2 pbu. The unit can only get better with everyone back and the added talent.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UConn had a solid special teams unit in their final IAA season in 1999 but had to replace their star punter and PR. They finished #83 in their first year in my rankings in 2000. P Adam Coles was an Australian rules football player who averaged 40.5 per punt, including 17 punts inside the 20 in his first year. Last year he had an amazing 32 punts inside the 20 and while his average dipped some to 39.2 and the net to 34.8, he did gain the team some valuable field position by not punting into the endzone or his average would have been higher. Last year they returned their top PR and KR but Cliff Hill, after averaging a nifty 11.1 on 12 PR's in 2000, only averaged 3.6. I look for him to return to his 2000 form. K Marc Hickok hit 12 of 17 FG's with a long of 47 and two of his misses were from 50+. They also signed a true frosh kicker in Matthew Nuzie who Edsall says will be the kicker for the next 5 years. Jason Dellaselva was the top KR, averaging a super 26.7 on 10 returns despite being banged up. Overall the unit finished just #107 and I look for solid improvement in those numbers with everyone back.

LB Jamal Lundy

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 UConn finished just 4-7 in IAA ball, being outscored by an average of 11.6 ppg. They had just 70 scholarship players in their 1st year in IA in 2000 but did have a 3-4 record before they lost their starting QB and their final 4 games. UConn will be joining the Big East conference in 2005 and moving into brand-new Rentschler Field in 2003 which will seat 40,000 (current stadium holds 16,200). They did beat two IA teams in their first year of IA ball and last year managed to beat two more in Rutgers and E Michigan. They are actually 4-4 vs the MAC the last 3 years. After finishing 3-8 in 2000 and being outscored by 13.5 ppg, they took a step backwards to 2-9 last year and were outscored by 16.2 ppg. Their offense went from averaging 344 ypg to just 246 last year although the defense made minor progress, allowing just 405.8 ypg compared to 423 ypg in 2000. Only 8 seniors were on the roster last year so this is a veteran team. They had 73 scholarship players in 2001, 54 were underclassmen, and they could have a shot at reaching 85 scholarship players this year. The offense got some garbage yards late in the year as they trailed Utah St 38-10 and Cincinnati 45-21 before mounting comebacks vs backups. The offense had 5 frosh and 3 sophomores in the starting lineup and I think they will be much more potent offensively this year with Dan Orlovsky now a soph, as he is a very talented QB. Defensively, the Huskies return 10 starters and should have much more bite on that side of the ball and new DC Hank Hughes should have them finally get their ppg allowed under 30 for the first time in 5 years. They have 4 MAC teams on the schedule, including 3 they get at home, plus Florida Atlantic and Navy. This is now their 3rd year in IA ball and I expect them to improve upon last year's 2-9 record, although it may still be too early to achieve a winning season.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DAN ORLOVSKY SO. 6-5 226 *PS#62. 6 sts as **true**, 1379 yds (47.6%), 9-11 ratio, 43 yds rush. Keron Henry (6-2 198 So) 5 sts, 478 yds (39%), 1-5 ratio, 279 rush yds.*

RB Chandler Poole Jr. 5-11 208 *PS#353. 100 yds vs MTSU last year. Chris Bellamy (6-1 204 So) 237 yds (3.9). Evan Benson (5-7 198 Jr) 4 sts, 393 yds (2.9), 11 rec 2Y.*

WR WES TIMKO SR. 6-3 188 *4 sts, 13 rec (13.5) as true. 4.4 spd. 8 sts, 18 rec (12.2) in 2000. 7 sts, 19 rec (14.5) LY. O'Neil Wilson (6-3 183 Jr) Canadian. 4 sts, 14 rec (14.1) LY.*

WR CLIFF HILL JR. 5-10 167 *10 sts, 29 rec (9.0) in 2000. 11 sts, 40 rec (9.9) LY. Matt Cutaia (5-10 177 So) PS#261. 4.4 spd. 11 rec (7.9) as rFr. Tony Atkinson (6-0 187 Jr) JC RS LY.*

WR JASON WILLIAMS rFR. 5-11 166 ***4.29 spd. Jasen Ridley** (6-0 186 So) 6 sts, 27 rec (9.4) as rFr. Shaun Feldeisen (6-1 204 Jr) 2 sts, 9 rec (11.9) LY. Quanear Gaskins (6-0 174 rFr).*

TE Tommy Collins Sr. 6-3 240 *PS#67, 1 st in 2000, 16 rec (8.4). 1 st in 2001, 12 rec (12.4). 4.65 spd. Justin Wolf (6-4 211 rFr) PS#51. Tim Lassen (6-4 265 rFr) PS#152.*

C BRIAN MARKOWSKI SO. 6-2 287 *PS#265DL. 11 sts at C as rFr. May move to OG. Billy Irwin (6-2 263 So) 2nd string LY, 1 gm. Jason McKee (6-3 302 So) 4 games LY.*

RG GRANT PRESTON rFR. 6-4 316 *PS#458OL. 2nd string in 2001, but still RS. Added 16 lbs. **LeAndre Dupree** (6-2 303 So) 11 sts as rFr at RG. Ken Rice (6-1 265 rFr).*

LG NICK GRABY JR. 6-3 269 *PS#352JUCO. RS here in 2001. **Laurence Oliver** (6-3 273 Jr) **PS#159DL**. 1 start as rFr at LG. Last 6 starts in 2001. 501 lb squat.*

RT Mike Henry rFr. 6-3 265 *PS#224OL. #1 RT in spring. Derrick Lewis (6-3 330 rFr) PS#293OL. Added 45 pounds. Brendan Borowski (6-4 304 rFr) PS#416OL.*

LT RYAN KRUG SO. 6-4 283 *PS#435. 11 sts as rFr at LT, 537 lbs squat. **Steve Cully** (6-4 300 Sr) **11 sts** at RT in 2000. 5 sts at LG LY. Michael Kodish (6-6 265 rFr).*

K MARC HICKOK SR. 6-0 182 *3 of 4 FG's in '99, L/ 38. KO's in 2000. Hit 12 of 17 FG's LY, long 47. Missed 2 50+! David Butts (6-1 240 rFr) PS#73. Matthew Nuzie (5-11 175 Fr).*

BAN UYI OSUNDE JR. 6-4 241 *4 sts, 48 tkls, 5 tfl as **true**. 9 sts at LB in 2000, 87 tkls, 5 tfl. RS in 2001. **Tyler King** (6-6 243 So) 9 sts as rFr, 29 tkls, 5.5 sks, 1 tfl, 1 pbu.*

DT GREG SMOOT SR. 6-3 266 *PS#243RB. 10 sts as **true**, 32 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts in 2000, 34 tkls, 6 tfl. 11 sts LY, 26 tkls, 3.5 sks, 2 tfl. Warren Spivey (6-0 284 So) PS#338. 3 tkls LY.*

DT SEAN MULCAHY JR. 6-6 269 ***PS#120OL**. 6 sts as true, 29 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts LY, 41 tkls, 2.5 sks, 1 int. Chris Clarke (6-0 262 Jr) PS#435OL. 7 tkls as true. 3 tkls, inj'd LY.*

DE RYAN BUSHEY SO. 6-4 255 *PS#251DL & orig signed at **Auburn**. 11 sts here LY, 22 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl. Hakeem Kashama (6-3 251 Jr) Canadian. 7 sts in 2000, 25 tkls. Inj'd LY.*

WLB Maurice Lloyd So. 5-10 207 *L/5 sts as **true**, 60 tkls, 3 tfl. **Deon Anderson** (5-10 220 Fr) PS#97RB. Shawn Mayne (6-3 210 Fr) PS#107. Canadian. Cedric Baylor (5-11 217 Jr).*

MLB RAZUL WALLACE SR. 6-1 224 *7 sts in 2000, 97 tkls, 2 sks, 17 tfl. 9 sts LY, 72 tkls, 8 tfl. Alfred Fincher (6-1 218 So) PS#301. 10 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Michael McIntosh (5-11 220 Jr) 8 tkls LY.*

Husky JAMAL LUNDY SR. 5-11 212 *L/5 sts as true, 53 tkls. 11 sts in 2000, 102 tkls, 10 tfl at FS. 11 sts LY, 88 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl. **Kinnan Herriott** (5-11 197 So) **PS#83DB**, 6 tkls as true.*

CB JUSTIN PERKINS SO. 5-10 166 *11 sts as rFr, 61 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int, 9 pbu. Jason Dellaselva (5-8 190 Jr) PS#198DB. 30 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 pbu as **true.** RB in 2001, 10 KR (26.7).*

CB ROY HOPKINS SR. 5-9 178 *9 sts as true, 47 tkls, 3 pbu. 11 sts in '99, 78 tkls, 6 pbu, 1 int. RS in 2000. 11 sts LY, 48 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Marlon Jones (5-9 162 So) PS#234RB. 14 tkls as **true.***

SS CHRIS MEYER JR. 6-0 190 *5 sts as true, 45 tkls, 3 pbu. 11 sts LY, #1 w/94 tkls, **4 int**, 4 pbu. Trenton Jones (6-1 202 Jr) 5 sts as true, 33 tkls. 14 tkls LY. Ezra Carey PS#351JC LY.*

FS TERRANCE SMITH JR. 5-10 187 *PS#366. 7 sts at CB as true, 60 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. 11 sts at FS LY, 54 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Cory McKinney (6-2 204 rFr). John Fletcher (5-9 167 So) 1 st as true.*

P ADAM COLES JR. 6-5 228 *Australian rules football in HS. 56 punts in 2000, 40.5 average net of 35.9. 81 punts in 2001, 39.2 avg, net of 34.8. 32 punts inside the 20!*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Deon Anderson	5-10 220 PS#97
LB	Shawn Mayne	6-3 210 PS#107
RB	Terry Caulley	5-7 175 PS#148
WR	Danny Desriveaux	5-11 175 PS#140
DL	Jason Ward	6-4 240 PS#162
OL	Craig Berry	6-6 275 PS#220
RB	James Hargrave	5-11 211 PS#286
DB	Matt Bonislawski	6-3 190 PS#345
RB	Lechaz Green	5-11 205 PS#361
RB	Cornell Brockington	6-0 200 PS#362
DB	Brandon Young	6-1 195 PS#430
WR	Ernest Cole	5-11 175 PS#483
DL	Ziggy Goryn	6-4 220 PS#452
TE	Dan Murray	6-5 220 PS#200

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CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 7	Georgia Tech	G					
Sep. 14	at Buffalo	G					
Sep. 21	Ohio U	G					
Sep. 28	Ball St	G					
Oct. 5	at Miami (Fla)	G					
Oct. 12							
Oct. 19	Temple (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 2	Florida Atlantic	G					
Nov. 9	Kent St	G					
Nov. 16	at Navy	G					
Nov. 23	at Iowa St	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Huskies are 1-5 SU but 4-2 ATS the last 6 on artificial turf.
UConn is 4-1 SU in the last 5 meetings vs regional rival Northeastern.
Connecticut is moving into a new 40,000+ seat stadium next season.

This is only the 2nd meeting vs the Eagles since 1928 (BC won 55-3 in 2000).
UConn is 0-2 SU, but 2-0 ATS in road openers the last 2 years.

This is the first time UConn will play an ACC opponent since 1990.
Huskies are 0-2 SU & ATS L2Y in 1st lined HG's being outscored 103-30.

UConn is 5-1 SU but 0-2 ATS vs the Bulls since 1995.
Connecticut has been favored in both lined meetings vs Buffalo.

Huskies have outscored MAC foes 142-50 at Memorial Stadium.
Pending LW: UConn is 3-4 SU, 4-3 ATS vs MAC schools last 2 years.

Could apply pending earlier results: Huskies are 3-1 as a HD L2Y, 3-0 LY.
UConn is 0-2 SU, 1-1 ATS & have been outscored 39-5 L2Y in this short series.

Huskies are 1-6 SU but 6-1 ATS when they are a 20+ dog the last 2 years.
UConn is 0-2 SU & ATS in gms prior to a bye having been outscored 95-24.

Huskies are 1-1 SU but 2-0 ATS in games after a bye the last 2 years.
UConn came into 2002 being outscored 40-182 by Big East foes the last 2 years.

This is the first time UConn will battle a SEC opponent in Div IA history.
Huskies are 1-2 SU and ATS the last 2 years on the road in October.

Won't apply: UConn is 3-3 ATS L2Y in November, but 3-1 ATS LY, 0-7 SU.
Florida Atlantic Owls went 4-6 LY as an Independent Div IAA school.

May apply: UConn is 1-1 SU, but 0-2 ATS as a fav vs MAC schools L2Y.
This will be the final game ever played at Memorial Stadium.

Huskies have been outscored 144-62 L2Y vs Independent IA teams.
UConn is 0-3 SU, 1-2 ATS vs other Independent foes last 2 years.

First time UConn will play a Big 12 school in their Div IA history.
UConn is 0-2 SU & ATS, being outscored 85-7, L2Y in season road finales.

RANDY EDSALL (Career 9-24)

4th Year at Connecticut

Edsall's records AT CONNECTICUT

9-24	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
10-7	Vs The Spread	3-1	Home Dog
7-5	Off A S/U Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
1-2	Vs Conference	7-4	Away Dog
		9-5	Vs Non-Conf

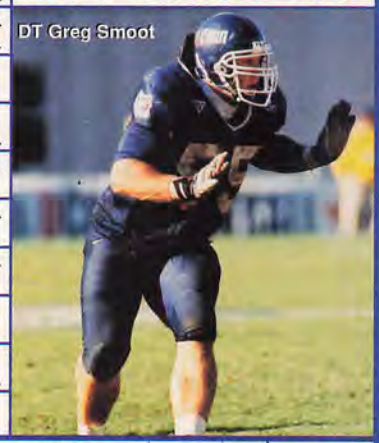
2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (17,22,2)
Lost: 10 (5,5,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,536

INDEPENDENT


DT Greg Smoot

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (16,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	4-6	7-4	10-3	4-7	3-8	2-9	38-40
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	7-3	10-7
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	3-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	4-2	7-4
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-2
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	7-2	10-5
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	5-2	6-5
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	4-2
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	6-2	9-5
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5-2	7-5

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Taber Small	100	364	38	326	4	3.3
Chris Bellamy	61	272	35	237	0	3.9
Keron Henry	61	279	113	166	2	2.7
Evan Benson	66	191	28	163	2	2.5
Chandler Poole	30	120	1	119	0	4.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dan Orlovsky	269	128	47.6	1379	9	11
Keron Henry	106	41	38.7	478	1	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cliff Hill	40	397	9.9	1	44
Jasen Ridley	27	255	9.4	1	48
Wes Timko	19	275	14.5	1	60
Rashad Drayton	16	199	12.4	2	33
O'Neil Wilson	14	198	14.1	2	54

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Coles	81	3172	39.2	–	34.8	1	32

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Marc Hickok	4-4	4-6	4-5	0-2	12-17	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Meyer	94	0	2	4	4
Jamal Lundy	88	3	5	6	0
Razul Wallace	72	0	8	0	0
Justin Perkins	61	0	6	9	1
Maurice Lloyd	60	0	3	0	0
Terrance Smith	54	0	1	2	1
Roy Hopkins	48	0	1	4	1
Sean Mulcahy	41	2.5	0	1	1
Justin Cook	36	1.5	0	0	0
Kamari Stroman	35	2	4	0	0
Tyler King	29	5.5	1	1	0
John Fletcher	29	1	2	2	0
Greg Smoot	26	3.5	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cliff Hill	28	101	3.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Dellaselva	10	267	26.7	0
Matt Cutaia	12	239	19.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CONNECTICUT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	17.5	16	77	2.3	169	44.9	14.1	-5	2001	9	33.6	21	179	4.3	227	60.1	12.1
7	20.0	20	82	2.7	262	54.2	17.2	-7	2000	7	33.5	22	223	4.8	200	62.7	12.6
6	23.2	18	113	3.0	196	51.6	13.3	-11	1999	7	34.8	23	180	4.5	257	62.2	12.5
–	35.5	23	148	3.9	276	56.0	12.0	+10	1998	–	31.8	24	231	4.8	244	57.3	14.9
–	36.2	20	158	4.1	210	54.9	11.6	+6	1997	–	22.4	21	144	3.4	244	55.6	17.3
–	24.4	19	143	3.4	179	23.6	15.6	0	1996	–	19.1	18	136	3.5	200	58.4	17.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Virginia Tech	10	27 - 74	2.7	10 - 29	110	0	29	46 - 283	6.2	21 - 30	323	1	-1
E Washington	15	40 - 90	2.3	9 - 21	104	3	26	30 - 146	4.9	28 - 42	384	0	0
Buffalo	11	35 - 115	3.3	7 - 22	106	1	25	45 - 149	3.3	23 - 41	237	2	-1
at Rutgers	16	28 - 75	2.7	16 - 30	140	3	18	50 - 130	2.6	12 - 28	132	4	+1
E Michigan	17	40 - 108	2.7	14 - 32	180	0	12	28 - 31	1.1	20 - 40	160	1	+3
at S Florida	24	38 - 135	3.6	22 - 42	209	5	23	32 - 64	2.0	25 - 39	270	2	0
Ball St	17	27 - 52	1.9	22 - 39	189	0	14	45 - 147	3.3	10 - 16	101	1	0
at Cincinnati	20	25 - 28	1.1	27 - 51	382	3	20	52 - 243	4.7	13 - 27	245	1	-2
Utah St	19	26 - 34	1.3	19 - 51	245	3	17	39 - 113	2.9	20 - 31	234	7	-3
at Mid Tenn St	18	42 - 118	2.8	11 - 31	102	7	26	52 - 327	6.3	13 - 18	201	0	0
at Temple	7	36 - 23	0.6	12 - 28	90	4	20	42 - 339	8.1	14 - 19	205	0	-2
TOTALS	174	364 - 852	2.3	169 - 376	1857	29	230	461 - 1972	4.3	199 - 331	2492	19	-5
AVERAGES	15.8	33 - 77	2.3	15 - 34	169	2.6	20.9	42 - 179	4.3	18 - 30	227	1.7	-0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northeastern	NL	38-26	–
at Hofstra	NL	35-31	–
at Yale	NL	28-0	–
Buffalo	NL	55-0	–
at Maine	NL	47-49	–
William & Mary	NL	17-38	–
Rhode Island	NL	37-21	–
Boston U	NL	45-7	–
at Delaware	NL	29-37	–
at Massachusetts	NL	49-16	–
New Hampshire	NL	18-21	–

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colgate	NL	45-35	–
Maine	NL	35-27	–
at Yale	NL	63-21	–
at New Hampshire	NL	20-34	–
Hofstra	NL	40-18	–
Massachusetts	NL	44-41	–
Rhode Island	NL	31-17	–
at Northeastern	NL	32-22	–
Delaware	NL	17-59	–
at William & Mary	NL	34-26	–
at Massachusetts	NL	28-27	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hofstra	NL	17-56	–
at Kentucky	NL	14-45	–
Buffalo	NL	23-0	–
at Maine	NL	34-20	–
Rhode Island	NL	20-9	–
Villanova	NL	45-48	–
at James Madison	NL	14-48	–
Richmond	NL	21-28	–
Northeastern	NL	29-24	–
New Hampshire	NL	18-43	–
at Massachusetts	NL	20-62	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Michigan	+20	25-32	W
Colgate	NL	37-7	–
at Buffalo	-14'	24-21	L
Northeastern	NL	27-35	–
at Louisville	+30	22-41	W
at Boston College	+29	3-55	L
at Akron	+22	38-35	W
S Florida	NL	13-21	–
Mid Tenn St	+10'	10-66	L
Rhode Island	NL	21-26	–
at Ball St	+16'	0-29	L

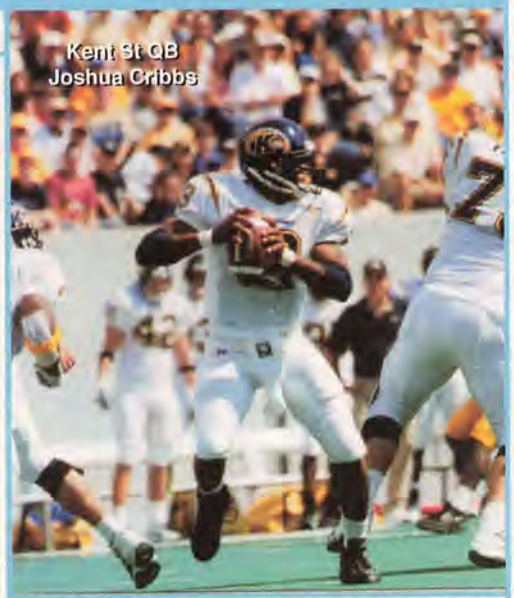
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+49	10-52	W
E Washington	NL	17-35	–
Buffalo	-6'	20-37	L
at Rutgers	+18'	20-19	W
E Michigan	+1'	19-0	W
at S Florida	+17'	21-40	L
Ball St	+10'	5-10	W
at Cincinnati	+25	28-45	W
Utah St	+15	31-38	W
at Mid Tenn St	+26'	14-38	W
at Temple	+19	7-56	L

MAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 MAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Byron Leftwich, Marshall	Ben Roethlisberger, Miami	Joshua Cribbs, Kent St	Ryan Schneider, UCF
RB	Thomas Hammock, N Ill	Alex Haynes, UCF	Brandon Payne, Akron	Marcus Sanders, Akron
RB	Terrence Jackson, C Mich	Marcus Merriweather, Ball St	Franklin Wallace, Marshall	Chris R. Roberson, E Mich
WR	Darius Watts, Marshall	Denero Marriott, Marshall	Jimmy Fryzel, UCF	Josh Davis, Marshall
WR	Doug Gabriel, UCF	Jason Branch, Miami	Jermaine Lewis, W Mich	Darrell Dowery, Kent St
TE	Chad Bartoszek, Buffalo	Jason Rader, Marshall	Michael Gaines, UCF	Chris Holmes, Toledo
C	Colin Johnson, Ball St	Eric Weber, Buffalo	Jon Mazur, BGSU	Todd Ghilani, N Illinois
G	Kyle Croskey, C Mich	Kevin Kramer, W Mich	Travis Barclay, Ball St	Dan Davis, E Mich
G	David Ashkinaz, UCF	Dennis Thompson, Ohio	Steven Perretta, Marshall	Shaun Schroeder, N Illinois
T	Nate McPeek, Marshall	Dennis Wendel, BGSU	Joel Reikowski, Kent St	Brian Huff, UCF
T	Tim Vincent, N Illinois	Steve Sciullo, Marshall	Nic Kaczur, Toledo	Kris Berry, Ball St
DL	Roy Williams, UCF	Marques Hayes, Akron	Anthony Falbo, N Illinois	Matt Kudu, E Mich
DL	Ryan Terry, Miami	Orlando Washington, Marshall	Chaz Williams, Toledo	Jari Brown, E Mich
DL	DeMarcus Johnson, UCF	Garrett Bush, Ohio	Marlan Hicks, Marshall	Terrance Dawson, Buffalo
DL	Elton Patterson, UCF	Anthony Allsbury, W Mich	Dwayne LeFall, Akron	Obadiah Harris, Buffalo
LB	Tom Ward, Toledo	Matt Robillard, Miami	Antoine Poe, UCF	Ryan Myers, Akron
LB	Chad Mascoe, UCF	Larry Williams, N Illinois	Lamar Wilcher, Buffalo	Nathan Clayton, Miami
LB	Nick Duffy, N Illinois	Jovan Clarke, C Mich	Terrell Jones, Miami	David Gardner, Toledo
CB	Brandon Hefflin, Toledo	Asante Samuel, UCF	Rovel Hamilton, UCF	Jesse Avant, Ball St
CB	Eugene Childs, W Mich	Jehu Anderson, Toledo	Gary Magee, Kent St	Vince Thompson, N Illinois
SS	Joe Sellers, Ohio	Matt Pusateri, Miami	Akil Grant, N Illinois	J.J. Gibson, Buffalo
FS	Peter Sands, UCF	Lionel Hickenbottom, N Ill	Chris Crocker, Marshall	Mark Graham, Buffalo
K	Kevin Kerr, Ohio	Steve Azar, N Illinois	Eric Klaban, E Mich	Travis Mayle, Kent St
P	Curtis Head, Marshall	Adam Anderson, W Mich	Reggie Hodges, Ball St	Patrick Fleming, BGSU
KR	Joe Alls, BGSU	Randee Drew, N Illinois	Jason Caesar, Ohio	Sean Schembra, Ball St
PR	Donta Greene, Toledo	Robert Redd, BGSU	Eddie Tillitz, Miami	PJ Fleck, N Illinois


Kent St QB
Joshua Cribbs

MAC Notes: Since the MAC has expanded to 14 teams with the arrival of UCF, they will convert to the old format of counting all MAC games for the MAC Division Titles. The past two years they've only counted divisional games in the standings. This year's MAC Championship will be Dec 7 at the site of the Eastern Division Champ. The MAC has made some great strides in recent years and actually has a 5-1 mark in their last 6 bowl games!! Last year both Toledo and Marshall finished in the Top 25 in the USA Today/Coaches poll. This year they add another talented team in Central Florida boosting the overall level of play. With the abundance of bowls this year and some high quality teams, the MAC has a shot at bagging 3 bowl berths this year.

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 MAC FORECAST

MAC EAST 1. MARSHALL - Marshall was ripe for the taking the last 2 years but still managed to get to the MAC Title game in each, despite massive graduation losses. After having just 10 starters back last year, they have 15 back this season and only lose 12 lettermen. They have, perhaps, the NCAA's best QB in Byron Leftwich as well as one of the top receiving corps and I rate them the #1 offense in the MAC. The defense is a question mark and they still will be in the bottom half of the rankings but the schedule is kind, as they get their toughest two foes, Miami, OH and UCF at home and Marshall is almost unbeatable at home which should be enough to get the MAC East Title.

(Tie) 2. UCF - UCF is the 2nd most talented team in the MAC and clearly in Marshall's class. They have just 10 starters back but get some outstanding additions on the defensive side and may have more athletic talent than last year's fine unit which ranked #16 in the NCAA rankings. They will also be very potent offensively with a pass attack rivaling Marshall's. Despite the losses on the defensive side of the ball, they could have the best defense in the MAC this year. Unfortunately for UCF the MAC schedule maker put them on the road against both Marshall and Miami, Oh, that keeps me from calling for them to win the conference crown, but they are a clear contender.

(Tie) 2. MIAMI, OH - The 3 best teams in the MAC all reside in the East and Miami comes in with my #3 rated offense and #3 rated defense. They are a school with a lot of tradition that has had 7 straight winning years, and are looking to make it 8 in a row. They do have 13 starters returning, including QB Ben Roethlisberger who will make them potent. They actually lost their last 3 games of the season last year in tough fashion with a hard luck loss to Marshall, a last second loss to Hawaii and then after a long plane flight, a 4 point loss to Kent St or could have done much better than their 7-5 record. They do have a road trip to Toledo from the MAC West, which is the reason I don't have them taking 2nd outright. I expect them to finish with a 6-2 record and tie with UCF. They could very well be 5-1 or 6-0 heading into the final 2 games which will determine the MAC East Title as they travel to Marshall and play at home vs UCF.

4. AKRON - I know Akron only has 10 starters back this year but they suffered a hard luck season last season as their team was hit hard by injuries and had some tight losses. I like what Lee Owens is doing with the program and that is probably the biggest factor for me choosing Akron over Kent this year. They pull E Michigan and C Michigan from the MAC West, while Kent has to face the top 2 teams talent-wise in N Illinois and Bowling Green. While Akron must travel to Kent, those two schools are very close so it is not really a road trip and that has me giving them the edge for 4th place in a very tough league.

5. KENT ST - Congratulations to the Kent athletic director who did not make the mistake many other schools do which is firing a coach after 3 years and no production. Dean Pees was just 3-30 in his first 3 years but uncovered a gem in true frosh QB Joshua Cribbs and he guided the team to a stunning 6-5 record last year, to end a streak of 13 straight losing seasons. Kent has my #6 rated offense in the MAC overall this year and #8 rated defense and will be looking for more magic from Cribbs. As I mention above, they pull both N Illinois and Bowling Green out of the MAC West, which is a tough draw but this team is capable of matching or beating last year's 6 win total.

6. OHIO U - A lot was expected of OU last year as they were 7-4 in 2000 and had practically everyone back. After outscoring foes by an average of 12.3 ppg in 2000 that same group was outscored by an average of 11.4 ppg, for a stunning turnaround. This year the losses are heavy as they have the fewest number of returning starters in the MAC at 9 and must replace 19 lettermen. This looks like a rebuilding year for the Bobcats, but they could be a surprise. They have home games against Buffalo and E Michigan, and both should be victories. They also host Akron, which gives them a good shot at moving up in the standings. Hopefully OU's AD will be as patient with Brian Knorr as Kent was with Pees, as it figures to be a rocky couple year's for Knorr but they should escape the basement this season.

7. BUFFALO - I think Buffalo is making big strides and they won 2 IA games on the road last year vs UConn and Army, and both were fun to watch. While the athletes get better, bigger, faster and stronger each year here, and they add more depth, this season they only have 13 starters back including just 4 on defense. That defensive liability and the lack of an experienced QB, has it looking like a tough year for the Bulls. Also, most of their home games are against the MAC's upper echelon teams. This team keeps making strides with 3 MAC wins in 3 years but it looks like a rebuilding year in 2002.

MAC WEST 1. N ILLINOIS - The big question for the Huskies this year is going to be at QB. Last year a lot of rookie QB's fared very well in MAC play, but the QB is not as huge a part of the N Illinois offense as it is for many other schools. The Huskies also have my #2 rated defense in the MAC this year with 9 starters back on that side of the ball. NI gets the advantage of facing 2 of their major conference rivals, Toledo & Bowling Green, at home. This race will probably come down to the wire and it would not surprise me to see a 3 way tie for the top but I will call for the Huskies to take care of business at home and prevail.

2. TOLEDO - This is clearly a rebuilding year for UT as they have the fewest returning starters (11) in over 10 years and must replace 23 lettermen, the most in the league. They also draw two tough games with Miami, OH and UCF out of the East. Despite the losses of 4 DL starters, I still like the athletic talent that UT has at its disposal and they are a very tough home team. They host both C Michigan and Bowling Green, which could be key games including the November 30th finale which may or may not determine the MAC West Title. As mentioned above, a 3 way tie would not surprise me but I'll pick the Rockets for 2nd and they are a clear contender to repeat as MAC Champs.

3. BOWLING GREEN - Only 1 team in the MAC benefitted from double digit turnovers last year and that was BG with +17. They also caught some breaks in a few games and had a glorious season going from 2-9 to 8-3, the second biggest increase record in the NCAA. This year they have a veteran offense returning with 8 starters back but only have 4 starters back on the defensive side of the ball. Last season they had my top rated defense in the MAC but now will be in the middle of the road in that category. They also have to travel to both N Illinois and Toledo but they do avoid Marshall, Miami, OH and UCF from the MAC East. Four of my 7 power ratings project BG the strongest team in the West, but with the 2 tough road trips, I will peg them third.

4. C MICHIGAN - Here is one of my surprise teams this year as I think CM could be in for a turnaround. They have the fewest lettermen lost in the MAC with just 10 departing and have 17 starters back. They caught some tough breaks last season including some close games. Their offense actually averaged 427.9 ypg in MAC play, which was 2nd best in the league despite finishing 9th overall averaging just 22.3 ppg. After being at the bottom of my ratings both offensively and defensively last year, I have them as the 7th best offense and 7th best defense in the MAC and this experienced team could pull some surprises and be a surprise contender in this division.

5. BALL ST - Bill Lynch has come close with a pair of 5-6 seasons the last 2 years and last season they could have been the MAC West co-champions. Against the Huskies they had the outright title in their grasp and were actually outgaining NI by 447-341. They lost by 4 pts in the end which cost them the MAC Title Game and a winning season. This year they have 13 starters back but have to replace 21 lettermen. They host EM, WM and Buffalo which could be 3 victories. I think they will be favored in 5 of their 12 games this year, and if they take care of business in those games, they need just 1 upset to avoid a losing season and it should be an exciting year for Cardinals' fans.

6. W MICHIGAN - It is tough to put a Gary Darnell team down this low in the ratings, especially when they are so tough at home. Last year they were hit hard by injuries, especially at the QB position. WM appears to be in a rebuilding year with only 11 starters back, the 3rd fewest in the MAC. They do draw Buffalo from the MAC East, but the home schedule is daunting with UCF, N Illinois and Toledo all invading. This team is definitely capable get back to the plus side of the ledger and if they maintain their tough home field edge. WM should move up the standings, but with only 4 starters back on offense, I will peg them here.

7. E MICHIGAN - EM is a rebuilding team as they have just 11 starters back and 21 lettermen lost with only 29 lettermen back, the lowest total in the MAC. They were 12th in the MAC on offense and 12th on defense last year in my rankings. It will be extremely tough for them to move up much farther in the rankings as the MAC overall is a much improved conference. Last season they were outscored by an average of 12.9 ppg in league play and 14.5 ppg overall. I look for them to continue to make strides in that category and be more competitive this season but that may not translate into more MAC victories and it looks like a 2nd consecutive season in the MAC West cellar.

2001 MAC VS MAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
16	Marshall	38.9	1	531.9	1	162.3	7	4.4	4	369.6	67.6	1	13.7	11	10
41	Toledo	35.9	2	426.3	3	182.9	5	4.4	5	243.4	67.3	2	11.9	15	7
75	Akron	29.5	3	408.4	4	196.9	4	4.1	6	211.5	60.6	4	13.8	8	13
77	BGSU	28.5	4	375.8	6	179.1	6	3.8	7	196.6	58.0	6	13.2	13	22
88	Miami (Oh)	26.9	7	372.1	7	119.3	11	3.2	12	252.9	61.6	3	13.8	12	26
92	W Michigan	26.0	8	358.6	8	112.6	12	3.3	11	246.0	54.0	7	13.8	15	25
93	N Illinois	27.9	6	323.9	11	127.6	9	3.1	13	196.3	50.5	11	11.6	10	17
95	Kent St	24.5	9	391.5	5	234.3	2	5.7	1	157.3	58.1	5	16.0	14	18
97	C Michigan	22.3	11	427.9	2	228.3	3	4.6	3	199.6	53.3	8	19.2	16	15
103	Ball St	28.4	5	355.9	9	158.9	8	3.5	9	197.0	51.2	10	12.5	18	20
104	Ohio	20.0	12	316.1	12	250.0	1	4.8	2	66.1	43.6	13	15.8	15	9
113	Buffalo	15.9	13	315.5	13	112.0	13	3.3	10	203.5	47.6	12	19.9	18	19
115	E Michigan	23.4	10	339.4	10	127.9	10	3.6	8	211.6	51.3	9	14.5	13	22

2001 TEAM DEFENSIVE MAC VS MAC STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
40	BGSU	17.1	1	287.6	1	80.1	1	2.52	1	207.5	52.1	5	16.8	24	19
64	Toledo	30.1	9	311.3	2	97.3	2	2.62	2	214.0	57.4	9	10.3	12	25
70	Miami (Oh)	21.0	2	320.0	3	156.9	3	3.85	4	163.1	48.9	1	15.2	13	18
73	W Michigan	23.8	5	362.4	5	187.5	9	4.01	5	174.9	57.9	10	15.3	17	24
78	Kent St	22.4	4	357.0	4	163.6	4	3.60	3	193.4	55.9	6	16.0	15	24
85	N Illinois	29.1	8	404.3	10	180.4	6	4.15	7	223.9	56.4	8	13.9	16	20
87	Ball St	27.3	7	381.0	7	173.9	5	4.59	11	207.1	50.0	2	14.0	11	24
89	Buffalo	27.0	6	373.6	6	193.0	11	4.13	6	180.6	64.9	12	13.8	11	7
92	Marshall	21.8	3	401.5	9	203.4	13	4.53	10	198.1	52.1	4	18.5	6	23
94	Ohio	30.6	11	445.1	12	190.0	10	4.37	9	255.1	69.6	13	14.5	11	13
104	C Michigan	32.1	12	441.3	11	198.9	12	4.81	13	242.4	52.0	3	13.7	9	11
108	E Michigan	36.3	13	396.1	8	184.6	7	4.22	8	211.6	56.2	7	10.9	10	7
112	Akron	30.3	10	455.4	13	186.9	8	4.66	12	268.5	59.0	11	15.1	13	20

Ball St RB
Marcus Merriweather

2001 MAC STANDINGS

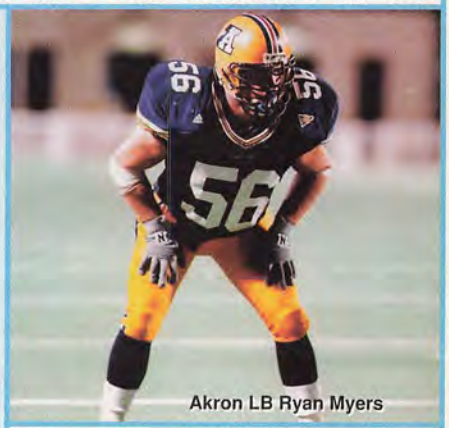
	Conference				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Marshall	8	1	361	215	10	2	448	308
BGSU	5	3	228	137	8	3	333	215
Miami (Oh)	6	2	215	168	7	5	319	309
Kent St	5	3	196	179	6	5	248	281
Akron	4	4	236	242	4	7	281	360
Buffalo	1	7	127	216	3	8	205	286
Ohio	1	7	160	245	1	10	198	323
	Conference				All Games			
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Toledo	6	2	292	247	9	2	384	281
N Illinois	4	3	195	204	6	5	303	292
Ball St	4	3	199	191	5	6	268	296
W Michigan	4	4	208	190	5	6	277	266
C Michigan	2	6	178	257	3	8	251	346
E Michigan	1	6	164	254	2	9	197	356

2000 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Marshall	5	3	240	222	7	5	342	283
Akron	5	3	240	181	6	5	333	295
Ohio	5	3	253	152	7	4	343	208
Miami (Oh)	5	3	208	184	6	5	272	286
Buffalo	2	6	149	306	2	9	177	452
BGSU	2	6	137	182	2	9	174	289
Kent St	1	7	91	258	1	10	128	359
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
W Michigan	7	1	269	99	9	3	359	139
Toledo	6	1	259	79	10	1	400	125
N Illinois	4	3	286	194	6	5	409	280
Ball St	4	3	150	209	5	6	212	349
E Michigan	2	5	121	204	3	8	209	350
C Michigan	2	6	117	250	2	9	137	376

1999 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Marshall	9	0	332	121	12	0	442	134
Miami (Oh)	6	2	238	166	7	4	335	264
Akron	5	3	231	200	7	4	315	314
Ohio	5	3	227	178	5	6	271	287
BGSU	3	5	213	237	5	6	296	312
Kent St	2	6	159	257	2	9	213	376
Buffalo	0	8	96	333	0	11	130	426
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
W Mich	6	3	267	211	7	5	373	342
Toledo	5	3	240	157	6	5	293	229
N Illinois	5	3	237	204	5	6	289	289
E Mich	4	4	216	211	4	7	239	338
C Mich	3	5	173	222	4	7	229	344
Ball St	0	8	117	249	0	11	157	361


Akron LB Ryan Myers

SACKS

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
James Harrison, KSU	12	75	Anthony Allsbury, WMU	7	47
David Bockmore, UT	8	44	**Jason Babin, WMU**	**7**	**35**
Evan Triggs, BSU	8	36	Bob Petrovic, Mia	6	47
Brandon Hicks, BGSU	7	56	**Marques Hayes, UA**	**6**	**41**
Chris Glantzis, BGSU	7	51	Ryan Wingrove, BGSU	6	30

TFL

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Kenny Philpot, EMU	35	79	Scott Russell, EMU	15	39
James Harrison, KSU	20	91	Rachman Crable, BSU	14	47
David Bockmore, UT	18	70	Chris Shelly, Buff	14	47
Ryan Wingrove, BGSU	16	52	**Lorenzo Scott, BSU**	**14**	**42**
Jovan Clarke, CMU	**15**	**55**	Ralph Street, Mar	11	29

Marshall OT
Nate McPeek

2001 MAC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Byron Leftwich, Mar	**470**	**315**	**67.0**	**7**	**4132**	**8.8**	**38**	**164.6**
Tavares Bolden, UT	291	200	68.7	5	2331	8.0	13	147.3
Ben Roethlisberger, Mia	**381**	**241**	**63.3**	**13**	**3105**	**8.1**	**25**	**146.5**
Andy Sahm, BGSU	**198**	**122**	**61.6**	**10**	**1326**	**6.7**	**11**	**126.1**
Charlie Frye, UA	**289**	**170**	**58.8**	**6**	**2053**	**7.1**	**9**	**124.6**
Joshua Cribbs, KSU	**238**	**131**	**55.0**	**5**	**1516**	**6.4**	**10**	**118.2**
Talmadge Hill, BSU	**301**	**159**	**52.8**	**15**	**1953**	**6.5**	**13**	**111.6**
Chris Finlen, NIU	331	166	50.2	9	2036	6.2	14	110.3
Joe Freedy, Buff	371	187	50.4	15	2077	5.6	10	98.2

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Darius Watts, Mar	**12**	**91**	**1417**	**18**	**118.1**	**7.6**	**15.6**
Robert Redd, BGSU	**11**	**72**	**884**	**9**	**80.4**	**6.5**	**12.3**
Josh Davis, Mar	**12**	**79**	**961**	**5**	**80.1**	**6.6**	**12.2**
Darrell Hill, NIU	11	38	822	7	74.7	3.5	21.6
Denero Marriott, Mar	**11**	**56**	**800**	**9**	**72.7**	**5.1**	**14.3**
Kevin Walter, EMU	**11**	**62**	**748**	**6**	**68.0**	**5.6**	**12.1**
PJ Fleck, NIU	**11**	**59**	**732**	**5**	**66.5**	**5.4**	**12.4**
Michael Larkin, Mia	**11**	**37**	**672**	**5**	**61.1**	**3.4**	**18.2**
Rob Turner, CMU	**11**	**50**	**668**	**4**	**60.7**	**4.5**	**13.4**
David Bautista, BGSU	11	52	661	4	60.1	4.7	12.7

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Chester Taylor, UT	11	268	1430	5.3	20	130.0
Marcus Merriweather, BSU	**10**	**268**	**1244**	**4.6**	**12**	**124.4**
Terrance Jackson, CMU	**11**	**252**	**1194**	**4.7**	**10**	**108.5**
Thomas Hammock, NIU	**11**	**268**	**1096**	**4.1**	**7**	**99.6**
Joshua Cribbs, KSU	**11**	**164**	**1019**	**6.2**	**5**	**92.6**
Bob Hendry, UA	**9**	**160**	**819**	**5.1**	**10**	**91.0**
Franklin Wallace, Mar	**10**	**152**	**796**	**5.2**	**9**	**79.6**
Chris R. Roberson, EMU	**11**	**167**	**755**	**4.5**	**3**	**68.6**
David Alston, KSU	**10**	**119**	**633**	**5.3**	**6**	**63.3**
Josh Harris, BGSU	**10**	**127**	**605**	**4.8**	**8**	**60.5**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Byron Leftwich, Mar	**12**	**64**	**92**	**470**	**4132**	**4224**	**352.0**
Ben Roethlisberger, Mia	**12**	**120**	**189**	**381**	**3105**	**3294**	**274.5**
Tavares Bolden, UT	10	62	236	291	2331	2567	256.7
Joshua Cribbs, KSU	**11**	**164**	**1019**	**238**	**1516**	**2535**	**230.5**
Chris Finlen, NIU	11	86	106	331	2036	2142	194.7
Charlie Frye, UA	**11**	**62**	**22**	**289**	**2053**	**2075**	**188.6**
Joe Freedy, Buff	11	64	-10	371	2077	2067	187.9
Talmadge Hill, BSU	**11**	**98**	**79**	**301**	**1953**	**2032**	**184.7**
Josh Harris, BGSU	**10**	**126**	**605**	**133**	**1022**	**1627**	**162.7**
Andy Sahm, BGSU	**10**	**52**	**33**	**198**	**1326**	**1359**	**135.9**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Max Yates, Mar	12	92	67	159	13.2
Nick Duffy, NIU	**11**	**92**	**33**	**125**	**11.4**
Tom Ward, UT	**11**	**73**	**51**	**124**	**11.3**
Larry Williams, NIU	**11**	**92**	**31**	**123**	**11.2**
Lorenzo Scott, BSU	**11**	**71**	**51**	**122**	**11.1**
Bryan Lape, WMU	11	77	43	120	10.9
Justin Beriault, BSU	**11**	**71**	**45**	**116**	**10.5**
Scott Russell, EMU	11	62	53	115	10.5
Akil Grant, NIU	**11**	**79**	**35**	**114**	**10.4**
Kenny Philpot, EMU	11	55	57	112	10.2

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Dave Zastudil, OU	11	50	2280	45.6
Curtis Head, Mar	**12**	**45**	**1996**	**44.4**
Jimmy Erwin, NIU	**11**	**60**	**2507**	**41.8**
Reggie Hodges, BSU	**11**	**60**	**2481**	**41.3**
Brandon Hannum, UT	**11**	**48**	**1964**	**40.9**
Brian Brandt, CMU	**11**	**72**	**2889**	**40.1**
Pat Fleming, BGSU	**11**	**54**	**2166**	**40.1**
Scott McMahan, Buff	**11**	**68**	**2642**	**38.9**
Mike Wafzig, Mia	**12**	**59**	**2276**	**38.6**

PUNT RETURNS

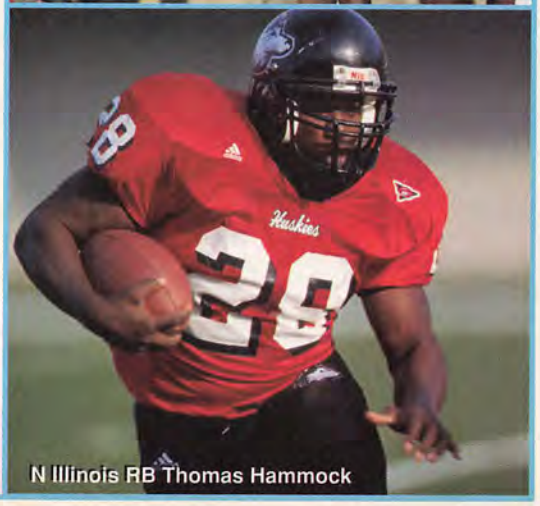
	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Donta Greene, UT	**20**	**248**	**1**	**12.4**
Robert Redd, BGSU	**35**	**385**	**1**	**11.0**
Eddie Tillitz, Mia	**25**	**269**	**1**	**10.8**
Jurron Kelly, KSU	15	145	0	9.7
PJ Fleck, NIU	**26**	**250**	**0**	**9.6**
Craig Rohlfs, Buff	15	137	0	9.1
Tedaro France, CMU	14	125	0	8.9
Stafford Owens, OU	**22**	**169**	**0**	**7.7**
Josh Davis, Mar	**20**	**132**	**0**	**6.6**
Josh Bush, WMU	25	158	0	6.3

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Corey Parchman, BSU	15	465	2	31.0
Joe Alls, BGSU	**13**	**350**	**0**	**26.9**
Roberto Terrell, Mar	**13**	**309**	**0**	**23.8**
Ron Rogers, WMU	25	583	1	23.3
Milt Bowen, Mia	**22**	**508**	**0**	**23.1**
Donta Greene, UT	**21**	**440**	**0**	**21.0**
Jason Caesar, OU	**23**	**473**	**0**	**20.6**
Randee Drew, NIU	**15**	**305**	**0**	**20.3**
Sean Schembra, BSU	**17**	**326**	**0**	**19.2**
Craig Rohlfs, Buff	16	290	0	18.1

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Mike Langford, BSU	**7**	**6**	**6**	**100.0**	**38**
Curtis Head, Mar	**12**	**9**	**10**	**90.0**	**41**
Zac Derr, UA	11	15	18	83.3	52
Steve Azar, NIU	**11**	**20**	**26**	**76.9**	**50**
Dave Pavich, KSU	11	10	13	76.9	49
Robert Menchinger, WMU	**11**	**8**	**11**	**72.7**	**35**
Todd France, UT	11	12	17	70.6	55
Eric Klaban, EMU	**11**	**7**	**10**	**70.0**	**48**
Dallas Pelz, Buff	**11**	**12**	**18**	**66.7**	**50**
Paul Savich, CMU	11	11	18	61.1	52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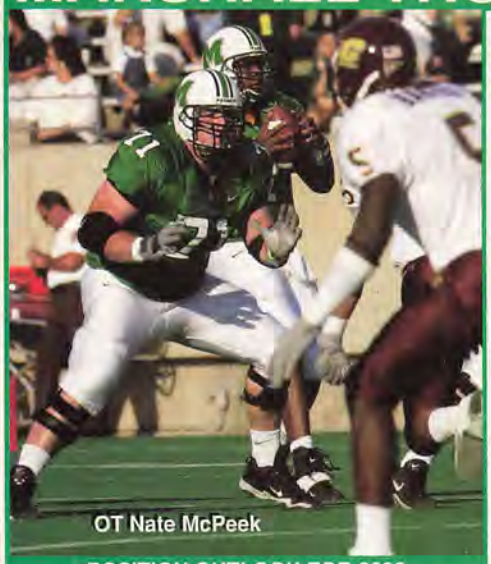
MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The Thundering Herd possess a true Heisman Trophy contender. In 2000, Byron Leftwich's very 1st year as the starter, he simply led the MAC in passing yards, completions, total offense and TD passes and yet somehow did not even earn HM MAC status. Coach Pruett has said that he is "the best QB I've been associated with." That is a big statement as Pruett coached at Florida with '96 Heisman winner Danny Wuerffel and had Chad Pennington (#1DC NYJ) who was #5 in the Heisman voting in '99 here. Last year, Leftwich had two int's vs Kent that went through the receivers hands and vs N Illinois took a hit before the half and would miss his final 9 passes of the half. Even with those 2 events, Leftwich still hit an amazing 66% for 4,708 yards and a 42-9 ratio. He also rushed for 268 yards. Keep in mind, he did all this with an inexperienced receiving corps! He's huge (6-6 240) and has a cannon for an arm and NFL scouts should be in attendance regularly. His backup last year was Stan Hill (6-3 210 So) who was PS#130. Hill had a 30-3 ratio as a senior in HS and got in 5 pass attempts here last year. Andrew English (6-3 224 So) was PS#136. Joe David Browning (6-2 212 So) was PS#252. While the depth is adequate, they need Leftwich to stay healthy and if he does, he should have a HUGE senior season and be a Heisman contender.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Marshall had a very inexperienced RB corps that was hit hard by injuries as well. Chanston Rodgers (PS#40QB) began the year as the starter, but tore his ACL and had just 204 yards. Brandon Carey (PS#155) was going to take his place but also suffered injuries which limited him to 6 games and only 234 yards. Franklin Wallace came out of nowhere to start the last six games and led the team with 633 yards (5.3). Last year Rodgers reclaimed his starting role but once again suffered an injury in the second game after rushing for 134 yards and a super 6.4 ypc. He did not play again. Carey was suspended for 3 games (Florida, UMass & N Ill) and rushed for 291 yards (3.9). Wallace (2nd Team MAC) ended up leading the team in rushing again with 882 yards (5.2). Trod Buggs (PS#220LB) was the only healthy RB in the 2H vs U Mass and ended up with 128 yards in that game. He led the team in rushing vs Kent St and Ohio U and finished with 429 yards and a team high 7.2 ypc. He's an ex-LB and is the only loss from this group. Pruett can only hope for better health. WR Chris Ray (6-0 180 Sr) was at RB in the spring to add depth and the team will get true frosh James "Tank" Tunstalle (PS#76). Tunstalle was also recruited by Notre Dame and Florida St. This group looks stronger for 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Herd suffered some heavy losses from this group, losing 4 senior starters including Nathan Poole who was 1st TM MAC for 2 straight years. Darius "Spiderman" Watts played as a true frosh in 2000 and despite the very talented group on the field, he earned enough playing time for 5 starts and snagged 39 rec's (18.1). He blossomed last year as the feature WR with one of Marshall's best seasons ever, catching 98 passes for 1,550 yards (15.8) with 20 TD's. This year they only lose TE Gregg Kellett (4 yr st'r, 25 rec, 13.4). Each of their top 3 WR's topped 1,000 yards last year!!! Watts is the #2 leading returning receiver in the NCAA, Denaro Marriott (PS#115RB) set a MAC record with 179 yards receiving in the MAC title game and then broke his own record with 234 yards in the bowl! Josh Davis set an NCAA record for rec's by a frosh with 79 during the regular season and finished with 87! A key addition is Georgia transfer Jason Rader who was PS#6TE and played as a true frosh in the SEC! Not listed in the 2 deep below are TE Joe Diefel (6-4 235 So, PS#145), TE Chase Gibson (6-4 230 rFr, PS#112), TE Jeff Mullins (6-3 252 rFr, PS#127), WR's Nate Manns (6-4 213 rFr), Robby Isaacs (6-2 185 So, PS#279), Chris Ray (6-0 180 Sr, PS#193JC), Demetrius Doss (6-3 215 Sr) and Oscar Alcantara (5-9 170 Jr, trans from Stonybrook where he played QB). This group is one of the best receiving corps in the country.

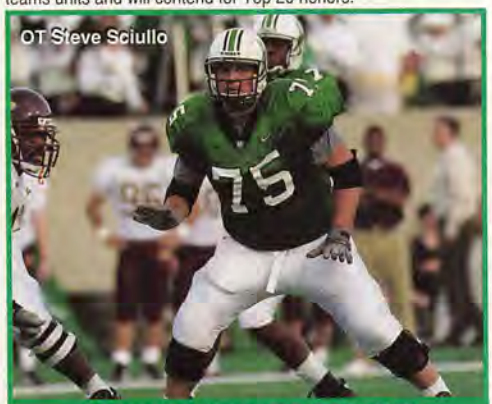
OFFENSIVE LINE - The Herd had an injury plagued O-line in 2000 and managed just 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 33 sacks (after allowing just 14 and 20 in 1998 and 1999). Last year they had to replace 2 full-time starters and a pair of backups. They did bring in a top-notch JUCO who won a starting job and last year 4 players started all 13 games and 3 of them won All MAC mention. Center Jeff Edwards probably would have been All MAC had he not missed 4 games with an injury and Joey Stepp filled in for those. Practically everyone is back this year with the exception of LG Steve Content (13 sts) and backup Anthony Bonds. Overall 8 of the top 10 are back including 5 with starting experience. Last season's group paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing and allowed just 23 sacks in 547 pass attempts (4.2%), and this should be the MAC's best O-line this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Marshall normally rotates 8 DL's on a regular basis and in 2000 they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups due to graduation but had 3 senior starters and allowed 4.0 ypc rushing while recording 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace those 3 starters, two of which were 1st Tm MAC, one of whom was a #2DC. Luckily DE Ralph Street returned last year and earned 1st Team MAC honors with 76 tkls (11.5 tfl). Not surprisingly their numbers dropped as the team allowed 4.8 ypc rushing but registered 35 sacks. This year they must replace Street as well as DE Kelvin Smith (13 sts, 81 tkls, 17 tfl) but 6 of the top 8 are back and 11 players who saw action last year return, including 5 with starting experience. Keep in mind early in the year DT Hicks and DE Street were suspended for a couple of games. This year's line has more experience, and should clearly be stronger after last year's weak performance.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Herd had a very experienced LB corps, having to replace just one starter, and they returned their star MLB Max Yates who was the #1 tackler each of the last 2 years as well as 2nd Team MAC in 1999 and 1st Team the last 2 seasons. This year the losses are heavy as all 3 starting LB's are gone. Yates departs after his 165 tackles, 5.5 sacks and 8 tfl earned him the MAC Def POY Award. Also departing are MLB Alonzo Jones (10 sts, 73 tkls, 3 tfl), OLB Michael Owens (12 sts, 105 tkls, 4 tfl), SLB Larry Davis (4 sts, 60 tkls) and WLB Sam Goines (1 st, 62 tkls, 4 tfl). They moved starting CB Terence Tarpley into the WLB spot, showing that it is mostly a hybrid safety/LB position. I list the 2 deep below but only 1 player logged significant action at LB last year in Duran Smith (49 tkls). Coach Pruett says that this is one position where the incoming freshmen could play immediately. A couple of players not listed below are Ben Poe (6-1 195 Sr) who transferred in from Liberty and DeMarcus Thomas (6-1 228 rFr). This group is much less experienced and with the loss of its star, clearly looks weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Marshall finished #7 in my pass D rankings in 1999 as they returned all 4 starters. The next year only one player departed but he was a #2 DC and they plummeted all the way down to #80. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's, each 1st Tm MAC players, as well as the starting FS but did have 5 players back with starting experience including a pair that had started 8 games. Despite being less experienced, they moved up in the rankings to #65, allowing 51.6% with a 15-14 ratio. This year the entire secondary returns but CB Terence Tarpley moves to LB so basically 3 starters are back and 5 players with starting experience. I list the 2 deep below. FS Chris Crocker was 1st Team MAC while Yancey Satterwhite led the team with 9 pbu. This unit is stronger than it was heading into last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Herd ranked in the Top 25 of my special teams rankings in both 1998 (#21) and 1999 (#19). In 2000 they dropped down to #41 as P Curtis Head did not have as good a year as 1999. Last year they had to replace their K and top PR who averaged 11.4 ypr. Marshall still finished a respectable #39. Head improved on his punting, averaging a lofty 44.4 to finish 9th best in the NCAA in the regular season. He also hit a solid 10 of 11 FG's and keep in mind FG accuracy is not included in my special teams rankings. He was 2 of 2 from 40+ but his long was 41. He did attempt a lot of xp's and while he made 56, he did miss 7 including one that sent the bowl to OT. He figures to hang on to his punting job for a 3rd consecutive year but will have to battle Sam Erny for the kicking job. Erny hit 4 of 5 FG's in HS from 50+ yards and also led his HS team in tackles with 82. Nick Kelly (PS#54) who handled some KO's last year, will also get a shot here. Their top returnmen last year were Roberto Terrell (22.9 KR) and Josh Davis (6.5 PR). With both of them now soph's, you can look for improvement. They do lose super LS Chris Massey (#7DC of STL) who had more than 500 snaps in his career without a single mistake! The team allowed 16.7 per KR but allowed 9.0 per PR. This should be one of the MAC's best special teams units and will contend for Top 20 honors.


OT Steve Sciullo

PHIL'S FORECAST

Marshall had won every MAC Title since joining the conference but had that streak come to an end last year with a loss in the championship game at Toledo. The last 2 seasons Marshall returned the fewest starters in the MAC and last year had just 10 starters back and had to replace 22 lettermen. They still finished #21 in the final ESPN/USA Today poll, appeared in their 5th straight bowl and won their 4th straight. Last year's team was riddled by suspensions at the start of the year with 2 players missing 2 games and 10 missing three. The school was recently put on probation for 4 years with the scholarship limit cut to 80 plus they cannot sign any non-qualifiers for 2 years and that's something they've relied heavily on for the past 2 seasons. Despite the future troubles those penalties could cause, this year's team is LOADED. They return 15 starters and lose just 12 lettermen. The offense, which averaged 39.4 ppg last year, could be even more potent with Heisman candidate Byron Leftwich back at the helm and an experienced O-line in front of him. Last year's receiving corps was very inexperienced and now is one of the best in the NCAA. The defense is still a little bit of a question mark with 6 starters back from a unit that allowed 28.4 ppg and 4.8 ypc rushing. While not overpowering, I do expect improvement in the defense. The key to this season is probably the schedule. The top 3 teams in the MAC all reside in the East in UCF, Marshall and Miami and Marshall gets to host both of those rivals. The Herd is 88-5 SU all-time in Marshall Stadium with just 1 loss at home under Coach Bob Pruett who had his contract extended through 2009. His 69-11 record is the best winning percentage for any active coach. With that home record, it looks like Marshall will have a great shot at winning its sixth consecutive MAC East Title.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB BYRON LEFTWICH SR. 6-6 240 13 sts in 2000, 3579 yds (60.8%), 22-10 ratio, 330 rush. 13 sts in 2001, 4708 yds (65.9%) super **42-9 ratio**, 268 rush, **MAC Off POY.**

RB FRANKLIN WALLACE JR. 6-0 190 6 sts in 2000, 633 yds (5.3), 17 rec. 11 sts LY, 882 yds (5.2), 18 rec. Brandon Carey (5-10 185 Sr). 525 yds (4.6) 2Y. Chanston Rodgers (5-10 205 Sr).

WR DENERO MARRIOTT SR. 6-1 178 12 sts LY, 71 rec, 1034 yds (14.6), **2nd Tm MAC. Set MAC rec** 179 yds rec vs Toledo, broke it in bowl w/234. Chris Martin (5-10 189 Jr) PS#178.

WR JOSH DAVIS SO. 6-1 195 Track champ in HS. Set **NCAA Fr record** with 87 rec, 1048 yds (12.0), **1st Tm MAC**. Curtis Jones (6-2 205 Sr) PS#148. 36 rec (13.9) in 2Y.

WR DARIUS WATTS JR. 6-2 183 5 sts as **true**, 39 rec (18.1). **2nd Tm AA** in 2001, **98 rec**, 1550 yds (15.8), #2 ret rec in NCAA. Brad Bates (5-11 170 So) PS#284WR.

TE Jason Rader Jr. 6-4 261 **PS#6TE**. 1 st, 2 rec @ **Georgia** as rFr. Transfer. Eddie Smolder (6-3 240 Sr) PS#121LB. 1 start in 2000, 33 tkls, 1 sk in 3Y at TE/DL.

C JEFF EDWARDS SR. 6-4 278 PS#322DL. Lettered as rFr. Last 11 starts at C in 2000. 9 starts in 2001, missed 4 w/injury. Joey Stepp (6-2 285 Jr) 4 sts at C in 2001.

RG STEVEN PERRETTA SR. 6-2 298 PS#365JUCO. 13 starts at RG here in 2001, **2nd Team MAC**. Ricardo Phillips (6-6 290 So) PS#202OL, lettered as rFr.

LG Luke Salmons Jr. 6-3 295 PS#153DL. Injured as rFr. 2nd string LY and lettered. Ryan Baynes (6-3 305 rFr) 2nd string but RS LY. Doug Gast (6-6 284 So) PS#270.

RT NATE McPEEK JR. 6-5 321 PS#435. 13 starts at RT as **true**. 13 sts in 2001 and **1st Tm MAC**. Nate Griffin (6-7 295 so) PS#315. Eric Krauss (6-4 277 Jr) PS#127.

LT STEVE SCIULLO SR. 6-6 344 13 starts at RT as rFr. 13 starts at LT in 2000. 13 starts at LT in 2001, **1st Tm MAC**. Paul Hardy (6-5 300 Sr), 2 letters.

K CURTIS HEAD SR. 5-11 179 Hit 10 of 11 FG's, long of 41 LY, 56-63 xp's. Nick Kelly (6-1 210 So) PS#54K, some KO's LY. Sam Erny (5-11 206 rFr) recruited by Pur & N'wstrn.

DE Maurice McKinney Jr. 6-3 235 10 tkls, 2 sks in 2000. 3 sts, 13 games LY, 45 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. Jonathan Goddard (6-1 250 Jr) 22 tkls, 1 sk in 2001. Paul Sinclair (6-4 250 Sr).

DT ORLANDO WASHINGTON SR. 6-2 265 PS#93. 1 st, 44 tkls, 3 sk, 5 tfl in 2000. 13 sts, 63 tkls, 3 sks, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. Toriano Brown (6-1 270 Jr) PS#108, 2 sts, 32 tkls LY.

DT MARLAN HICKS JR. 6-4 295 **PS#23DL**, 14 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 9 sts last year, 42 tkls, 4 tfl. **Josh Cordell** (6-5 298 So) PS#69TE. 2 starts, **58 tkls**, 1.5 sks, 8 tfl as rFr.

DE Jamus Martin So. 6-3 235 15 tkls, 8 gms as true. Kingsley Clark (6-5 225 Jr) 1 tkl LY. Reggie Hayes (6-4 278 So) PS#98TE, orig at NC St. 4 tkls, 1 sk here as true LY.

ILB Kevin Atkins So. 6-3 236 PS#170, 13 tkls as **true**, orig committed to Ohio St. Ashley McNeely (6-2 201 rFr) PS#283. Henry Moore (5-11 220 Sr) trans from W Virg St.

MLB Duran Smith Sr. 6-0 225 PS#302LB, 22 tkls in 1999, 7 in 2000. 49 tkls, 2 starts, 1 tfl in 2001. Dionte' Wilson (6-2 220 So) PS#226LB. 10 games as true, 5 tkls.

WLB TERENCE TARPLEY SR. 5-10 185 1 st, 19 tkls, 2 sks in '99. 2 sts at CB in 2000, 21 tkls, 1 sk. 13 sts at **CB** LY, 62 tkls, 8 pbu. Gladstone Coke (5-11 195 Jr) 93 yds rush in 2000, 6 tkls LY.

CB Roberto Terrell So. 5-9 178 1 st as rFr, 34 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 2 tfl, 15 KR (22.9). 100m qualifier in HS. Willie Smith (6-0 190 So) PS#341, 4.4 spd. Dorian Williams (5-8 158 So).

CB YANCEY SATTERWHITE SR. 5-10 178 26 tkls, 2 tfl in '99. 1 st, 26 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu, in 2000. 13 sts LY, 78 tkls, 3 sks. 4 tfl, 3 int, 9 pbu. Renaldo Williams (5-9 178 So) PS#370, 5 tkls, 1 pbu LY.

SS CHARLES TYNES JR. 6-1 210 6 sts at WLB in 2000, 43 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 pbu. 9 sts at OLB LY, 46 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl, 2 int. JT Rembert (6-1 216 So) PS#296, 20 tkls, 1 tfl as true.

FS CHRIS CROCKER SR. 5-11 190 7 tkls as rFr. 8 sts in 2000, 63 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, 3 tfl. 12 sts LY, 100 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu, 3.5 tfl. **Moriah Anderson** (6-2 187 So) PS#130QB, 1 st LY.

P CURTIS HEAD SR. 5-11 179 53 punts as true (41.3), 37.8 net, **2nd Tm MAC**. 66 punts in 2000, 40.4 avg, 36.3 net. 49 punts LY, 43.6 avg, **super 39.6 net**. 33% career punts inside 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	James Tunstalle 6-1 205 PS#76
QB	Jimmy Skinner 6-4 192 PS#85
OL	Jarrett Baisden 6-4 280 PS#179
QB	Graham Gochneaur 6-4 210 PS#351
DB	Ivan Clark 5-11 180 PS#318
LB	Dane Holland 6-2 205 PS#391
QB	Charles Hall 6-0 170 PS#296
QB	Adam Black 6-6 195 PS#324
WR	Dennis Thornton 6-0 200 PS#685
WR	Chris Royal 5-11 190 PS#580

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Aug. 31	Appalachian St	A					
Sep. 7							
Sep. 12	at Virginia Tech (Thur)	G					
Sep. 20	UCF (Fri)	A					
Sep. 28							
Oct. 5	at Kent St	A					
Oct. 12	Buffalo	A					
Oct. 19	Troy St (HC)	A					
Oct. 26	at C Michigan	A					
Nov. 2	at Akron	A					
Nov. 12	Miami, Oh (Tues)	A					
Nov. 16							
Nov. 23	at Ohio U	G					
Nov. 30	Ball St	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

MU is 88-5 SU at Marshall Stadium & have gone undefeated 7 of the L11Y.
The Herd is 0-5 ATS the last 2 years as an away dog.
Marshall is 4-1 SU but 2-3 ATS vs Bowling Green.

MU and App St were rivals when both tms were in the Southern Conf. ASU went 9-4 LY & made the IAA playoffs. No series meetings S/'96 & ASU leads 14-7.

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Tech leads the all-time SU series 5-2 with the last meeting being in 1953.

UCF has not played on a Friday since Daunte Culpepper's 1st game in '95.
Marshall is 16-8-1 ATS as a home favorite since 1996.

The Herd are 5-1 SU and 4-2 ATS the week after a bye.

Marshall is 3-6 ATS away in October since 1997.
MU is 5-0 SU and 3-2 ATS vs KSU, outscoring them 188-73.

Marshall is 3-0 SU and 1-2 ATS and has outscored Buffalo 140-31.
The Herd is 2-4 ATS in the first of 2 or more home games.

This is the 1st time these 2 will meet in a lined gm, MU won in '98 42-12.
Coming into 2002, MU was 6-3 ATS vs non-conf foes, but 0-3 ATS L2Y.

The last time MU went to Mt Pleasant they rolled CMU 45-17, covering as 23 pt favs.
MU is 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS vs the Chipps in this short series.

Herd are 4-0 SU, but 1-2-1 ATS vs Akron since 1997.
Marshall is 14-2 SU and 9-5 ATS the last 5 years in November.

Pending 9/20, Marshall is 6-2 SU and 5-2 ATS the week prior to a bye.
Marshall is 4-0 SU and ATS vs Miami in their last 4 meetings.

Pending 9/12: Marshall is 2-5 ATS on grass the last 2 years.
Marshall is 4-1 SU but 2-3 ATS vs Ohio University.

Excluding MAC title gms, MU is 6-0 SU and 3-0 ATS in home finales.
Herd are 2-0 SU & ATS vs Ball St & have outscored them 84-26 in those 2 meetings.

BOB PRUETT (Career 69-11)

7th Year at Marshall

Pruett's records AT MARSHALL

69-11	Straight Up	16-8-1	Home Favorite
30-23-1	Vs The Spread	1-0	Home Dog
5-3	Off A S/U Loss	10-10	Away Favorite
24-20-1	Vs Conference	3-5	Away Dog
		6-3	Vs Non-Conf

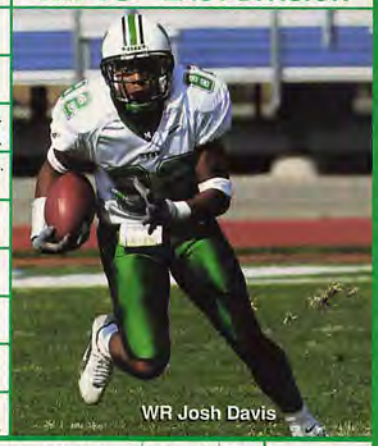
2001 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (25,23,2)
Lost: 12 (3,8,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,455

MAC - EAST DIVISION


WR Josh Davis

STADIUM: MARSHALL UNIVERSITY STADIUM (38,016)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	12-3	15-0	10-2	11-1	12-0	7-5	10-2	77-13
ATS	0-0	1-0	10-1	4-6	8-3	3-8	4-5-1	30-23-1
Home Fav	0-0	1-0	5-0	3-2	4-2	2-2	1-2-1	16-8-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	3-1	0-4	4-1	0-2	3-2	10-10
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-1	3-5
Favorite	0-0	1-0	8-1	3-6	8-3	2-4	4-4-1	26-18-1
Dog	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-4	0-1	4-5
Grass	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	4-0	0-3	2-2	8-8
Artificial	0-0	1-0	9-0	3-4	4-3	3-5	2-3-1	22-15-1
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	8-1	3-6	6-3	3-6	4-4-1	24-20-1
vs Non-Conf	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-2	0-1	6-3
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	7-1	3-5	7-3	1-5	4-4-1	22-18-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	5-3

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Franklin Wallace	169	907	25	882	11	5.2
Trod Buggs	60	440	11	429	0	7.2
Brandon Carey	75	308	17	291	4	3.9
Chanston Rodgers	21	136	2	134	2	6.4
Byron Leftwich	76	268	186	82	3	1.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Byron Leftwich	540	356	65.9	4708	42	9
Stan Hill	5	2	40.0	21	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Darius Watts	98	1550	15.8	20	62
Josh Davis	87	1048	12.0	6	86
Denero Marriott	71	1034	14.6	10	68
Gregg Kellett	25	336	13.4	0	37
Curtis Jones	25	320	12.8	4	37

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Curtis Head	49	2138	43.6	–	39.6	0	15

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Curtis Head	5-5	3-4	2-2	0-0	10-11	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Max Yates	165	5.5	8	3	0
Michael Owens	105	2	2	3	2
Chris Crocker	100	1.5	2	10	1
Kelvin Smith	81	3	14	4	0
Yancey Satterwhite	78	3	4	9	3
Ralph Street	76	3.5	8	2	1
Alonzo Jones	73	0	3	2	1
Orlando Washington	63	3	8	2	1
Terence Tarpley	62	0	3	8	1
Sam Goines	62	1	3	2	0
Larry Davis	60	0	0	6	1
Josh Cordell	58	1.5	8	1	0
Duran Smith	49	0	1	1	0
Charlie Tynes	46	3	2	0	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Davis	21	137	6.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roberto Terrell	15	343	22.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Motor City	+1	Mississippi	31-34	L
98	Motor City	+3	Louisville	48-29	W
99	Motor City	-3	BYU	21-3	W
00	Motor City	+2'	Cincinnati	25-14	W
01	GMAC	+2	E Carolina (2OT)	64-61	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MARSHALL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	39.4	27	149	4.4	367	65.6	13.1	+4	2001	4	28.4	23	226	4.8	196	51.6	14.9
5	28.2	20	113	3.6	293	60.4	14.4	+5	2000	6	22.8	20	169	4.0	181	55.4	15.3
9*	35.6	22	141	4.1	316	66.6	12.8	+16	1999	10	10.5	18	92	2.5	194	52.5	27.2
7*	31.2	24	148	3.9	301	64.8	14.4	+12	1998	5	18.2	18	124	3.0	203	54.4	17.8
3	37.2	23	140	4.5	310	58.0	12.1	+5	1997	5	19.9	20	183	4.0	175	47.3	18.0
6*	43.9	22	223	5.7	260	61.8	11.0	+7	1996	10	14.0	17	122	3.2	195	52.9	22.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Florida	21	26-66	2.5	27-43	274	5	22	28-111	4.0	25-38	430	2	0
Massachusetts	28	32-214	6.7	21-32	331	2	26	56-211	3.8	13-38	144	5	0
Bowling Green	23	41-94	2.3	21-35	327	5	16	33-119	3.6	16-30	264	5	0
at N Illinois	17	42-174	4.1	16-29	184	2	18	46-127	2.8	11-23	142	4	+3
at Buffalo	30	36-108	3.0	37-49	455	0	20	38-162	4.3	16-33	207	0	0
C Michigan	31	33-163	4.9	31-46	484	0	30	53-261	4.9	16-34	222	3	+1
Akron	31	36-292	8.1	25-39	434	0	31	51-251	4.9	24-37	272	2	0
at Kent St	30	44-264	6.0	25-35	341	0	26	42-266	6.3	17-31	182	3	0
at Miami (Oh)	28	37-90	2.4	30-43	333	1	18	31-123	4.0	16-29	210	5	-1
Ohio U	24	24-113	4.7	28-39	399	2	23	65-318	4.9	8-21	86	1	+2
Youngstown St	21	31-161	5.2	25-35	218	0	24	61-372	6.1	5-14	50	1	+2
at Toledo	28	21-120	5.7	32-52	421	2	25	56-288	5.1	16-25	175	1	-2
†E Carolina	36	34-73	2.1	41-70	576	4	23	53-331	6.2	11-23	161	3	-1
TOTALS	348	437-1932	4.4	359-547	4777	23	302	613-2940	4.8	194-376	2545	35	+4
AVERAGES	26.8	34-149	4.4	28-42	367	1.8	23.2	47-226	4.8	15-29	196	2.7	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia	+14	31-42	W
at Army	+5	35-25	W
at Kent St	-24	42-17	W
W Illinois	NL	48-7	–
at Ball St	-14	42-16	W
Akron	-30	52-17	W
at Miami (Oh)	-2	21-45	L
E Michigan	-21	48-25	W
at C Michigan	-23	45-17	W
Bowling Green	-26	28-0	W
Ohio U	-11	27-0	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	-16	27-16	L
Troy St	NL	42-12	–
at S Carolina	+5	24-21	W
at E Michigan	-14'	26-23	L
Miami (Oh)	-2'	31-17	W
at Ohio U	-8'	30-23	L
Kent St	-35'	42-7	L
Ball St	-30	42-10	W
at Bowling Green	-11'	13-34	L
C Michigan	-19	28-0	W
Wofford	NL	29-27	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	-2'	13-10	W
Liberty	NL	63-3	–
Bowling Green	-22	35-16	L
Temple	-28	34-0	W
at Miami (Oh)	-4	32-14	W
Toledo	-23	38-13	W
at Buffalo	-44	59-3	W
N Illinois	-26	41-9	W
at Kent St	-34	28-16	L
at W Michigan	-11'	31-17	W
Ohio U	-25'	34-3	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	63-7	–
at Michigan St	+8	24-34	L
at N Carolina	+3	15-20	L
Buffalo	-43'	47-14	L
W Michigan	-6'	10-30	L
at Toledo	+7	0-42	L
Kent St	-21	34-12	W
at Akron	-4	31-28	L
at Bowling Green	-8'	20-13	L
Miami (Oh)	-5'	51-31	W
at Ohio U	+3	28-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+31	14-49	L
Massachusetts	NL	49-20	–
Bowling Green	-5	37-31	W
at N Illinois	-1	37-15	W
at Buffalo	-25	34-14	L
C Michigan	-23'	42-21	L
Akron	-17	50-33	T
at Kent St	-13	42-21	W
at Miami (Oh)	-3	27-21	W
Ohio U	-24'	42-18	L
Youngstown St	NL	38-24	–

UCF GOLDEN KNIGHTS

QB Ryan Schneider

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - UCF has produced some fine QB's over the years, including of course Daunte Culpepper. Ryan Schneider (PS#48) started the final 7 games as a rFr in 2000 and threw for 2,334 yards (62%) with a 21-11 ratio. He was 9th in the NCAA in pass efficiency. Last year, despite suffering a sprained knee, concussion and numerous nagging injuries, he started all 11 and threw for 2,923 yards (57%) with a 17-9 ratio. After the Virginia Tech game, Coach Kruczek decided to split the practice time between Schneider and backup Brian Miller (6-5 240 Jr, PS#74). Miller has a clear arm strength advantage as he can throw the ball 80 yards and is more mobile. He saw action in 8 games, throwing for 468 yards (53%) with a 4-3 ratio (76 rush). He moves to TE this year. Jon Rivera (6-3 195 So) was PS#60 and got in one rush attempt in limited action. Brandon Sumner (6-4 210 So) was PS#11 and originally signed at Georgia Tech. He has 4.54 speed. Schneider is ahead of Culpepper's pace for career total offense at UCF. It would not surprise me to see one of the talented backups give Schneider a run for his money in the battle for playing time.
RUNNING BACKS - Three years ago Mike Kruczek signed PS#1JUCO RB Terrance Williams. Unfortunately, he had an injury plagued career and started just 7 games in three years with 607 total yards rushing and never lived up to his advanced billing. In 2000 the leading rusher was Corey Baker who had 417 yards (4.6). Baker returned last year but had just 91 yards rushing (143 yds rec). He opted to transfer. The feature RB turned out to be Alex Haynes (PS#50) who rushed for 690 yards (4.9) in 7 starts as a true frosh. He was injured in the 1Q vs UAB and was not 100% for the next couple of weeks or would have threatened the 1,000 yard barrier. His four 100 yard games were more than UCF had the previous 3 years combined. The top 2 FB's return but they got in just 2 starts last year so I do not list them below. Top FB Sean Gaudion (6-2 240 Sr) who has 3 starts the last 2 years, is a punishing blocker and came up with 106 yards last season. His backup, Dee Brown (5-11 235 So) was PS#125WR and can also play TB. He had 53 yards last year. Not only should Haynes have a better year, but Keith Williams (5-10 190 rFr, PS#135) with 4.42 speed chose UCF over Miami, Fla and Fla St and will battle him for the top job. Also watch true frosh Dontavius Wilcox. Even with the loss of Terrance Williams, this group should be solidly improved.
RECEIVERS - From 1998 through 2000 the team's top WR had over 80 rec's each season. Last year they had to replace their top WR who had 89 rec's, more than double the #2 man. Still, heading into the year Kruczek said "We've got more skill, more speed, and more depth at receiver than any time since I've been here." That depth showed as the leading receiver had just 47 grabs. The top man was Tavirus Davis (PS#113) who averaged 15.4 while #2 was Thad Ward (43, 10.4). Davis and Ward are the only losses. Doug Gabriel originally signed with Miami, Fla in 1998 and was expected to be one of the top WR's here last year but missed part of the season. He still had 6 starts and 22 rec's with a super 28.7 ypc and 9 TD's. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and there are some HT's in the mix and a VHT in TE Michael Gaines. Gaines probably would have been a bigger factor last year but sprained his ankle in August. Also in the mix but not listed below are TE Brennis Smith (PS#367JUCO, nicknamed Big Country) ex-QB now TE Brian Miller and WR Britt McGriff (5-10 175 Sr, 7 career rec). Despite the loss of their top two guys, this unit actually has more experience and could be even stronger.
OFFENSIVE LINE - While 4 starters returned to the front wall in 2000, two lost their starting jobs so basically only 2 starters were back and they averaged just 2.8 ypc rushing but did allow only 20 sacks in 415 pass attempts (4.8%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters including 3 and 2 year starters but did sign 3 JUCO's. Overall UCF averaged 3.3 ypc rushing and allowed 26 sacks (6.4%). This year only 2 starters depart in RG Willie Cornerford (PS#20, 11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Steve Edwards (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) so 8 of the top 10 are back and once again Kruczek brought in JUCO's as replacements. Two who were in for spring are David Ashkinaz and Alex Mendez, both projected starters. This unit has good size at 6-5 305 and there are a good number of HT's in the mix. Kruczek feels it will be their best depth on the OL since 1998 when they rotated two full lines and finished 7th in the nation in total offense. I do think this is an improved unit.
DEFENSIVE LINE - UCF's rush defense had been making steady improvements the last few years, allowing 3.9 ypc rushing in 1998, 3.8 in 1999, and 3.1 in 2000. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters and a productive backup and allowed 3.5 ypc. This year they have one major loss in DT Josh McKibben (11 sts, 88 tkls, 12 tfl) who was the Defensive MVP. Also departing is DE Boma Ekiyor (6 sts, 43 tkls, 6 tfl). Everyone else should return and 2 frosh were very productive last year in Mike Lynche (24 tkls, 8 tfl) and Rashad Jeanty (58 tkls, 8 tfl). There is a question about the availability of Jake McKibben (6-1 290 Sr), who had offseason back surgery. It would be a big loss if he does not return as he started 10 games in 2001. I list the 2 deep below and it is very talented with 2 super VHT JUCO's that were in for the spring. DE Roy Williams (PS#29) originally signed with Florida and DT DeMarcus Johnson is PS#54JC and was recruited by both Florida and Alabama. I list a lot of players in the 3 deep but not listed are Dwight Perkins (6-1 230 Jr, PS#122LB), Craig Waters (6-5 200 rFr, PS#300LB), and Charles Harris (6-3 250 Jr, PS#241) who originally signed at C Michigan where he played in 8 games and had 3 tackles. Also in the mix are Marcus Clemons (6-5 270 So) who was PS#32TE (6 tkls), and Paul Carrington (6-6 235 rFr, PS#379LB). With all of the additions, I will call this unit stronger despite the loss of its star and this could very easily be the MAC's best D-line.
LINEBACKERS - Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup but had their most experienced corps in 3 years. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are MLB Tito Rodriguez (10 sts, #1 tkl'r L/2Y, 143 tkls), SLB Elliot Shorter (9 sts, 69 tkls, 8 pbu) and WLB Willie Davis (11 sts, 89 tkls, 9 tfl). The unit actually adds an athletic upgrade at MLB with the signing of Chad Mascoe (PS#4) who originally signed with Florida St and the Seminoles thought he would re-sign with them this year. Antoine Poe is also interesting as he was recruited by both Florida St, Miami, Fla and Florida before he was injured after his first game as a HS senior which dropped him down to PS#89. He has 4.6 speed and a 330 bench. I list the 2 deep below. Mascoe could make a huge impact and they could actually be stronger, but since he has yet to step on the field I'll call this unit less experienced and a notch or two weaker.
DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000, with a veteran secondary they were #52 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and one backup but moved a starting LB to safety so basically had 3 starters returning and the unit finished #53. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are CB Travis Fisher (#2DC of STL, 11 sts, 61 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu, 4.37 spd), SS Albert Snyder (10 sts, 37 tkls, 4 tfl), and FS Ricot Joseph (11 sts, 104 tkls, 2 tfl). Overall 5 of the top 8 are back but they do lose 3 very effective players. I like some of the replacements and UCF claims that Asante Samuel is the best cover corner here in years. Atari Bigby has blazing speed and is a big time hitter while the other positions have HT's waiting to step in. This unit has the ability to come close to last year, but is clearly less experienced and I will call it weaker.
SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year they had their K Javier Beorlegui returning and he hit 8 of 12 FG's with a long of 43. CB Asante Samuel led the team in 2000 in both KR's (16.8) and PR's (11.0). He slipped a little to 8.7 on PR's last year. He was relieved of his KR duties and Luther Huggins began the year as the top man. He averaged just 15.0 on his first 5 returns and was benched in favor of Terrance Williams who averaged just 16.5 on 8 returns. Huggins returned to the KR role and finally gave them a threat in that area, averaging 27.1 per return over the last 10 games. Beorlegui also handled the punting and averaged a super 43.5 per punt and was one of only 3 players nationally on both the Ray Guy and Groza Watch Lists. Ryan Flinn did get in 7 punts (44.4). Beorlegui departs. They did sign PS#43 Matt Prater who was also recruited by Ohio St. Overall they finished just #98 in my special teams rankings last year and now have to replace their P/K. UCF has blocked 9 punts in the last 3 years. The top returnmen are back and even with the losses, this unit could improve upon last year's poor finish.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UCF established their football program in 1979, moved to IAA in 1990 and to IA in 1996, and have made some great strides in a short period of time. They have lost by 4 points or less 4 times to SEC schools and beat Alabama in 2000, finishing 7-4 that year. Last year they had 5 road trips to schools from major conferences and yet still managed a winning season at 6-5. They flirted with joining CUSA but ended up joining the MAC where they are immediately one of the most talented teams in the league. They have played 15 MAC teams since 1996 and are 11-4 SU. Last year they gave Clemson and Arkansas tough battles on the road. They play their home games in the Citrus Bowl and last year they were 5-0 at home, winning those games by a combined 213-30. Surprisingly their average home crowd last year was just 19,793, their lowest since 1996. Their enrollment of 38,000 is bigger than schools like Syracuse, Virg Tech and Clemson whom they faced last year and they keep getting better and better recruiting classes. I rate UCF the 2nd most talented team in the conference but they have the 2nd fewest starters returning (10). The MAC also made the schedule difficult for them as their first MAC game is on the road at Marshall and they also face W Michigan and Miami 'O' away from home and draw last year's bowl squad, Toledo, from the MAC West. UCF has 7 starters and 19 lettermen back on offense including QB Schneider with one of the top receiving corps in the conference and should be more potent than the 30.3 ppg they managed last year. While just 3 starters are back on defense, they have plenty of top-notch transfers including LB Chad Mascoe. They may have more athletic talent on that side of the ball than last year's defense which allowed 18.5 ppg. I ranked last year's defense #47 in my rankings (keep in mind I take into account strength of opponent faced) as they finished 16th in the NCAA rankings but they do lose their def coor. It looks like they have the top defense in the MAC this year despite having just 3 starters back. Even with the possibility of an 0-3 start, I think UCF will top last year's 6 win total and if they can pull an upset at Marshall, they will become the frontrunner in the MAC East.

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OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RYAN SCHNEIDER JR. 6-2 220 PS#48. 7 sts as rFr, 2334 yds (62%), 21-11 ratio. 11 sts LY, 2923 yds (57%), 17-9 ratio. Jon Rivera (6-3 195 So) PS#60. Brandon Sumner is **PS#11.**
TB ALEX HAYNES SO. 5-11 220 PS#50. 7 sts as rFr (inj), 690 yds (4.9) includes 4 100 yd gms, 14 rec (10.2). Keith Williams is PS#135. Dontavius Wilcox (5-11 202 Fr) PS#175.
WR Tavaris Capers So. 5-9 165 PS#63, 2 sts as rFr, 11 rec (14.7), 4.4 speed. Darcy Johnson (6-6 220 rFr) PS#67TE. Ivery Gaskins (6-1 205 Sr) is a Grambling transfer.
WR JIMMY FRYZEL SR. 6-0 195 PS#255, 36 rec (16.8) in 2000. #3 LY w/39 rec (**17.0**), 4.35 spd, 375 bench. Luther Huggins (5-11 175 So) PS#259, 16 rec (18.7) last year.
WR DOUG GABRIEL SR. 6-2 205 **PS#60JC**. Orig signed w/**Miami Fl**, 6 sts LY (sprained ankle), 22 rec (**28.7**), **9 TD's**. Gamebreaker. Al Peterson (6-2 195 rFr) PS#172, 4.42 spd.
TE Michael Gaines Jr. 6-3 265 PS#18. Orig signed w/**Alabama**. 1 st LY, 11 rec (10.5). Mario Jackson (6-3 250 Sr) PS#59. 4 rec as true, 11 sts, 8 rec in 2000. 3 sts, 4 rec LY.
C MIKE MABRY SR. 6-2 285 PS#349JUCO. 11 starts here in 2001, graded 79% on the season, 79 knockdowns, "leader of the line". Adam Butcher (6-3 285 rFr).
RG TAYLOR ROBERTSON SR. 6-6 320 HS in Canada. 7 gms as true. 11 gms in 2000, 31 KD's. 11 sts LY, 4.32 in shuttle. **Garrett McCray** (6-4 315 Sr) PS#164, **11 starts** in 1999.
LG David Ashkinaz Jr. 6-4 310 PS#158JC, in for spring. 500 bench. Travis Muse (6-6 320 So) PS#131OL, 2nd string LY, lettered. Norman Lewis (6-3 285 So) PS#260.
RT Alex Mendez Jr. 6-6 320 PS#414JC, in for spg. Jeff Harper (6-9 305 rFr) PS#476. Freddy Saint-Preux (6-5 290 rFr) 2nd string LY but RS. Kyle Watkins is PS#257JC.
LT BRIAN HUFF SR. 6-7 290 9 sts at RT as rFr, 3 sks allowed. 0 sks, 27 KD's, 3 sts in 2000. 11 sts LY, 535 squat. Johnovan Morgan (6-4 275 Jr) PS#93TE & orig at **Alabama.**
K Matt Prater Fr. 5-11 175 PS#43. 14 of 18 FG's, L/49 & 84% TB's on KO's in HS LY. Ryan Feely (5-9 170 rFr). Will Rhody (6-2 200 So) PS#76. Kevin Beorlegui (6-1 185 Jr).

DE Roy Williams Jr. 6-3 275 **PS#29** and orig at **Florida** in 2000. PS#99JUCO, in for spring. **Rashad Jeanty** (6-3 230 So) PS#174LB, **58 tkls**, 4 sks, 4 tfl, 15 QBH as **true**.
NG LARRY BROWN JR. 6-2 290 PS#367. 18 tkls, 3 sks as rFr. 1 st, 34 tkls, 6 tfl LY. **Jake McKibben** had **10 sts** LY, 90 career tkls, 8 tfl. 3Y. **Mike Lynche** (6-0 260 So) 24 tkls, 8 tfl as **true.**
DT DeMarcus Johnson Jr. 6-4 295 **PS#54JC**, in for spg. Thomas Andrews (6-4 285 Sr) 16 tkls, 3 tfl, 3Y. Ben Brinson PS#131DL. JUCO LY. Charles Harris is C Michigan trans.
DE ELTON PATTERSON SR. 6-2 275 10 sts, 88 tkls, **10 sks**, 9 tfl, 25 QBH in 2000. 10 sts, 85 tkls, **9 sks**, 12 tfl LY, **400 bench, 4.6 spd!** Brent Bolar (6-3 265 Jr) 4 sts, 58 tkls, 4 sks, 2Y.
SLB Chris Pilinko Sr. 6-1 225 Scout MVP as rFr. 18 tkls in 2000. 2 sts LY, 27 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 7 gms until inj. Gerren Bray (6-0 215 So) 1 st, 17 tkls as rFr. Tywin Kalandyk is PS#96.
MLB Chad Mascoe Jr. 6-2 250 **PS#4** in 2000 & orig at **Florida St!** PS#60JC. Savarris Brown (6-0 220 So) PS#373, 5 tkls as rFr. Dee Williford (6-1 215 rFr) PS#168DB, 4.5 spd.
WLB Antoine Poe Jr. 6-0 220 PS#89 (HS inj or higher #) 1 st, 27 tkls, 6 tfl, 2Y, 515 squat. Stanford Rhule (5-11 230 So) PS#206, 25 tkls as **true**. James Cook (6-4 210 rFr) PS#198QB.
CB ASANTE SAMUEL SR. 5-11 190 PS#149. "Best cover CB here in yrs." 38 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu in '99 & 2000. 11 sts LY, 41 tkls, 2 int, 13 pbu. 4.44 spd. Rashard Johnson (6-0 175 So) 7 tkls.
CB Rovel Hamilton So. 6-0 185 PS#82, 2 tkls, 9 gms **as true at Maryland.** Trans LY. **Carlos Thompson** (5-10 175 Sr) PS#113JC, 8 tkls, 1 int LY. Marcus Glover (5-11 170 So) PS#180WR.
SS Atari Bigby So. 5-11 195 PS#376. Good spd & solid hitter. 1 st as rFr, 38 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Alphonzo Hopkins (5-11 175 So) PS#344, 6 tkls, 1 pbu. James Cody (6-1 210 Jr) PS#400.
FS Peter Sands So. 6-2 190 PS#115DB. 11 games as **true**, 23 tkls, 2 pbu. Damani Fagan (6-1 185 So) PS#260, 1 tackle as rFr. Anthony Willis (5-11 180 rFr).
P Ryan Flinn Sr. 6-5 210 3 punts as rFr, 22.7 average. 2 punts in 2000, 39.5 average. 7 punts last year with a solid 44.4 average. Strong leg and yet solid pooch punter.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DT	DeMarcus Johnson	6-4 295 PS#54JC
LB	Chad Mascoe	6-2 250 PS#60JC
DL	Roy Williams	6-2 275 PS#99JC
OL	Dan Veenstra	6-5 285 PS#125
LB	Tywin Kalandyk	6-2 210 PS#96
OL	David Ashkinaz	6-4 310 PS#158JC
RB	Dontavius Wilcox	5-11 202 PS#175
OL	Kyle Watkins	6-8 340 PS#257JC
WR	Brandon Marshall	6-5 195 PS#198
LB	Ronnell Sandy	6-1 210 PS#245
WR	Andre Sumpter	6-0 175 PS#215
DB	Chad Breeden	6-1 180 PS#264
OL	Larry Peoples	6-6 290 PS#331
DE	Ben Brinson	6-5 270 PS#365JC

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UCF GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCF	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Penn St	G						The Knights are 0-3 SU, but 2-1 ATS vs ACC opponents since 1997. UCF is 1-9 SU, but 6-4 ATS vs SEC opponents the last 5 years. UCF joins the MAC TY. They are 10-3 SU & 5-7 ATS L5Y vs MAC foes.
Sep. 7	at Arizona St	G						The Knights are 1-4 SU, but 5-0 ATS in away openers the last 5 years. UCF is 0-2 SU and ATS vs Big 10 foes and have been outscored 20-82.
Sep. 14								This is the Knights first meeting vs a Pac 10 opponent. Knights are 3-2 SU, but 0-3 ATS in games prior to a bye since 1997.
Sep. 20	at Marshall (Fri)	A						The Knights are 4-1 SU, 2-1 ATS in games after a bye since 1997. This will be televised Nationally on ESPN.
Sep. 28	Liberty	G						The Knights are 10-0 SU since 1997 in NL games, outscoring opp 398-87. Liberty finished with a 3-8 record last year as a Div IAA Independent.
Oct. 5								This is the Knights first ever meeting vs the Broncos. UCF is 13-3 SU and 7-4 ATS in October the last 4 years.
Oct. 12	at W Michigan	G						The Knights are 2-0 SU and ATS vs the Rockets. UCF is 4-1 SU, 3-2 ATS in the 1st lined home game the last 5 years.
Oct. 19	Toledo	G						The Knights are 1-1 SU & ATS but have outscored the Zips, 82-52. UCF is 9-1 SU, 3-0 ATS in the 2nd of back to back home games S/'94.
Oct. 26	Akron (HC)	G						The Knights are 0-3 SU and ATS vs the Big East the last 5 years. UCF lost and did not cover vs the Orangemen in the only series meeting.
Nov. 2	Syracuse	G						This is the 1st time these teams will meet in a lined game. UCF is 2-4 ATS in November away games since 1997.
Nov. 9	at Buffalo	G						Last time these teams faced each other was at Dix Stadium in 1997. The Knights won 59-43, but did not cover as a 20 pt away favorite.
Nov. 16	Kent St	G						UCF is 1-3 ATS in the state of Ohio the last 5 years. UCF is 2-3 ATS the last 5 away finales, including 0-2 ATS last 2 years.
Nov. 23	at Miami (Oh)	G						Pending earlier results: UCF is 5-1 ATS the last 3 years as a home favorite. UCF is 6-2 SU and 3-2 ATS in home finales since 1994.
Nov. 30	Ohio U	G						

MIKE KRUCZEK (Career 26-18)

5th Year at UCF

Kruczek's records AT UCF

26-18	Straight Up	6-3	Home Favorite
19-17	Vs The Spread	1-3	Home Dog
8-4	Off A S/U Loss	5-4	Away Favorite
4-3	Vs Conference	7-7	Away Dog
		15-14	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,24,1)
Lost: 19 (8,9,2)

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-0	5-6	5-6	9-2	4-7	7-4	6-5	47-30
ATS	0-0	0-0	5-4	5-4	4-5	4-4	6-4	24-21
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-0	3-0	8-3
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-3
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	5-6
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	3-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	1-3	10-9
Favorite	0-0	0-0	2-2	3-3	2-1	2-2	4-1	13-9
Dog	0-0	0-0	3-2	2-1	2-4	2-2	2-3	11-12
Grass	0-0	0-0	4-3	4-4	3-5	3-2	5-3	19-17
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	5-4
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	4-4
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	5-3	3-4	3-4	3-3	6-3	20-17
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	1-2	4-2	0-3	3-4	1-3	9-14
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	3-2	0-2	4-1	0-0	4-1	11-6

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alex Haynes	**140**	**737**	**47**	**690**	**9**	**4.9**
Terrance Williams	55	254	16	238	5	4.3
Corey Baker	44	135	44	91	0	2.1
Ryan Schneider	**37**	**51**	**95**	**-44**	**4**	**-1.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Schneider	**357**	**204**	**57.1**	**2923**	**17**	**9**
Brian Miller	**49**	**26**	**53.1**	**468**	**4**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tavirus Davis	47	722	15.4	5	36
Thad Ward	43	446	10.4	1	78
Jimmy Fryzel	**39**	**664**	**17.0**	**2**	**54**
Doug Gabriel	**22**	**632**	**28.7**	**9**	**83**
Terrance Williams	14	167	11.9	0	49
Alex Haynes	**14**	**143**	**10.2**	**0**	**44**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Javier Beorlegui	46	2001	43.5	–	35.4	0	13

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Javier Beorlegui	4-4	1-2	3-5	0-1	8-12	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tito Rodriguez	143	1	4	5	0
Ricot Joseph	104	1	1	6	0
Willie Davis	89	2	7	0	0
Josh McKibben	88	5	7	0	0
Elton Patterson	**85**	**9**	**12**	**2**	**0**
Elliot Shorter	69	0	5	8	0
Travis Fisher	61	0	3	11	2
Rashad Jeanty	**58**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Boma Ekiyor	43	3	3	1	0
Asante Samuel	**41**	**0**	**1**	**13**	**2**
Atari Bigby	**38**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Albert Snyder	37	0	4	5	0
Larry Brown	**34**	**2**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Chris Pilinko	**27**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Asante Samuel	**19**	**165**	**8.7**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Luther Huggins	**15**	**346**	**23.1**	**0**

	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UCF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	30.3	21	101	3.3	308	56.5	13.5	-2	2001	6	18.5	17	129	3.5	178	55.6	16.6
7*	30.3	20	79	2.8	295	60.0	12.4	-2	2000	6	20.1	20	131	3.1	193	54.0	16.1
3	25.2	23	130	3.9	287	56.8	16.6	-2	1999	7	28.9	20	119	3.5	255	58.6	12.9
10*	35.7	25	145	4.2	343	73.5	13.7	-6	1998	5	19.0	19	142	3.9	180	54.7	17.0
9*	34.0	20	127	3.9	290	61.7	12.3	+3	1997	7	27.5	21	131	3.5	262	57.7	14.3
6*	25.2	19	91	2.9	273	50.6	10.8	-28	1996	7	23.7	20	151	3.6	237	57.4	10.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Clemson	19	22 - 35	1.6	29 - 47	297	2	17	42 - 138	3.3	15 - 25	154	3	+1
at Syracuse	20	30 - 100	3.3	13 - 34	253	2	21	53 - 205	3.9	9 - 18	155	0	-2
at Tulane	27	44 - 184	4.2	20 - 29	338	2	22	31 - 126	4.1	30 - 47	280	3	-3
at Virginia Tech	16	26 - 24	0.9	18 - 36	227	3	22	50 - 232	4.6	16 - 29	203	0	-2
UAB	17	33 - 38	1.2	21 - 37	290	3	11	27 - 35	1.3	13 - 26	76	3	0
Liberty	27	38 - 216	5.7	21 - 32	386	1	14	28 - 67	2.4	19 - 33	163	5	+1
UL Monroe	22	21 - 50	2.4	28 - 39	335	1	13	26 - 68	2.6	17 - 32	176	2	+2
at Utah St	22	33 - 109	3.3	23 - 49	284	5	18	31 - 117	3.8	21 - 34	264	1	0
Akron	23	33 - 132	4.0	18 - 28	405	3	17	43 - 167	3.9	11 - 23	174	3	+2
at Arkansas	21	25 - 65	2.6	22 - 44	304	0	17	47 - 238	5.1	9 - 16	129	2	0
Louisiana-Lft	20	30 - 153	5.1	17 - 32	272	4	15	27 - 30	1.1	20 - 41	184	6	-1
TOTALS	234	335 - 1106	3.3	230 - 407	3391	26	187	405 - 1423	3.5	180 - 324	1958	28	-2
AVERAGES	21.3	30 - 101	3.3	21 - 37	308	2.4	17.0	37 - 129	3.5	16 - 29	178	2.5	-0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+13	23-24	W
at S Carolina	+15'	31-33	W
at Nebraska	+43'	24-38	W
Idaho	-9	41-10	W
at Auburn	+16	14-41	L
at Kent St	-20	59-43	L
Samford	NL	52-7	–
at Mississippi St	+4	28-35	L
at NE Louisiana	-11'	41-45	L
E Michigan	NL	27-10	–
Toledo	-6	34-17	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+3'	64-30	W
E Illinois	NL	48-0	–
at Purdue	+4	7-35	L
at Bowling Green	-20	38-31	L
at Toledo	-3'	31-24	W
N Illinois	-36	38-17	L
at SW Louisiana	-28	42-10	W
Youngstown St	NL	44-32	–
at Auburn	+5'	6-10	W
Ball St	-31	37-14	L
New Mexico	-21	38-6	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	+17	13-47	L
at Florida	+36	27-58	W
at Georgia Tech	+29'	10-41	L
at Georgia	+27'	23-24	W
E Illinois	NL	31-21	–
Nicholls St	NL	28-0	–
Louisiana Tech	+5'	35-46	L
E Michigan	-8	31-6	W
at Auburn	+10'	10-28	L
at Mid Tenn St	-14	39-14	W
Bowling Green	-11	30-33	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia Tech	+15'	17-21	W
Northwestern St	NL	19-7	–
at Akron	-2'	24-35	L
William & Mary	NL	52-7	–
at E Michigan	-5'	31-10	W
at N Illinois	+4	20-40	L
E Kentucky	NL	34-3	–
UL Monroe	-31	55-0	W
at Alabama	+18'	40-38	W
at Louisiana Tech	-6'	20-16	L
Virginia Tech	+12	21-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	+16	13-21	W
at Syracuse	+10	10-21	L
at Tulane	-5'	36-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+24'	14-46	L
UAB	+2	24-7	W
Liberty	NL	63-0	–
UL Monroe	-31'	38-6	W
at Utah St	-5	27-30	L
Akron	-14	57-17	W
at Arkansas	+5'	20-27	L
Louisiana-Lft	-28'	31-0	W

MIAMI (OH) REDHAWKS

LB Matt Robillard

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Redhawks had to replace Mike Bath who finished his career as the school's all-time passing leader. He was hampered by ankle and back injuries as a Sr and Ryan Hawk (PS#172) was forced to play two games in 2000 as a true frosh. Hawk was the only returning QB with experience last year. He lost his job to the very talented Ben Roethlisberger (6-5 240 So) who was PS#74 and turned down a scholarship offer from Ohio St. Roethlisberger simply had an amazing year, setting a school record for passing yards in a game with 399 vs Akron and then breaking that record later in the season with 452 vs Hawaii. Roethlisberger set school records for passing yards in a season (3,105), completions (241), passing TD's (25), total offense (3,294) and completion percentage (63.3%). He led the NCAA frosh in passing yards, TD's and total offense while setting MAC frosh records for yards passing and TD's. He was voted MAC Frosh of the Year and should be the best of all-time here if he remains healthy. Hawk saw the writing on the wall and opted to transfer to Ohio U. Josh Betts was PS#127 and figures to be the backup. JD Vonderheide (6-0 186 Jr) and John Lucas (6-2 232 rFr) are both walk-ons that provide depth. Roethlisberger should be improved as a soph, but I do not expect a drastic increase in his numbers as they were outstanding last season.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami had 1,000 yard rushers for six straight years until just missing in 2000 when Steve Little had 986 yards (5.2) in replacing their career rushing leader, Travis Prentice. Little had five 100 yard games in the final seven and the team increased its ypc from 3.5 in 1999 to 4.2 in 2000. The major difference was QB Bath who had negative yards in 1999 but 279 net yards in 2000. Last year Little returned as did #2 rusher Calvin Murray (338 yards, 4.7). Murray had started 3 games early in 2000 costing Little his 1,000 yard season. Added to the group was Luke Clemens who had 20 tackles at FS as a true frosh. Those three ended up sharing the duties all season long. Clemens led the RB's in rushing the first three games and five times overall. Murray had 183 yards vs Ball St but fumbled early against Buffalo and Little, who missed the majority of the first four games due to injury, then took over. Little departs this year but Clemens and Murray are both back. I list the 2 deep below. Also in the mix at TB are Jay Wallace (6-1 209 rFr), Mike Smith (6-0 193 So) and Adam Ciborowski (5-11 217). I do not list a FB position below but when they use one the main guys are Derek Rehage (6-1 236 rFr) and Andy Capper (6-2 248 So) who had 1 start last year. Despite the loss of their top guy, this unit has a good shot at matching last year's numbers.

RECEIVERS - Last year Miami had to replace two of their top 3 receivers from their "AirHawk Flight 345" group which was named for the numbers on the jerseys of the top 3 WR's. They also had to replace their leading TE. Their top returning WR, Eddie Tillitz, missed the majority of two games with injuries but became just the fourth player in school history to record double digit rec's in a single game with 10 vs Hawaii. Jason Branch has great height and jumping ability which has led to comparisons with Trevor Gaylor, a Miami star that went on to play in the NFL. Branch finished 4th in receiving in 2000 but led the team with 46 rec's (12.3) in 2001. Last year Roethlisberger spread it around and for the first time in school history, three receivers topped 500+ yards receiving. In fact, 2 receivers have topped 500 yards only twice in MU history. They very nearly had a fourth in the 500 club as Chauncey Henry had 421 yards. Roethlisberger's roommate, Michael Larkin, was the gamebreaker of the group and was averaging 22.5 ypc after 7 games and finished the year with an 18.2 ypc on 37 rec's to lead the team in receiving yards. The good news for Roethlisberger and Redhawks fans is that 5 of the top 6 receivers return from this group as I list in the 2 deep below. The only losses are TE Robert Frasier (8 rec, 11 sts), WR Chauncey Henry (7 sts, 32 rec's, 13.2) and QB Hawk who had 6 rec. This group is much more experienced and should put up some great numbers in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Miami's OL has bucked conventional wisdom. In 1998, with an inexperienced OL, they averaged 4.6 ypc and allowed only 7 sacks. Everyone returned in 1999 but they only averaged 3.5 ypc rushing and allowed 36 sacks. They had to replace 3 starters in 2000 but averaged 4.2 ypc with just 22 sacks. Last year they had 3 full-time starters back plus a player who started the last 5 in 2000. Once again much was expected of the OL and once again the numbers dropped, this time to 3.6 ypc rushing and the team gave up 41 sacks. This year they are in the same shape as last season. They do have to replace 3 players with starting experience in C Paul Thaler (12 sts, 1st Tm MAC), RG Phil Hawk (4 sts) and LT Joe Costello (12 sts, 4 yr st'r). Seven of the top 10 are back including 4 with starting experience. One of 2000's starters, Jacob Bell, who was injured and missed a good portion of last season, returns, so basically 4 full-time starters return. Despite the recent history of MU's experienced OL's, I think this year's group should be solidly improved.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 MU's defensive front accounted for 32 of the team's 38 sacks and they allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing. Only one player departed for 2000. Their top DT in 2000 was 1st Team MAC in 1999 but suffered a shoulder injury and was not as effective and the team allowed 4.6 ypc while recording 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 15 starts but returned their top player in the massive Ryan Terry (353 lbs) who led the DL in tackles, tfl and hurries. MU's D improved, allowing 3.8 ypc rushing, but the sack total dropped again to 22. This year they must replace 2 starters in DE Bob Petrovic (12 sts, 56 tkls, 6 sks, Top DL Award) and DT Gino Digiandomenico (12 sts, 59 tkls, 3 sks, 9 tfl). This unit goes 3 deep in either HT's or experience. Not listed below is Larry Burt (6-4 302 So) who had 11 tackles as a rFr and has good size. Overall 6 of the top 8 DL's return including 5 with starting experience and despite the loss of 2 top-notch DL's, this could be a stronger defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 MU had a very inexperienced front and Terrell Jones, a true frosh, had 94 tackles to lead all true frosh nationally despite missing the first 3 games, as he was originally expected to redshirt. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 8 starts and 63 tackles but basically 3 full-time starters were back. One starter, Eddie Price, lost his job and ended up with just 1 start and 9 tackles in 5 games. He departs as do OLB James Sterling (16 tkls, 1 tfl) and OLB Cortt Cousino (10 tkls). While the 3 backups are gone, 3 starters return and both Robillard and Jones made 1st Team MAC last year while Clayton was productive in his first year as starter. Not listed below are Matt Cohen (6-2 220 rFr, PS#341), Shawn Ashcraft (6-3 230 rFr), Alan Eyink (6-4 234 Jr) and Chuck Ogdan (6-1 219 Jr). This has the makings of the MAC's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami was #49 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and had to replace 2 starters but had 4 players returning with starting experience in 2000. They dropped down to #84. Last year the losses were even heavier as they had to replace 2 full-time and 1 part-time starter and only 2 players returned with starting experience. Surprisingly, they moved up to #52 in my rankings, allowing 53.4% with a 20-11 ratio and did face some very strong pass attacks during the year (my rankings take into account strength of opponent). This year they must replace FS Rod Clark (10 sts, 68 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu), and CB Michael Adams (12 sts, 60 tkls, 1 int, 14 pbu) but overall 6 of the top 8 are back. Clark and Adam's 22 pbu's will be missed, but this unit is a little more experienced and could improve in the pass D rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Miami ranked #50 and #61 in my special team rankings in 1998 and 1999. In 2000 Hoeppner made a coaching change, moving long time assistant Ron Johnson, his right hand man, from the offensive backfield duties to special teams and said he would put the best players on this unit. He achieved the desired result as Miami sprang all the way up to #25 in my special teams rankings. After not having a PR for a TD since 1974, Miami had two in 2000, both by Eddie Tillitz who finished fourth in the MAC with a 12.2 average on PR's. Their top KR Milt Bowen averaged 22.1 which was good enough for 5th in the MAC and he returned as did their top kicker Andy Brumbergs who hit 12 of 17 FG's. They had to replace 4 year punter Kent McCullough who was 2nd Team MAC. Surprisingly Miami dropped all the way to #67 in the special teams rankings and would have finished even lower had FG accuracy been included. Brumbergs slumped and hit just 1 of 6 FG's and the team, in fact, missed 6 XP's. It wasn't until Jared Parseghian took over and hit 6 of 10 FG's that the FG game showed some promise. This year they add Todd Soderquist who had a 52 yard FG last year in HS and had 94% of his KO's go for TB's. Punter Michael Wafzig has a strong leg and did well as a frosh but the team's net punting dropped to 32.8. I expect solid improvement there. Tillitz averaged 10.8 on PR's with another TD and Milt Bowen again led the team on KR's (23.1) and that was even after having a 102 yard KR for a TD against Hawaii called back. The team had 262 yards in returns vs Buffalo including Tillitz's 80 yard PR. The team has blocked 11 punts the last five years while allowing just 2 blocked punts. With everyone back this year, this unit could actually contend for top 25 honors.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Miami is known as the "Cradle of Coaches" with such former leaders as Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian, Sid Gillman and Bo Schembechler. They have also had a storied past going back to 1973, 1974 and 1975 when they won 3 straight Tangerine Bowls and were ranked 15th, 10th and 12th in the country. Surprisingly this school, which has had 7 straight winning seasons, has not won a MAC Title since 1986. They have bedeviled teams from the bigger conferences with 3 upsets of nationally ranked teams over the last 7 years. Miami fit my Turnovers=Turnaround criteria last year after a -14 turnover margin in 2000. Despite the facts they had only 12 starters back, had to replace 23 lettermen and they had the lowest percentage (61%) of returning lettermen in the conference last year, they were still able to increase their win total by 1. That was quite an accomplishment for a rebuilding team with a new QB. Ben Roethlisberger finished 3rd in the MAC in pass efficiency and the team scored 26.6 ppg, an improvement over 2000, with my #5 rated offense in the MAC. Interestingly, Miami was 7th best in conference games, averaging 372.1 ppg. In the last 2 years Miami is 13-10 but have actually been outscored by their foes by a total of 4 points. Miami lost their last 3 games of the year in tough fashion with a hardluck loss to Marshall, a last second loss to Hawaii and then after a long plane flight, a 4 point loss to Kent St, so you can see they could have done much better than their 7-5 record. This year the offense has 6 starters back and should be more potent. Head Coach Terry Hoeppner used to be the DC here but after the team allowed 12.9 ppg in his final year in that position, they have given up 24.0, 26.0 and 25.8 the last 3 years with him as the HC. This year he has 7 starters back on that side of the ball. I rated them the 3rd best defense in the conference last year and that's where they stand in my preseason ratings again. They have 3 tough games to open with N Carolina, Iowa and LSU and have some tough road trips in MAC play including ventures to Toledo and Marshall. I give Miami a shot at being 6-0 in MAC play heading into the final 2 and having a shot at the MAC Title game but they will have to win in Huntington and home against very talented UCF. Marshall, Miami and UCF are the best 3 teams in the MAC and MU has a shot at earning their first title since 1986, if they can escape Huntington with a victory. Overall, I give them a good shot at their 8th consecutive winning season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER SO. 6-5 240 PS#74. 12 sts LY, school rec 3105 yds (63.3%), 25-13 ratio, 508 rush yds. **2nd Tm MAC**. Added 20 lbs. Josh Betts (6-3 206 rFr) PS#127.

TB Calvin Murray Jr. 5-10 194 PS#434. 3 sts, 338 yds (4.7) until inj in 2000. 2 sts, 342 yds (7.3), 14 rec (10.6) in 2001. Luke Clemens (5-10 213 Jr) PS#370. 431 yds (4.0), 3 sts LY.

WR Michael Larkin So. 5-8 163 Air Force prep in 2000. 37 rec here LY. #1 in yds w/672 (18.2). Randy Stegman (5-10 195 Sr) 14 rec (11.3) LY. Martin Nance (6-4 203 rFr) PS#316.

WR EDDIE TILLITZ SR. 5-9 175 PS#102QB. 39 rec (9.9) in 2000. 12 sts LY, 43 rec (13.4), 25 PR (10.8). Jamie Cooper (6-3 185 So) PS#128. Josh Williams is PS#131WR.

WR JASON BRANCH SR. 6-6 219 4 sts, 31 rec (15.0) in 2000. 11 sts LY, 46 rec (12.3), Korey Kirkpatrick (6-1 197 Jr) 2 sts LY, 9 rec (18.7). Andre Henderson (6-2 195 Fr).

TE Geoff Robinson Jr. 6-4 265 3 tkls @DL in 2001. Tyler Vogel (6-3 242 rFr) PS#223LB. Matt Brandt (6-5 244 Jr) 8 rec (10.4) LY. Dan Tyler (6-4 238 rFr) PS#171TE.

C Ben Hartings So. 6-4 272 PS#285OL. Brother Jeff is on Detroit Lions. 2nd string as rFr, 10 games. Todd Londot (6-7 276 rFr). Scott Sagehorn (6-3 216 Sr) is LS.

RG Jacob Bell Jr. 6-5 300 11 starts at RT as rFr. 2 starts in 2001 until injury, missed 9 games. Added 15 pounds. Zac Elcess (6-5 274 rFr) was PS#356OL.

LG FRANK SMITH JR. 6-3 287 2nd string C in 2000. 10 sts @LG in 2001 after Bell was inj'd. Dan Kosta (6-2 298 Jr) 6 gms LY. David Rehker (6-5 303 So) PS#180OL.

RT BEN HERRELL JR. 6-7 302 2nd string as rFr, 1 game. 10 starts at RT in 2001. Tallest player here. Nate Bunce (6-6 282 rFr) Ryan Fisher (6-5 294 rFr).

LT JUSTIN SMITH SR. 6-5 294 PS#455. 3 sts @RG as rFr. 2nd string in 2000, DNL. 10 sts in 2001 (8 @RG, 2 @RT). Mark Kracium (6-5 280 rFr). Ryan Meyer (6-5 280 rFr).

K JARED PARSEGHIAN SO. 5-10 193 Hit 6-10 FG's LY, L/42, 28-30 XP's. Brett Jackson (5-10 173 Jr) 1-2 FG's. Todd Soderquist (6-2 195 Fr) 10-11 FG's L/52, 94% KO's TB's in HS.

DEFENSE

DE PHIL SMITH JR. 6-1 262 PS#261. 3 sts, 43 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 57 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl, 1 int. Will Stanley (6-1 248 Jr) PS#402, 10 tkls LY. Mike Barz (6-4 241 rFr) PS#218DB.

DT William Rueff So. 6-4 276 PS#150DL. 1 st as rFr, 12 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl. John Glavin (5-11 270 rFr). Mark Fragel (6-5 251 rFr) PS#276. MJ Johnson (6-3 273 rFr) PS#238DL.

DT RYAN TERRY SR. 6-2 353 8 sts, 4 tfl in '99. 10 sts, 68 tkls, 11 tfl in 2000. 12 sts, 58 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl LY. Kurt Mester (6-4 268 Sr) 1 st, 23 tkls, 3 sks in '99. 17 tkls, 3 tfl LY.

DE Matt Edwards Sr. 6-2 252 PS#92. 9 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Inj in '99 & 2000. 10 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu LY. Jeremy Thompson (6-4 249 So) PS#168QB. Brandon Proctor (6-3 241 rFr) PS#108TE.

OLB MATT ROBILLARD SR. 6-3 238 3 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, 104 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 starts LY. **1st Team MAC,** 109 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl, 2 int, 8 pbu. David Hutzelman (6-2 212 rFr).

MLB TERRELL JONES JR. 5-9 225 6 sts. Led NCAA true frosh in tkls w/94, 3 sks, 5 tfl (missed 1st 3!). **1st Tm MAC** in 2001, 124 tkls, 7 tfl. Jarrod Rich (6-3 236 rFr) PS#291LB.

OLB NATHAN CLAYTON JR. 6-2 232 PS#130RB. 5 tkls as rFr. Inj'd in 2000. 10 sts in 2001, 67 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl, 3 pbu. Marshall Upshaw (5-10 222 So) PS#168DB, 11 tkls as true.

CB MILT BOWEN SR. 6-2 204 10 sts in 2000, 76 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu, 3 tfl. 12 sts LY, 78 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu. Alphonso Hodge (5-11 204 So) 1 st, 8 tkls, 2 pbu. Dwight Smith (5-10 170 So).

CB Ryan Sprague Jr. 5-10 188 PS#289RB. 5 tkls as rFr. 3 sts @SS LY, 43 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. Paul Tripp (6-0 182 Sr) JC in 2000. 1 tkl LY. Ryan Redd (5-10 180 Fr) PS#406DB.

SS MATT PUSATERI SO. 5-11 192 PS#176DB. 11 sts as rFr. #2 w/122 tkls, 4 tfl. Sherman Smith (5-11 191 So) PS#590DB. Steve Burke (6-0 179 rFr). Delvin Walls (5-8 181 Jr).

FS Van Monroe So. 6-3 188 Sprinter in high school. 16 tackles, 1 int, 12 games as rFr. Bryan Tyson (6-0 190 Fr) in for spring. Ben Isler (6-1 206 So).

P Michael Wafzig So. 6-4 233 42.0 avg in HS. 59 punts here as rFr, 38.6 avg, net of 32.8. Ben Roethlisberger is PS#74QB. 1 punt, 27 yds LY. Brett Jackson (5-10 173 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Josh Williams 6-1 190 PS#131
LB	Matt Vogele 6-1 230 PS#183
DB	John Busing 6-3 210 PS#215
DB	Joey Card 6-1 175 PS#242
WR	Darrell Hunter 6-1 180 PS#225
DB	Terna Nande 6-1 210 PS#323
QB	Ryan Busing 6-3 190 PS#214
TE	Brian Cooper 6-5 265 PS#105
WR	Todd Soderquist 6-2 195 PS#410
OL	Kenneth Getch 6-4 250 PS#881
DB	Dontae Wright 6-3 180 PS#775
DB	Bryan Tyson 6-0 190 PS#775
DB	Marcus Tate 5-10 165 PS#775

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Aug. 31	at N Carolina	G					
Sep. 7	Iowa	G					
Sep. 14	at LSU	G					
Sep. 21	Kent St	G					
Sep. 28	at Akron	A					
Oct. 5	at Cincinnati	A					
Oct. 12	N Illinois (HC)	G					
Oct. 19	at Buffalo	G					
Oct. 26	at Toledo	A					
Nov. 2	Ohio U	G					
Nov. 9							
Nov. 12	at Marshall (Tues)	A					
Nov. 23	UCF	G					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Redhawks are 13-3 ATS their last 16 as a home dog.
UM is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS vs Bowling Green the L/4 series meetings.
The Redhawks are 4-1 SU and 3-2 ATS their last 5 meetings with Ball St.

MU is 9-2 ATS last 11 (6-0 L/6) in season openers, 5-2 SU and 6-1 ATS the L/7 away openers.
Redhawks are 43-19-1 ATS on grass the last 8 years.

The Redhawks are 5-2-1 ATS their last 8 vs Big 10 teams.
Miami is 18-8-1 ATS in their last 27 September outings.

Redhawks are 1-2 SU, but 3-0 ATS vs the SEC since 1990.
Could apply: Miami is 18-9-2 ATS off a SU loss the last 8 years.

Miami is 11-1 SU and 8-4 ATS vs the Flashes since 1990.
During that time Miami has outscored Kent St 432-141.

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Miami is 6-2 SU but 3-4-1 ATS their last 8 meetings with Akron.

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Miami is 2-4 SU and ATS vs the Bearcats the last 6 years.

Coming into the 2002 season Miami was 17-10-1 ATS as a HF since 1994.
Pending earlier results: UM is 14-6 ATS their L/20 sandwiched HG's.

Miami is 3-0 SU, 1-2 ATS vs the Bulls, but are 0-2 ATS the last 2 years.
Redhawks are 6-12 ATS off a SU win the last 3 years.

Last time these 2 met was in '98 when the Redhawks won 28-14 as a 6' pt HF.
Pending earlier results: Miami is 9-15-2 ATS last 8 years on artificial turf.

Redhawks are 12-6 SU and 10-7-1 ATS in November the last 6 years.
Miami is 7-1 SU and ATS their last 8 vs arch rival Ohio U.

Bonus: Pending earlier results, MU is 38-25-1 ATS the L8Y vs conf foes.

The Redhawks have been outscored 141-83 vs Marshall the last 4 years.
Miami is 0-4 SU and ATS in that span vs the Herd.

This is the first time the Knights and Redhawks meet in a MAC game.
Redhawks are 9-1 SU and 8-2 ATS in their last lined HG of the year.

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Hoeppner's records AT MIAMI (OH)

20-14	Straight Up	4-5-1	Home Favorite
16-17-1	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
7-5-1	Off A S/U Loss	4-6	Away Favorite
10-13-1	Vs Conference	6-4	Away Dog
		6-4	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (17,17,2)
Lost: 23 (10,12,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,168

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-2-1	6-5	8-3	10-1	7-4	6-5	7-5	52-25-1
ATS	8-3	6-5	8-3	6-5	3-7-1	6-5	7-5	44-33-1
Home Fav	2-2	3-0	3-1	3-1	1-2-1	2-1	1-2	15-9-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	5-3
Away Fav	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-1	12-13
Away Dog	3-0	0-1-1	2-1	1-1	0-1	2-2	4-1	12-7-1
Favorite	4-3	5-2	5-2	5-4	3-5-1	3-3	2-3	27-22-1
Dog	4-0	1-2-1	3-1	1-1	0-2	3-2	5-2	17-10-1
Grass	7-3	5-1	6-2	4-2	3-4-1	5-2	6-4	36-18-1
Artificial	1-0	1-3-1	2-1	2-3	0-3	1-3	1-1	8-14-1
vs Conf	5-3	6-2	6-2	4-4	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	0-2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-1	13-8-1
Off SU Win	6-1	2-3	5-2	5-4	0-6	2-3	4-3	24-22
Off SU Loss	2-0	3-2	2-1	0-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-2	14-9-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Steve Little	135	620	33	587	8	4.3
Luke Clemens	109	483	52	431	1	4.0
Cal Murray	47	354	12	342	3	7.3
Ben Roethlisberger	120	508	319	189	3	1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ben Roethlisberger	381	241	63.3	3105	25	13
Ryan Hawk	11	5	45.5	80	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Branch	46	565	12.3	6	40
Eddie Tillitz	43	577	13.4	5	70
Michael Larkin	37	672	18.2	5	81
Chauncey Henry	32	421	13.2	3	39
Steve Little	19	136	7.2	2	37
Randy Stegman	14	158	11.3	1	28

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Wafzig	59	2276	38.6	–	32.8	0	13

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared Parseghian	1-2	3-6	2-2	0-0	6-10	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Terrell Jones	124	1	6	0	1
Matt Pusateri	122	0	4	0	0
Matt Robillard	109	5	8	8	2
Milt Bowen	78	0	2	11	2
Rod Clark	68	0	1	8	2
Nathan Clayton	67	3	1	3	0
Michael Adams	60	1	4	14	1
Gino DiGiandomenico	59	3	9	5	0
Ryan Terry	58	3	6	4	0
Phil Smith	57	5	2	1	1
Bob Petrovic	56	6	4	2	0
Ryan Sprague	43	0	0	8	1
Kurt Mester	17	1	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eddie Tillitz	25	269	10.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Milt Bowen	22	508	23.1	0
Korey Kirkpatrick	10	219	21.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
62	Tangerine	NL	Houston	21-49	–
73	Tangerine	NL	Florida	16-7	–
74	Tangerine	NL	Georgia	21-10	–
75	Tangerine	NL	S Carolina	20-7	–
86	California	NL	San Jose St	7-37	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	26.6	21	134	3.6	265	62.8	15.0	-1	2001	6	25.8	19	142	3.8	208	53.4	13.6
4*	24.7	20	155	4.2	232	48.8	15.7	-14	2000	7	26.0	21	213	4.6	192	53.6	15.6
10*	30.5	19	147	3.5	255	46.5	13.2	+9	1999	6	24.0	20	169	3.5	206	48.2	15.6
5	28.8	19	226	4.6	143	51.6	12.8	+9	1998	6	12.9	17	149	3.5	151	47.7	23.2
7*	37.5	24	208	4.7	236	58.6	11.8	+7	1997	6	24.4	17	149	3.5	149	50.6	12.2
7*	24.8	17	172	4.2	146	53.9	12.8	+10	1996	6	15.3	18	187	3.9	120	40.0	20.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Michigan	18	29 - 127	4.4	22 - 44	223	3	22	47 - 189	4.0	20 - 34	214	1	-2
at Iowa	16	38 - 165	4.3	10 - 20	223	5	21	40 - 141	3.5	22 - 32	270	1	-2
Cincinnati	23	43 - 199	4.6	20 - 25	264	4	16	25 - 77	3.1	22 - 37	206	1	1
at Ball St	19	42 - 212	5.0	15 - 24	122	3	16	40 - 170	4.3	13 - 29	108	3	0
Buffalo	21	42 - 128	3.0	23 - 30	212	0	16	31 - 64	2.1	17 - 40	194	4	0
Akron	23	34 - 167	4.9	23 - 40	399	1	20	42 - 97	2.3	21 - 31	309	2	-2
at Ohio U	24	39 - 62	1.6	24 - 37	322	2	21	57 - 281	4.9	3 - 12	22	1	3
W Michigan	18	42 - 154	3.7	18 - 29	215	8	9	34 - 93	2.7	9 - 32	75	4	-1
at Bowling Green	17	38 - 109	2.9	15 - 25	305	3	21	39 - 127	3.3	14 - 30	185	2	0
Marshall	18	31 - 123	4.0	16 - 29	210	4	28	37 - 90	2.4	30 - 43	333	1	1
at Hawaii	35	38 - 164	4.3	40 - 53	452	3	23	11 - 45	4.1	30 - 53	500	1	1
at Kent St	15	31 - (-1)	0.0	20 - 36	238	5	19	46 - 333	7.2	9 - 20	79	1	0
TOTALS	247	447 - 1609	3.6	246 - 392	3185	41	232	449 - 1707	3.8	210 - 393	2495	22	-1
AVERAGES	20.6	37 - 134	3.6	21 - 33	265	3.4	19.3	37 - 142	3.8	18 33	208	1.8	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-7	27-10	W
at Bowling Green	-5	21-28	L
Akron	-19'	49-20	W
at Army	+4	38-14	W
at Virginia Tech	+19'	24-17	W
at Kent St	-22	62-26	W
Marshall	+2	45-21	W
Cincinnati	-6'	31-34	L
at Toledo	+1	28-35	L
at Ohio U	-2'	45-21	W
N Illinois	-33	42-0	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+19	13-10	W
at Army	-7	14-13	L
Toledo	-6'	28-14	W
at Marshall	+2'	17-31	L
Bowling Green	-14'	24-12	L
at Ball St	-19	28-17	L
at Cincinnati	-14	41-0	W
Ohio U	-10	35-21	W
at N Illinois	-16	41-10	W
Kent St	-34	56-0	W
at Akron	-15'	20-14	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	-4	28-3	W
at W Virginia	+3'	27-43	L
E Michigan	-24'	35-14	L
at C Michigan	-19	24-16	L
Marshall	+4	14-32	L
at Bowling Green	-7	45-31	W
at Kent St	-24	17-10	L
Cincinnati	-4	42-52	L
Akron	-9	32-23	T
at Ohio U	-5	28-40	L
Buffalo	-33	43-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	+7'	33-30	W
at E Michigan	-10	34-17	W
at Ohio St	+23	16-27	W
Kent St	-23	45-14	W
at Akron	-5	20-37	L
Ball St	-28	10-15	L
Bowling Green	-13'	24-10	W
at Cincinnati	+5	15-45	L
Ohio U	+5'	27-24	W
at Marshall	+5'	31-51	L
at Buffalo	-21	17-16	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+24'	13-31	W
at Iowa	+15	19-44	L
Cincinnati	+2'	21-14	W
at Ball St	-6'	28-20	W
Buffalo	-25	31-14	L
Akron	-8'	30-27	L
at Ohio U	+7	36-24	W
W Michigan	-3	25-11	W
at Bowling Green	+4	24-21	W
Marshall	+3	21-27	L
at Hawaii	+7'	51-52	W
at Kent St	-4'	20-24	L

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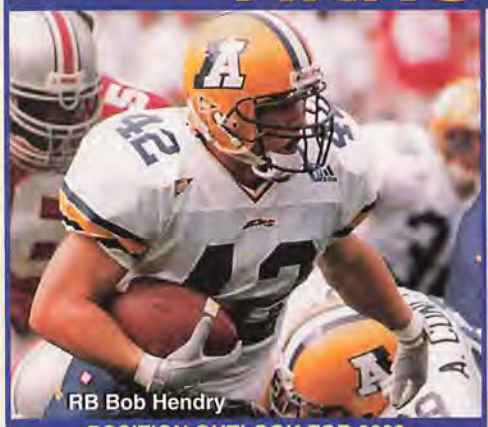
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Zips had to replace Butchie Washington who was a 4 year starter and left with almost all of Akron's passing records. He set a single season record with 2,319 yards passing in 2000 and was 2nd Team MAC with a 17-11 ratio. Fifth year senior Ryan Uhlenhake was one of 2 experienced QB's returning last year, and he had superior performances in all 4 of his spring games, but rarely saw action with only 7 career pass attempts. He once again was the star of the spring but only had 2 pass att's in 2001. Micah Faler (6-2 176 Jr, PS#153) was the 2nd string QB in 2000 because of injury to Uhlenhake and was in 9 games, attempting 4 passes, but had only 2 pass attempts in 2001. Two newcomers became the top QB's. Nick Sparks was the 3rd fastest player on the team last year and despite hitting just 3 of 10 in the spring game he dominated the fall scrimmages and was the clear #1 coming into the season. Sparks is a good thrower with 4.38 speed who benches 350 and has a 32" vertical leap and drew comparisons to Michael Vick. He originally signed at W Virginia in '99 but transferred to Akron in 2000. Unfortunately he was injured in the opener and then re-injured against Purdue. Surprisingly, they wasted his chance for a medical redshirt late in the year by playing him at both QB and WR. He attempted just 13 passes while rushing for 49 yards but also had 7 rec's with a super 19.9 ypc and may end up moving to WR on a full-time basis. Charlie Frye took over as a starter as a rFr. Their QB coach said, "I've never been around a QB who worked harder and watched more film." He earned MAC Player of the Week honors vs Ohio U, broke Akron's frosh record and became just the fourth QB in school history to top 2,000 yards passing in a season. He set Akron records for completions (170) and completion percentage (58.8%) and was 5th in the MAC in pass efficiency. Frye has good size (6-4 200) and benches 300 lbs and may end up breaking all of Washington's passing records.

RUNNING BACKS - In '99 Brandon Payne was simply the MAC Frosh of the Year, rushing for 845 yards (4.1) as a rFr. In 2000 Payne became the first Akron RB ever to top 1,000 yards in IA ball (Akron joined IA in '87) as he had 1,062 yards (4.8) and was named 2nd Team MAC. Last year the Zips had to replace Payne's backup as well as the top FB who had combined for 937 yards. This unit was hit hard by injuries last year. Payne was lost for the season vs W Michigan and had 498 yards and 6 TD's in the first 5 games, which had him on pace for another 1,000 yard season. Bob Hendry missed 2 1/2 games but had 192 yards vs Marshall and finished the year with 819 yards (5.1). He is a slashing Marcus Allen-type of RB and was 5th in the MAC in all-purpose yards with 118.1 ypg and has 4.46 speed. FB Dan Basch is a power runner who spent some time at TB due to injuries but was also injured often. He finished with 228 yards. Junior McCray (5-4 165 Sr) had 221 yards (3.9). Ashanti Barbee (5-10 237 Jr) transferred from W Virginia in 2000 and had 38 total yards and benches 380 lbs. Matt Carter (5-9 178 Jr, PS#352) had 52 yards. The only loss this year is starting FB Matt Zuercher who had 72 yards rushing and 141 yards receiving. This unit is much deeper this year provided they can stay healthy. Not only are Payne, Hendry, McCray and Basch all back, but they get two super newcomers. Thomas Plummer (6-1 210 rFr) was recruited by both Notre Dame and Stanford and was a star in Canada. Marcus Sanders (5-10 180 So) was PS#40 and originally signed at Minnesota but opted to transfer last year. This looks like the deepest RB position in the MAC and one of the better units in the country, but there may be some bruised egos as only one player can carry the ball at a time.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Zips had to replace their all-time leading receiver in Lavel Bailey who averaged 19.9 ypc which ranked #4 in the NCAA. Almost everyone else was back with their deep threat being Jake Schifino who averaged 18.5 on 42 rec's in 2000. Schifino was banged up vs Purdue and was not 100% most of the year and the team missed his big play threat. He finished #2 with 35 rec's (14.1) and he departs (#5DC of TEN) as Akron's #3 all-time leading receiver. Starting TE Tim Ritley (18 rec, 12.9) and WR Andrew Wilson (8 rec's, 10.2) also depart. The #4 and #5 receivers were both RB's. Despite the losses, this group could be even stronger in 2002. Matt Cherry led the team in rec's (48, 13.1). Miquel Irvin was PS#83 and originally signed at Toledo. After starting 2 games in 2000, he decided to transfer. Also QB Nick Sparks had 7 rec's with a super 19.9 ypc down the stretch while TE Nick Fortener is impressive physically. I list the rest of the 2 deep below but with the addition of Irvin and Sparks, and the fact that the #1 man is back, this unit looks stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '99 the Zips had to replace 3 senior starters but coach Owens was high on the OL's, saying they were more athletic and would allow the team to run both left and right with more efficiency. He made an accurate assessment as the Zips went from a 3.8 ypc in 1999 to 4.6 in 2000 and decreased their sacks allowed to 10. Last year they had to replace just 1 starter and 2 backups from the front wall but surprisingly the team only averaged 3.9 ypc (perhaps because the RB's were banged up) and the sack total rose to 20 (still a decent number). Prior to the season Owens said "This isn't the biggest line we've had here but it's the best." This year the unit suffers some major losses. Gone are C Scott Smith (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Paul Ondrusek (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Jeff Grzeskowiak (11 sts, 4 yr st'r) and their biggest loss LT Konrad Dean (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm MAC, Top OL Award). I list the 2 deep below and they do bring in a JUCO and have some decent talent in the mix but this is clearly the most inexperienced OL they have had in some time and is the only concern Owens has on the offensive side of the ball.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Zips had 8 of their top 9 DL's returning in 2000 but surprisingly allowed 4.6 ypc rushing and the defense had just 21 sacks. The star of the group was clearly Dwayne LeFall who had 9 tfl as a true frosh, but he missed the 2001 season due to academics. Last year they had to replace a couple of players who combined for 18 starts but did have 4 players back with starting experience. The line was on the light side, averaging just 255 lbs, and the defense allowed 4.6 ypc rushing but increased the sack total to 27. This year the group is much more experienced as 3 starters are back plus LeFall returns. The only loss this year is DT Chris Smith (11 sts, 34 tkls, 3 sks, 9 tfl). They add Jermaine Reid who is from Canada and 2 HT true frosh. I list the 2 deep below and while the 2nd string is not overwhelming, the 1st string is much more experienced and I look for LeFall to give the DL much more bite this year.

LINEBACKERS - Last year they had to replace 1 starter and had 4 players back with starting experience. True frosh Diontre Earl, who had his jersey retired in HS, looked like he would see significant action with 4 tackles and 1 tfl vs Ohio St but then was injured and redshirted. This year they must replace 3 of their top 6. Gone are Ed March (33 tkls, 4 tfl), Terrell Colbert (65 tkls, 7 tfl) and Eric Culberson (30 tkls, 2 tfl). Ryan Myers was the team's leading tackler and Owens says the new defensive schemes fit Chase Blackburn like a glove and expects a big season out of him. Earl will have to battle E Michigan transfer Ryan Robinette who started 3 games there as a true frosh and also watch true frosh Brian White (PS#138). Despite the loses, I like Earl and Robinette at MLB and I think this unit actually looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With 7 of their top 8 DB's returning in 2000, Akron finished #56 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had a major loss having to replace CB Dwight Smith who was 1st Team AA and led the NCAA in int's. They also lost their top 2 tacklers (starting SS and a FS). They then lost their best returning cover corner, Corvin Amos, to a knee injury in the opener as well as SS Mike Young (5 sts in 2000) to a neck injury in the preseason. The players returning had a grand total of 6 starts among them and the Zips plummeted to #106 in my pass D rankings, allowing 284.9 ypg (58.8%) with a 26-11 ratio. This year the group is in much better shape as they get Amos back and have plenty of experience to go around. The only losses are SS Brad Detwiler (68 tkls, 12 tfl, 7 pbu) and CB Rickie Coble (43 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu). They also add a JUCO here and I think this unit is much more experienced than it was last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Zips have done pretty well in this area under Coach Owens and have improved each year. They finished #77 in my special teams rankings in 1998, #72 in '99, #60 in 2000 and last year moved up to #49. This does not even include FG accuracy or they would have rated higher as Zac Derr was one of the nation's best in his 4 years including last year when he was a Groza semifinalist and hit 15 of 18 FG's with a long of 52. Derr also was solid on KO's and a good part of the reason the Zips did well in KR defense. After allowing 18.8 yp KR in 2000 they did yield 21.2 last year and with Derr gone I don't see that improving much. The new FG kicker will likely be true frosh Billy Sullivan (PS#27). P Andy Jerdon took over the duties in 2000 with a 39.7 average and a net of 34.8. Last year his numbers surprisingly dropped to 38.2 and 32.4. I look for him to at least return to his 2000 form, if not better. Brandon Payne led the MAC in PR's in '99 with a super 12.5 average. Those numbers dropped to 8.1 in 2000 and last year, prior to injury, he had 5 returns but only averaged 2.4. Matt Cherry had 10 returns with a super 16.3 avg and both are back so they should have one of the MAC's top PR units. Matt Carter who handled the KR duties (21.7) returns as does waterbug Junior McCray (5-4). My special teams rankings do not account for FG accuracy so it is possible that Akron will improve in this area once again, but overall the unit is weaker with the loss of a great kicker like Derr who leaves as the school's all-time leading scorer.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Akron is another team that has made the ascension into IA ball. They were a Div II team in 1979, moved to IAA in 1980 and IA in 1987. With Gerry Faust as the head coach they were 7-3-1 in 1992 but the Zips then had 6 straight losing seasons before recording back to back winning years in 1999 and 2000 and were MAC East Co-champions, coming within :26 of beating Marshall for the outright title in 2000. In their 100 years of college football, however, they still have zero championships. Akron took a step back last year due to injuries, as they lost their top 2 playmakers RB Payne and WR Schifino and finished 4-7. Last season they had the 2nd fewest (12) starters returning in the MAC and it's more of the same this year as they have just 10 back (2nd fewest) and must replace 18 lettermen. Akron finished 13th in the MAC in defense last year, allowing 470.5 ypg, but have a new DC this year in Joe Tresey, who was the DC for 4 years at Otterbein College (Div III school in Ohio) and most recently the DB coach at VMI. In the preseason last year Akron lost its top pass rusher (Dwayne LeFall) then top cover corner (Corvin Amos) was lost in the opener but both are back this season. Overall the Zips have 6 starters back on that side of the ball and will show improvement in the defensive numbers. Last year they had inexperienced QB's but now have an experienced Charlie Frye back at the helm, and he is one of the MAC's top QB's. Also RB Brandon Payne, who topped 1,000 yards in 2000 but who missed most of last year with injury, is back. The big question on offense is the front wall where just 1 starter returns. I rated them the 3rd best offense in the MAC last year, even though they finished 6th statistically. They did take on Ohio St, Purdue and UCF in the non-conference slate which had 3 top-notch D's and in conference play, Akron finished 3rd, averaging 29.5 ppg. If the OL gels quickly, they should be more potent on that side of the ball. Akron did lose a couple of tough games last year, as Miami hit a 70 yard Hail Mary pass on the last play and they led BG with 6:00 left before losing late. As proven by their 12-5 record vs MAC East Div opponents the last 3 years, can compete with the big boys. This year they must face Iowa, Maryland and Virginia on the road. They get Marshall and Miami at home. However, those two, along with UCF are the class of the MAC this year so unless they can pull off a large upset or two, it looks like middle of the pack in this division for the Zips.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB CHARLIE FRYE SO. 6-4 200 *PS#263. 10 sts as rFr, 2053 yds (59%) 9-6 ratio, 212 yds rush, 300 lb bench. Nick Sparks 4.38 speed , 1 start at QB LY, 80 yds passing.*

RB BRANDON PAYNE SR. 5-10 200 *1062 yds (4.8) in 2000. 498 yds (inj) LY. **Marcus Sanders** (5-10 180 So) **PS#40**, Minn trans. **Bob Hendry** (5-10 200 Jr) 819 yds (5.1), 4.46 spd.*

FB Dan Basch Jr. 6-0 233 *PS#246. 32 yds, 10 tkls as true. 228 yds LY until inj (6.5). Ashanti Barbee (5-10 237 Jr) W Virg trans. **Thomas Plummer** (6-1 210 rFr) PS#278, Canadian.*

WR MATT CHERRY JR. 6-1 184 *PS#177, 11 sts LY, #1 w/48 rec (13.1). 186 return yds. Bates Szakos (6-3 187 Jr) PS#233, 3 rec until inj LY. Jason Montgomery (6-1 189 rFr).*

WR Nick Sparks Jr. 6-3 206 ***4.38 spd**. Orig at W Virg. 1 st at QB LY, 7 rec (19.9), 3 gms at WR. Miquel Irvin (6-2 185 Jr) **PS#83**, 3 rec at Toledo. Morris Ellington (5-11 183 So) 3 rec.*

TE Nick Fortener Sr. 6-1 243 *2 sts as rFr, 10 rec (14.1). 2 sts in 2000, 1 rec, 4.65 spd, 400 bench. 7 rec (17.4) LY. Mike Brake (6-4 252 Jr) PS#297DL, 7 rec (8.4), 11 gms LY.*

C Jumbo Bridger Jr. 6-2 300 *2nd Team All California JUCO last year and in for spring. Jim Borrieci (6-3 280 So) PS#467OL. Lettered as a rFr last year.*

RG Mike Piccirillo Jr. 6-2 295 *PS#358 in 2000, PQ. 2nd string LY & lettered. Mike Donaldson (6-6 325 Fr) is PS#142. Tim Crouch (6-4 300 Fr). Andy Wills (6-4 280 Fr).*

LG AARON CONLEY SO. 6-3 295 *PS#272OL. Inj'd as true & redshirt. Started all 11 as rFr in 2001. Aaron Feller (6-4 289 So) PS#469OL. 2nd string and lettered as a true frosh.*

RT Mike Grzeskowiak So. 6-6 315 *PS#283. 2nd string as true but RS. 2nd string & lettered LY 1165 bench/squat/PC. Jud Cummins (6-4 294 Jr) PS#449, 415 bench. 1 letter.*

LT Bryan Shaw Jr. 6-3 283 *PS#410OL. 2nd string and lettered as rFr. 410 bench. 2nd string and lettered last year. Justin Hein (6-7 335 rFr) PS#218OL, great size.*

K Billy Sullivan Fr. 6-1 175 *PS#27PK. 1st Team Ohio as punter in HS. 11 of 13 on FG's, Ohio St kicking camp. Andy Heinl (6-0 175 rFr). Marik Hughes (6-0 170 Fr).*

DE Dwayne LeFall Jr. 6-3 248 *PS#370. Orig signed w/ Utah St in '99. 3 sts here as "true" in 2000, 18 tkls, 4.5 sks, 4 tfl, 380 bench. Top DL LY but inj'd. Tim Wilkes (6-2 246 rFr) PS#290.*

DT RYAN GARGASZ SR. 6-6 260 *11 sts in 2000, 21 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts at DE LY, 35 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl. Mark Conley (6-2 250 So) PS#161DL. Bobby Gardner (6-4 230 So) 1 tkl LY.*

DT RYAN SCHULTZ SR. 6-4 257 *9 sts in 2000, 18 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, 15 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 410 bench, 4.9. Dorian Beard (6-0 260 So) PS#355LB. **Darius Thomas** (6-3 275 Jr) 10 sks at JC LY.*

DE MARQUES HAYES JR. 6-1 250 *PS#131LB. 18 tackles as rFr. 11 sts last year, 51 tackles, 6 sks, 4 tfl, **4.6 spd, 400 bench**. Josh Hill (6-2 220 Sr) 9 tackles, 1 sk, 2 tfl in 2001.*

LB Chase Blackburn So. 6-3 223 *PS#292LB. 16 tackles, 2 sks, 3 tfl at DE as **true**. Joe Radich (6-1 225 Jr) PQ in 2000. Matt Robinson (6-1 228 Jr) 1 st in 2000, 2 tackles, 1 tfl.*

LB Diontre Earl rFr. 5-11 221 *PS#277LB. 4 tackles, 1 tfl vs Ohio St as true, inj, RS. Ryan Robinette (6-2 220 So) PS#283LB. **3 sts at E Michigan** as **true**, 20 tackles, 3 tfl.*

LB RYAN MYERS SR. 6-1 230 *OH wrestling champ. 3 sts in 2000, 32 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 sts LY, #1 w/77 tkls, 2 tfl, 5 pbu, 4.53. **Doug Sutton** (6-4 225 Jr) PS#404DL, 21 tkls, 5 tfl LY.*

CB RICKEY McKENZIE JR. 6-0 184 *PS#460. 11 sts LY, 4.55 spd, 31 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu. Greg Williams (5-10 180 So) PS#285, 3 tkls as **true**, 10 gms. Sekai Greer (6-0 195 So) 15 pbu at JC LY.*

CB Corvin Amos Jr. 5-9 187 *5 sts in 2000, 45 tkls, 1 tfl, 6 pbu. Top cover CB LY but injured and RS. **Jesse Smith** (6-1 180 Jr) PS#385. **4.36** spd, 23 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu LY.*

SS MARCUS SUBER SR. 5-11 201 *20 pbu at JC in 2000. 45 tkls here, 1 pbu LY. **John Fuller** (6-2 192 So) PS#501. **11 sts** at FS LY, 62 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Jason Hartman (5-9 197 Sr).*

FS Kris Williams Sr. 5-11 178 *PS#240JUCO in 2000. 5 int's at JC in 1999. 30 tkls here LY, 1 int, 5 pbu. Richard Spaulding (6-3 210 rFr) QB in HS, 773 pass, 650 rush as Sr.*

P ANDY JERDON JR. 5-11 199 *52 punts as rFr. 39.7 avg & net of 34.8. 54 punts last year, 38.2 avg & net of 32.4. Nick Kosir (6-0 175 rFr). Billy Sullivan was a punter in HS.*

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OL	Mike Donaldson	6-6 325 PS#142
DL	Antonio Shippy	6-3 340 PS#161
LB	Brian White	6-2 260 PS#138
DL	Jermaine Reid	6-4 250 PS#181
DL	Mike Berry	6-5 240 PS#185
PK	Billy Sullivan	6-1 175 PS#27
WR	Tyee Davis	6-3 198 PS#241
QB	Mario Harris	6-3 190 PS#211
OL	Tim Crouch	6-4 300 PS#436
DL	Gabriel Gonzalez	6-2 265 PS#390
LB	Mark Groza	6-4 220 PS#422
LB	Aaron Holderman	6-3 235 PS#423
WR	Jeff Garrison	6-3 187 PS#400
OL	Jumbo Bridger	6-2 300 PS#795JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Iowa	G						Akron has not played Toledo S/'98, but is 0-5 SU & ATS vs UT the L/5 meetings. AU is 7-5 ATS as a HF the L7Y, but 0-2 ATS as one last year. Zips are 4-1 ATS but 1-4 SU in their season opener the last 5 years.
Sep. 7	at Maryland	G						Zips are 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs the Big 10 & have been outscored 169-59 S/'90. Akron is 4-1 ATS their last 5 away openers.
Sep. 14	C Michigan	A						Zips are 5-13 ATS in their last 18 September away games. Akron is 3-10 ATS their last 13 in the final game of a 2(+) road trip.
Sep. 21	at Virginia	G						Akron is 14-4 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1992. Zips are 6-3 ATS the last 9 meetings with C Michigan.
Sep. 28	Miami (Oh)	A						Pending earlier results, the Zips are 5-16-1 ATS S/'95 as a DD away dog. Pending earlier results, the Zips are 10-17-1 ATS on grass the last 8 years.
Oct. 5	at E Michigan	A						Pending 9/14: Zips are 8-2 ATS their last 10 September home games. Zips are 3-1 SU and 4-0 ATS vs Redhawks in the Rubber Bowl.
Oct. 12	Liberty (HC)	A						AU is 0-4 ATS vs the Eagles L/4 meetings, including LY's 127 pt combined total. Akron is 1-7 ATS their last 8 conference road openers.
Oct. 19								This is the 1st NL gm for the Zips since a 41-7 loss to Youngstown St in '94. Liberty went 3-8 last year as a Division IAA Independent.
Oct. 26	at UCF	G						Bonus: Zips have won 3 straight SU and ATS off a bye week.
Nov. 2	Marshall	A						These two teams have avg'd 66.5 ppg in their 2 most recent meetings. The home team is 2-0 SU and ATS in those 2 games.
Nov. 9	at Ohio U	G						Owens had led AU to a 14-8 ATS mark as a home dog, 13-5 the L/18 tries. The Zips are 0-4 SU but 2-1-1 ATS vs Marshall.
Nov. 16	Buffalo	A						Akron is 3-6-1 ATS in November away games since 1995. The home team is 7-2 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.
Nov. 23	at Kent St	A						Akron is 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS vs Buffalo, outscoring the Bulls 107-38 L3Y. The Zips are 7-3 SU and ATS in lined home finales since 1990.
Nov. 30								AU is 4-7 SU, but 6-4-1 ATS in their away finales the last 11 years. Akron is 5-0 SU and 3-2 ATS vs Kent St the last 5 years.

LEE OWENS (Career 29-48)

8th Year at Akron

Owens' records AT AKRON

29-48	Straight Up	7-5	Home Favorite
36-39-2	Vs The Spread	14-8	Home Underdog
18-24-2	Off A S/U Loss	4-5	Away Favorite
27-29-2	Vs Conference	11-21-2	Away Underdog
		9-10	Vs Non-Conf

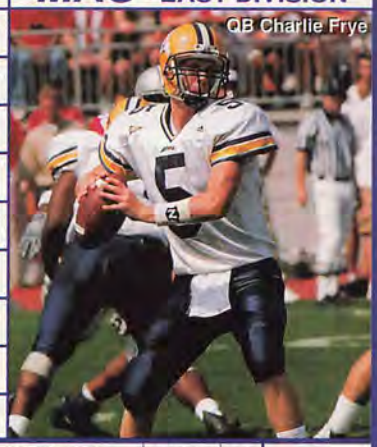
2001 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (25,19,1)
Lost: 18 (10,7,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,479

MAC - EAST DIVISION


QB Charlie Frye

STADIUM: RUBBER BOWL (35,202)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	2-9	4-7	7-4	6-5	4-7	29-48
ATS	3-8	6-5	5-6	6-5	5-5-1	7-4	4-6-1	36-39-2
Home Fav	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	7-5
Home Dog	1-3	3-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	3-1	1-1	14-8
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-2	1-0	4-5
Away Dog	1-5	2-3	1-6	2-3	1-1-1	2-0	2-3-1	11-21-2
Favorite	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	3-3	2-3	1-2	11-10
Dog	2-8	5-4	4-6	4-4	2-2-1	5-1	3-4-1	25-29-2
Grass	1-3	0-2	0-3	0-2	2-2-1	2-1	3-2	8-15-1
Artificial	2-5	6-3	5-3	6-3	3-3	5-3	1-4-1	28-24-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-5	5-4	3-4-1	5-3	3-4-1	27-29-2
Vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	9-10
Off SU Win	1-1	3-1	0-2	2-2	4-2	3-2	1-2	14-12
Off SU Loss	2-6	3-3	4-4	3-3	1-2-1	3-2	2-4-1	18-24-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bob Hendry	160	856	37	819	10	5.1
Brandon Payne	101	511	13	498	6	4.9
Dan Basch	35	235	7	228	0	6.5
Junior McCray	57	246	25	221	0	3.9
Charlie Frye	62	212	190	22	3	0.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Charlie Frye	289	170	58.8	2053	9	6
Nick Sparks	13	8	61.5	80	0	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Matt Cherry	48	630	13.1	3	72	
Jake Schifino	36	506	14.1	3	66	
Tim Ritley	18	232	12.9	0	37	
Matt Zuercher	14	141	10.1	1	24	
Brandon Payne	11	75	6.8	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Andy Jerdon	54	2065	38.2	–	32.4	0	9
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Zac Derr	4-4	8-10	2-3	1-1	15-18	52	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Myers	77	1	1	5	0
Brad Detwiler	68	3	9	7	0
Terrell Colbert	65	3	4	0	0
John Fuller	62	0	0	2	1
Marques Hayes	51	6	4	0	0
Marcus Suber	45	0	0	1	0
Rickie Coble	43	0	2	6	1
Ryan Gargasz	35	2	7	0	0
Chris Smith	34	3	9	0	1
Ed March	33	2	2	3	1
Rickey McKenzie	31	0	1	8	3
Eric Culberson	30	0	2	2	2
Kris Williams	30	0	0	5	1
Jesse Smith	23	0	0	4	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Matthew Cherry	10	163	16.3	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Matthew Carter	23	499	21.7	1	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Rice	NL	Louisiana Tech	13-33	–
76	Pioneer	NL	Montana St	13-24	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AKRON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	25.5	20	181	3.9	194	58.2	14.7	+4	2001	4	32.7	24	186	4.6	285	58.8	14.4
8*	30.3	21	207	4.6	211	50.7	13.8	+7	2000	6	26.8	23	197	4.5	207	50.7	15.0
6*	28.6	20	188	3.8	178	53.7	12.8	-1	1999	7	28.6	18	183	4.5	208	50.2	13.7
10*	24.1	20	187	4.3	188	49.7	15.6	-2	1998	8	27.2	21	198	4.2	177	53.2	13.8
5*	19.8	16	224	4.9	119	47.7	17.3	-4	1997	9	39.5	25	249	5.6	247	62.5	12.5
9*	15.9	15	161	3.6	129	41.4	20.0	-10	1996	5	24.5	19	185	4.2	132	52.1	13.0

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Ohio U	27	46-290	6.3	19-24	217	1	31	60-339	5.7	9-11	104	2	-2
at Ohio St	14	33-114	3.5	15-32	134	2	27	56-236	4.2	17-29	289	2	+2
at Purdue	17	47-133	2.8	15-25	133	2	21	36-179	5.0	22-41	292	2	-1
Kent St	18	42-173	4.1	13-22	139	2	21	45-162	3.6	17-26	193	2	+1
at W Michigan	20	54-243	4.5	13-27	112	2	26	31-140	4.5	26-42	353	2	+1
at Miami (Oh)	20	42-97	2.3	21-31	309	2	23	34-167	4.9	23-40	399	1	+2
Bowling Green	13	35-85	2.4	13-31	175	2	15	45-131	2.9	13-22	133	4	-2
at Marshall	31	51-251	4.9	24-37	272	2	31	36-292	8.1	25-39	434	1	0
at UCF	17	43-167	3.9	11-23	174	3	23	33-132	4.0	18-28	405	3	-2
at Buffalo	21	54-217	4.0	13-21	155	0	20	34-153	4.5	14-31	140	4	+3
E Michigan	27	58-219	3.8	21-33	313	2	26	36-111	3.1	27-50	392	4	+2
TOTALS	225	505-1989	3.9	178-306	2133	20	264	446-2042	4.6	211-359	3134	27	+4
AVERAGES	20.5	46-181	3.9	16-28	194	1.8	24.0	41-186	4.6	19-33	285	2.5	0.4

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+58	14-59	W
at Miami (Oh)	+19	20-49	L
Bowling Green	+7	28-31	W
at LSU	+42	0-56	L
C Michigan	+5	53-14	W
at Marshall	+30	17-52	L
at E Michigan	+9	0-45	L
Ohio U	+23	17-21	W
at Ball St	+9'	14-32	L
Kent St	-2	45-35	W
at Toledo	+21	10-42	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	+16	16-27	W
at Temple	+9	35-28	W
Ball St	-7'	52-14	W
at Pittsburgh	+12'	0-35	L
at Kent St	-9'	45-16	W
at Ohio U	+5'	14-28	L
Toledo	+6	17-24	L
at C Michigan	+2'	27-28	W
at Bowling Green	+7'	21-58	L
E Michigan	-8	24-21	L
Miami (Oh)	+15'	14-20	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+45'	24-70	L
at Buffalo	-20	17-10	L
Temple	+1	25-15	W
at E Michigan	-1	17-38	L
at Ball St	-1	31-9	W
Ohio U	-1'	41-28	W
Bowling Green	-3'	55-25	W
at Navy	+10	35-29	W
W Michigan	+1	10-24	L
at Miami (Oh)	+9	23-32	T
Kent St	-16	37-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+32	23-52	W
at C Michigan	-6	7-17	L
UCF	+2'	35-24	W
at Ohio U	+8'	23-20	W
Miami (Oh)	+5	37-20	W
at Bowling Green	-8	27-21	L
N Illinois	+1	35-52	L
Connecticut	-22	35-38	L
Marshall	+4	28-31	W
Buffalo	-29	49-14	W
at Kent St	-12	34-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	+6	31-29	W
at Ohio St	+25	14-28	W
at Purdue	+18	14-33	L
Kent St	-16'	14-10	L
at W Michigan	+10	14-31	L
at Miami (Oh)	+8'	27-30	W
Bowling Green	+4'	11-16	L
at Marshall	+17	33-50	T
at UCF	+14	17-57	L
at Buffalo	-5	41-14	W
E Michigan (3OT)	-17	65-62	L

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

QB Joshua Cribbs

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Probably "THE" story in the MAC last year was true frosh QB Joshua Cribbs. There was a 4 player battle for the QB job in the spring last year, with Jeff Valentino (6-3 195 Jr) coming in as the frontrunner but Ben McDaniels leaving the spring as the starter. It was a three horse race for the QB job in August, and McDaniels, a diminutive 5-11 175 (yes, I know he's *listed* at 6-0 180) fell back to #2 as Valentino started the opener. Cribbs had a solid game in relief against Iowa but that was vs backups. He entered in the 2Q against Bucknell and never looked back. Cribbs, a dangerous runner and passer, is often compared to Michael Vick. His 84 yard TD run vs W Virginia was the longest run by an opposing player ever at Mountaineer Field. Not only was he the first Kent QB to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in school history, but he was the first frosh QB to accomplish that feat in NCAA Div IA history, the first player ever in the MAC, and only 14th overall in the NCAA. For the season Cribbs rushed for 1,192 yards while throwing for 1,516 (55%) with a 10-5 ratio. Showing off his passing skills, he hit 15 of 16 in the 1H alone against Buffalo. He is one of the most dynamic players in the MAC. Valentino threw for 545 yards in 2000 but hit just 3 of 16 last year. McDaniels was PS#117 and hit 5 of 14 passes. They both left the team prior to the spring. Darryl Polk (6-0 205 So) was PS#215 and became the 2nd string QB. Brent Marstellar (6-1 200 So) was the #3QB in spring. True frosh Antwan Smith is in the Cribbs mold as many schools wanted him, but mostly at a different position, while Kent was the only one willing to put him at QB. As long as Cribbs stays healthy, I think he will improve upon his impressive numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Dean Pees came in with an emphasis on the running game and had a big, bulky OL early in his tenure but it did not produce results. He has changed that philosophy (see OL paragraph). They rushed for just 87 ypg in '98, improved it to 138 ypg in '99 but were back down to 112 in 2000 with only a 3.0 ypc. Last year basically all the RB's returned. In the spring Booker Vann, who was the #2 rusher in 2000, moved ahead of Chante Murphy but when Murphy, who was demoted to 3rd string in the spring, reemerged as the starter, Vann unexpectedly quit the team in August. David Alston, a PQ in 2000, broke off a 44 yard run against Bucknell and took over the starting job. Alston had 2 fumbles vs Akron and then 4 fumbles in 6 carries vs BG so Murphy filled in with 62 yards in the 2H but bruised his spleen and missed the next game. Alston bounced back with a 141 yard effort against N Ill and ended up leading the RB's with 633 yards (5.3). Eddie Beccles (5-8 175 So) was PS#191 and rushed for 58 yards as a true frosh. This year they must replace Murphy (480 yds, 5.9), FB DeMarlo Rozier (3 sts, 77 yds), and Mikal Lundy (5-11 190 Jr) who had 108 yards rushing in 2 years. I list the FB's below. I like Beccles' potential, their leading rusher is back, and with frosh Elijah Brooks (PS#99) added, I'll call this unit stronger despite the loss of 2 of their top 3 rushers.

RECEIVERS - Last year six of the top seven receivers returned, including 4 players with starting experience. This year they must replace their top 2 WR's in Jurron Kelly (11 sts, 37, 12.9) and Matt Curry (11 sts, 27, 14.2). All 3 TE's listed below have starting experience and I also list the 2 deep at WR. The best wideout could be Darrell Dowery who was PS#59DB and had 9 rec's as a true frosh. Not listed in the 2 deep below are WR's Ray Kemp (5-9 170 Sr), Jarius Acie (5-11 180 Jr, PS#149DB), Ray Coley (5-11 195 Jr), Reggie Gordon (5-11 180 So), Matt Harmon (6-2 205 Jr) and true frosh Brian Bell (PS#136). This unit does have some potential but is not overwhelming and since it is less experienced, I'll call it down a notch or two.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Flashes averaged 25.7 FD's in the final 3 games once the lineup was settled and with 4 starters back in 2000 I expected big things out of this unit. Purdue Coach Tiller had said, "those were big suckers and they were physical in their style of play." Surprisingly Kent allowed 21 sacks in 2000 (9 more than '99) and averaged just 3.0 ypc. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation but had 4 players back with starting experience although only one 300 pounder started. Overall, thanks to the mobile Joshua Cribbs, they managed 5.3 ypc rushing while allowing 22 sacks. This year the group is a little more experienced as 3 full-time starters are back. The only losses are RG Brian Hallett (11 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 3 yr st'r), LG Victor Vrabel (6 sts) and LG Travis Veser (5 sts). The line was a little nicked up last year with Steve Smith missing 3 starts, Kevin Jamieson 1, Joel Reikowski 1 and G Vrabel 5 due to injury. They used 5 different starting lineups and 9 different players earned starts including true frosh Chad Bandiera who Pees is very high on. This unit has clearly gotten away from the bulk of previous years as my projected starting 5 averages just 278 lbs. This is an even more veteran bunch than it was heading into last year and looks like one of the MAC's better offensive fronts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Pees' first season here Kent allowed 6.0 ypc and the team recorded just 4 sacks. They got stronger in each of the next 2 years, improving to 3.5 and 3.7 ypc allowed while the sacks rose to 10 and 21 in those 2 years. The 1999 DL had 6 underclassmen so naturally almost everyone was back in 2000. Last year they lost 1 player who started 7 games but had 6 back with starting experience. Surprisingly, while the sack total remained the same at 25, the team allowed 4.2 ypc rushing. This year 3 players depart in DE Mark Strickland (8 sts, 40 tkls, 9 tfl), NG Aaron Mayer (5 sts, 25 tkls, 1 sk) and DE Delvin Barker (6 sts, 29 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl). Once again six players return with starting experience including Mich St transfer Pierre Wilson who started 10 games here last year. DT Roy Attieh missed 2 games last year with a dislocated elbow and should have a bigger season. Perhaps the weaker effort vs the run had something to do with the inexperienced LB corps, but this unit, with all of its experience, could be a notch stronger in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - Kent had one of the most experienced LB corps in the country in both 1999 and 2000 and, as mentioned in the DL write-up, saw their rush defense improve dramatically. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups from the LB corps but had 3 players returning with starting experience and a combined 21 starts in 3 years between them. This year the group is even less experienced. Gone are Rashan Hall (11 sts, 76 tkls, 4 tfl), James Harrison (10 sts, 98 tkls, 12 sks, 8 tfl, 1st Tm MAC) and Heath Hommel (40 tkls, 1 pbu). Harrison is a huge loss and was the co-Defensive MVP. I list the 2 deep below and 2 players return with starting experience and a combined 12 starts between them. New DC Mike Dietzel is switching the defense to a 4-3 this year which should help relieve some pressure on the rebuilding LB corps. If you look in the 2 deep, you will not see any LB's that resemble the great Jack Lambert who was Kent's top LB ever and I'll call this unit weaker in 2002 despite the return of Anthony Henriquez, who led the team in tackles.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 three true frosh ended up with starting roles for parts of the season as 3 starters had departed. In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters again and finished #114 in my pass D rankings. Last year 6 players returned with starting experience including 7 of the top 8 but Desmond Turner (5-11 190 So), a 10 game starter at SS, ended up taking a redshirt so basically 3 starters returned. True frosh Shannon Davis started the last 10 at FS and was the team's #3 tackler plus had a 96 yard fumble return for a TD. At the beginning of the year Pees said that in practices players looked like Deion Sanders but in the games they looked like Dionne Warwick. The unit did improve as the season went on and in fact Kent had 15 int's in 2001, the most since 1994, while in the previous 3 years combined they had just 12. They made a big move up the pass efficiency charts, finishing at #72 while allowing 57.9% with an 11-15 ratio. More good news is that almost everyone is back with the lone departure being Reggie Crook who had 16 tackles. Seven of the top 8 are back and no less than NINE players have starting experience. Not even listed below are Michael Griffis (6-0 180 Sr), Eugene Dean (5-8 170 Sr) and Vashawn Patrick (5-11 210 So) 1 st as true, 17 tkls. You will notice in the 2 deep below that three 3rd teamers have a combined 24 starts to their credit. This is probably the most experienced secondary in the MAC.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Pees' first 3 years here at Kent the special teams finished just #72, #97 and #97. One of the main reasons for their low finish was their poor coverage units which were plagued by a lack of speed. Pees did address that last year by bringing in 8 speedy true freshmen to play on the coverage units and they seemed to make progress on the field but statistically they did not. The unit slipped back to #111 overall. On KR's they went from allowing 21 yards per return to 24.6 despite the fact that K David Pavich hit a high percentage of his kicks into the endzone. He finished the year hitting 10 of 13 FG's with a long of 49 and also leaves as the school record holder for XP's in a career. The top punter, Jared Fritz, is back and he did slightly increase his net punting last year. The top PR Jurron Kelly (9.7) is gone. The KR team was average with their top man being Antonio King (19.8). I like the emphasis that Pees put into this unit last year and I'm surprised they did not finish higher in the rankings. I expect them to show progress this season despite the loss of a fine kicker as Travis Mayle (PS#7) is a rare VHT signee here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kent's athletic director made a wise decision in 2000. Dean Pees went 0-11 in his first year and appeared to be making strides with 2 wins in 1999. There was even talk of contending for a winning season but they went just 1-10 in 2000 and instead of finding a new head man, they gave Pees a 2 year contract extension. That decision meant that, for the first time since the 1960's, a player would be able to finish his playing career under the same coach who recruited him. Last year Kent had 15 returning starters and early in the season Pees made the best move by inserting true frosh Joshua Cribbs at QB. He was simply the catalyst for Kent, leading the team to achieve a rare winning season at 6-5 which has the players buying into Pees' program. That winning season ended a streak of 13 straight losing seasons. They did catch Ball St and Miami in great situations last year. Ball St was playing in a meaningless game with the game that would determine the MAC Title the following week and Kent caught Miami the week after a tough trip to Hawaii. They did lose to Akron by 4 points, fumbling the ball into the EZ twice for touchbacks and giving Akron a 1 yard TD drive after a bad snap. This year the team is almost as experienced as last year with 14 starters returning and only 16 lettermen lost. Overall I rated Kent's offense #9 in the MAC last year and they got better as the season went on as Cribbs gained experience. They practically doubled the previous year's point production, going from 11.6 to 22.5 and this year I rate them as the 4th best offense in the MAC so another big gain in the ppg is expected. The defense has improved steadily under Pees, yielding 41.3 ppg and 311 ypg rushing in his first season and decreasing those totals over the next 3 years. Kent actually had my #2 rated defense in the MAC. Interestingly, while Kent allowed 395 ypg, in purely MAC competition they yielded 357 ypg which was good enough for 4th best in the conference and keep in mind that my rankings take into account strength of opponent played. This year, despite having 7 starters back and some talented athletes, I rate their defense in the middle of the pack. Unfortunately they pull the 2 toughest teams from the MAC West this year in N Illinois and BG so they face a tougher schedule than any other member of the MAC East. With a couple of IAA teams as well as UConn on the schedule, Kent is capable of matching or beating last year's 6 win total. It should be another exciting year watching Joshua Cribbs run the offense, and this is Pees' best team yet.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB JOSHUA CRIBBS SO. 6-1 190 *PS#102. 9 sts as* ***true****. 1st frosh in NCAA history with 1,000 yds rush & pass! 1516 yds pass (55%), 10-5 ratio, 1192 yds rush (7.3).*

RB DAVID ALSTON JR. 5-10 190 ***2nd Tm MAC****. PQ in 2000, 633 yds (5.3), 11 rec (12.1). Antonio King (6-0 205 So) 2 sts as true, 40 yds at FB. Eddie Beccles (5-8 175 So) PS#191.*

FB Charles Newton So. 6-0 245 *PS#255. 1 start at TE as rFr, 4 yds rush, 3 rec (6.7). James Ruggiero (6-1 235 Jr) PS#349RB, 0 sts in 3Y. Jarrid Atkinson (5-10 220 Jr).*

WR JOSHUA BOSTICK SR. 6-2 200 *PS#188. 2 sts as true, 7 rec. 9 sts in '99, 19 rec (12.5). RS in 2000. 3 sts LY, 21 rec (10.2). DeMarkus Robinson (5-10 180 rFr) PS#329DB.*

WR Darrell Dowery So. 6-0 165 ***PS#59DB.*** *9 rec (9.8) as true. Daryl Moore (5-11 180 Jr) 6 rec (5.7) 2Y. Maurio Medley (6-6 205 Jr) PS#124, 2 rec, 7 games last year.*

TE NEIL BUCKOSH JR. 6-3 235 *4 sts as rFr, 18 rec (8.5). 9 sts LY, 8 rec (15.8). **Brycen Erbe** (6-3 265 Sr) 4 sts LY, 3 rec (5.7).* ***Ray Quinn*** *(6-3 220 Sr) 5 sts, 23 rec in 2Y.*

C STEVE SMITH JR. 6-4 265 *2nd string as true but RS. 2nd string in 2000. 8 sts in 2001 (L/5), 2 letters. Deron Bowling (6-3 280 Sr) PS#292OL, 2nd string 2 years.*

RG KEVIN JAMIESON SR. 6-3 305 *PS#222. Lettered in 1999. 4 sts in 2000. 10 sts in 2001 (9 at RT, 1 at LT) moved to OG. Josh VerHoeve (6-4 275 Jr) PS#307JC in for spring.*

LG Shaun Sarrett Jr. 6-6 280 *Fork Union in 1999. 2nd string 2000. 3 sts at RG in 2001. Daniel Carter (6-3 310 rFr). Roger Attieh (5-11 280 rFr) played def line in 2001.*

RT JOEL REIKOWSKI SR. 6-5 270 *PS#98TE. 3 sts as rFr, 9 rec (5.6), 10 sts in 2000, 11 rec (7.8). 10 sts at LT in 2001, added 15 lbs. Luke McKenzie (6-6 285 rFr) PS#419.*

LT Chad Bandiera So. 6-3 270 *PS#236DL. 1 start at RT as* ***true****. Jason Andrews (6-5 280 So) PS#460OL, 1 start at RT as rFr. Nicholas Dorsten (6-6 255 rFr).*

K Travis Mayle rFr. 6-0 185 ***PS#7K****. Hit 29 of 51 field goals with a long of 54 in high school. Jared Fritz (6-2 195 Sr) PS#55. Lucas Bowen (5-10 225 So).*

DE Shawn Armstead Sr. 6-4 225 *20 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 5 sts in '00, 36 tkls, 2 sks. 4 sts LY, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Nate Wesley (6-3 280 So) 3 tkls as* ***true****. Damian Stolowski (6-2 230 So).*

DT ROY ATTIEH SR. 6-1 310 *2 starts, 27 tackles, 3 tfl in 1999. 11 starts in 2000. 36 tackles, 6 tfl. 7 starts last year (inj). 19 tackles, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Daryl Evans (6-2 255 Jr). Williams (6-2 260 Jr) 1 start in 2001, 21 tkls, 1 sk. Daniel Muir (6-3 250 Fr) is PS#175DL.*

DE PIERRE WILSON SR. 6-3 275 *PS#308. 2 tkls, 8 games at* ***Mich St*** *in '99. 10 sts here LY, 43 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu.* ***John Nurcyzk*** *(6-4 245 Sr) PS#92. 6 sts, 33 tkls, 5 tfl in 2000.*

OLB ANTHONY HENRIQUEZ JR. 5-11 225 *PQ in 2000. Scout Team MVP. 11 starts in 2001, #1 w/101 tackles, 6 tfl, 2 pbu. Bryan Weiss (5-10 225 Sr). John Mathews (6-2 245 rFr), adding 25 lbs. Jeff Jensen (6-3 240 Jr) 15 tkls in 2 years. Brandon Richardson (6-4 245 Jr).*

ILB Josh Chilcote Jr. 6-2 235 *PS#301DB. 9 tkls as true. 36 tkls in 2001 after*

OLB Eric Mahl So. 6-1 235 *PS#342, 13 tkls as* ***true****, +20 lbs. Justin Gatten (6-2 220 Sr) 21 tkls, 3Y. Adam Frederick (6-2 220 Jr) PS#184QB. Marcus Robinson (6-1 240 rFr).*

CB NASHVILLE DYER SR. 5-10 175 *5 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 1 int. 7 sts in 2000, 43 tkls. 8 sts LY, 4 int,* ***14 pbu****, 27 tkls.* ***Gary Magee*** *(5-10 185 So) PS#74RB, 9 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu as* ***true****.*

CB JUSTIN BAUGHAM SR. 5-10 190 *6 sts as* ***true****, 1 int, 4 pbu. 3 starts in 2000. 26 tkls, 3 tfl. 9 starts last year, 3 int, 11 pbu. Andre Ashley (5-9 190 So) PS#215, 1 st, 8 tkls.*

SS JACON AVERY SR. 5-11 170 *11 sts in 2000, 77 tkls. 11 sts LY. 82 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. Keith Roberts (6-0 190 So) PS#214, 7 tkls (inj) LY. Robert James (6-3 210 Sr)* ***9 sts in 2000, 4 LY.***

FS SHANNON DAVIS SO. 6-0 190 *10 sts as true, 97 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Scott Booker (6-1 205 Sr) 1 st, 26 tkls, 4 pbu 2Y. Desmond Turner* ***10 sts****, 67 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int in 2000, RS LY.*

P JARED FRITZ SR. 6-2 195 *PS#55K. 8 punts 36.9 avg in 1999. 72 punts in 2000, 40.4 average, net of 33.4. 52 punts in 2001, 37.9 average, net of 33.6, 13 inside the 20.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Elijah Brooks 5-10 190 PS#99
WR	Brian Bell 6-3 200 PS#136
DL	Daniel Muir 6-3 250 PS#175
DL	Justin Parrish 6-2 235 PS#193
QB	Antwan Smith 6-3 190 PS#144
TE	Austin Novak 6-3 235 PS#200
OL	Josh VerHoeve 6-4 275 PS#307JC
LB	Derrick Bush 6-1 195 PS#377
DL	Jim Alexander 6-5 230 PS#441
OL	Frank Isenberg 6-3 280 PS#567
OL	Craig Rafdal 6-4 295 PS#566
LB	Bruce Rice 6-2 230 PS#455
DL	Larry Brown 6-1 285 PS#459
RB	Philip Johnson 6-0 180 PS#687

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 29	New Hampshire (Thur)	A						Despite achieving their first winning season in 14 years, KSU was outscored 281-248 overall last year. Kent is 1-7 SU and 3-4-1 ATS their last 8 vs Ball St.
Sep. 7	at Ohio St	G						UNH was 4-7 SU last year, 2-0 in non-Atlantic 10 games. KSU is 2-6 SU in their last 8 non-lined games.
Sep. 14	Cal Poly	A						This is the first ever meeting between these two schools. Flashes are 3-7 ATS L10Y in their 1st lined gm, 1-5 ATS in lined road openers.
Sep. 21	at Miami (Oh)	G						The Mustangs of Cal Poly finished 6-5 LY, their 1st winning season since '97. Cal Poly outscored their opponents by a combined 300-240 last year.
Sep. 28	at N Illinois	A						Pending 9/7, KSU is 19-30-1 ATS last 50 as an away dog, 4-1-1 last year. Kent is 1-11 SU and 4-8 ATS last 12 vs the Redhawks, winning SU LY.
Oct. 5	Marshall	A						The home team has won and covered both previous series meetings. Pending LW, KSU is 30-41-2 ATS in their last 73 MAC games, 6-1-1 LY.
Oct. 12								KSU is 2-4 SU and ATS their last 6 prior to a bye week. Flashes are 0-5 SU and 2-3 ATS in this series and home team is 2-3 ATS.
Oct. 19	Ohio U (HC)	A						⇧ Bonus: Marshall has outscored KSU 188-73 in those 5 games. ⇩ Bonus: KSU is 1-3 SU and ATS in games after a bye.
Oct. 26	at Buffalo	G						Kent is 3-8-1 SU & 5-7 ATS L/12 vs the Bobcats, HF's are 5-2 ATS S/'91. Golden Flashes are 4-2 ATS in their last 6 Homecoming games.
Nov. 2	Bowling Green	A						Pending earlier results, KSU is 18-26-2 ATS in their last 46 grass games. Kent's only away chalk role in over 10 yrs ended in a 20-17 OT loss here to UB in 2000.
Nov. 9	at Connecticut	G						KSU is 2-10 SU but 7-4-1 ATS vs BGSU. Could apply: Kent is 12-5-1 ATS since 1990 as a November home dog.
Nov. 16	at UCF	G						KSU is 1-13 SU and 3-10 ATS away in November since 1990. KSU's last Nov non-MAC game resulted in a 62-29 loss at Navy in 1997.
Nov. 23	Akron	A						Only recent meeting was '97: KSU lost 43-59 but covered as a 20 pt HD. Pending 9/28: KSU is 2-6 ATS in their 2nd straight away game, 2-0 last 2.
Nov. 30								Golden Flashes are 3-7 ATS in their last 10 season finales, but 3-1 L4Y. Kent St is 3-8 SU but 5-5 ATS vs their arch rival since 1990.
								Bonus: If applicable, remember that KSU came into 2002 with a 4-1 ATS mark their last 5 times as a home favorite since 1993.

DEAN PEES (Career 9-35)

5th Year at Kent State

Pees' records AT KENT STATE

9-35	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
19-21-1	Vs The Spread	6-8	Home Dog
13-15-1	Off A S/U Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
14-17-1	Vs Conference	11-11-1	Away Dog
		5-4	Vs Non-Conf

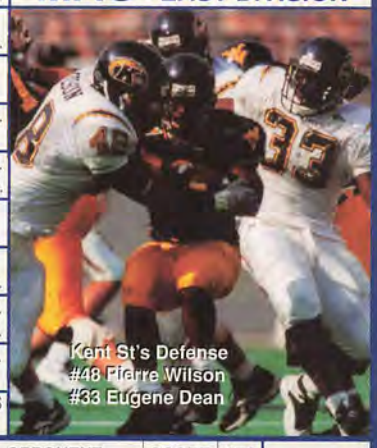
2001 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (24,23,1)
Lost: 16 (8,7,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 7,195

MAC - EAST DIVISION



Kent St's Defense
#48 Pierre Wilson
#33 Eugene Dean

STADIUM: DIX STADIUM (30,520)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-9-1	2-9	3-8	0-11	2-9	1-10	6-5	15-61
ATS	4-6-1	3-6	4-6	3-7	6-5	3-7	7-2-1	30-39-2
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-1
Home Dog	2-3-1	2-1	3-2	1-3	3-1	0-3	2-1	13-14-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Away Dog	2-3	1-5	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	4-1-1	15-23-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	2-2
Dog	4-6-1	3-6	4-6	3-7	5-5	3-5	6-2-1	28-37-2
Grass	3-4-1	3-4	0-3	1-3	0-1	1-2	2-1-1	10-18-2
Artificial	1-2	0-2	4-3	2-4	6-4	2-5	5-1	20-21
vs Conf	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	2-6	5-3	1-7	6-1-1	23-31-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	7-8
Off SU Win	0-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	4-1	8-5
Off SU Loss	3-4-1	2-5	2-4	3-6	5-3	2-6	3-0-1	20-28-2

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joshua Cribbs	**164**	**1192**	**173**	**1019**	**5**	**6.2**
David Alston	**119**	**666**	**33**	**633**	**6**	**5.3**
Chante Murphy	81	493	13	480	1	5.9
DeMarlo Rozier	20	79	2	77	3	3.8
Darrell Dowery	**3**	**63**	**1**	**62**	**1**	**20.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Joshua Cribbs	**238**	**131**	**55.0**	**1516**	**10**	**5**
Jeff Valentino	16	3	18.8	35	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jurron Kelly	37	479	12.9	5	50
Matt Curry	27	383	14.2	2	39
Joshua Bostick	**21**	**214**	**10.2**	**1**	**44**
David Alston	**11**	**133**	**12.1**	**1**	**43**
Neil Buckosh	**8**	**126**	**15.8**	**0**	**40**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Fritz	**52**	**1971**	**37.9**	**–**	**33.6**	**0**	**13**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dave Pavich	6-6	0-0	4-6	0-1	10-13	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Henriquez	**101**	**0**	**6**	**2**	**0**
James Harrison	98	12	8	5	3
Shannon Davis	**97**	**1**	**1**	**4**	**2**
Jacon Avery	**82**	**1**	**2**	**7**	**1**
Rashan Hall	76	0	4	0	0
Pierre Wilson	**43**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Robert James	**41**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Mark Strickland	40	2	7	0	0
Heath Hommel	40	0	0	1	0
Shawn Armstead	**36**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Justin Baugham	**36**	**0**	**2**	**11**	**3**
Josh Chilcote	**36**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Delvin Barker	29	4	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jurron Kelly	15	145	9.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio King	**13**	**257**	**19.8**	**0**
Reggie Gordon	**10**	**161**	**16.1**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
72	Tangerine	NL	Tampa	18-21	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KENT STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	22.5	19	216	5.3	146	51.9	16.1	+3	2001	8	25.5	23	191	4.2	204	57.9	15.5
7	11.6	16	112	3.0	156	51.2	23.0	-2	2000	8	32.6	23	164	3.7	244	64.0	12.5
8*	19.4	18	138	3.7	192	57.6	17.1	-11	1999	5	34.2	23	214	4.5	174	56.8	11.3
6*	13.5	17	87	2.6	217	55.9	22.4	-13	1998	7	41.3	24	311	6.0	163	57.7	11.5
8*	30.6	22	149	4.5	294	52.1	14.4	-8	1997	8	44.5	25	262	5.9	235	60.0	11.2
8*	23.2	18	124	3.7	230	53.4	15.3	+1	1996	8	44.7	26	268	5.4	218	56.4	10.9

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Iowa	13	30 - 113	3.8	13 - 32	90	1	30	49 - 331	6.8	15 - 22	236	1	-1
Bucknell	19	44 - 212	4.8	10 - 26	145	0	24	39 - 240	6.2	25 - 51	179	0	+4
at W Virginia	19	42 - 176	4.2	13 - 33	117	3	28	51 - 217	4.3	27 - 34	286	0	-1
at Akron	21	45 - 162	3.6	17 - 26	193	2	18	42 - 173	4.1	13 - 22	139	2	-1
at Bowling Green	9	21 - 54	2.6	12 - 24	143	2	28	58 - 200	3.4	27 - 42	214	4	-3
N Illinois	26	56 - 307	5.5	12 - 21	196	5	21	37 - 112	3.0	19 - 39	250	3	0
Buffalo	21	41 - 238	5.8	15 - 19	194	3	20	38 - 80	2.1	16 - 34	193	4	+2
at Ohio U	22	41 - 205	5.0	17 - 24	176	0	19	56 - 262	4.7	6 - 16	79	1	-1
Marshall	26	42 - 266	6.3	17 - 31	182	4	30	44 - 264	6.0	25 - 35	341	0	0
at Ball St	17	37 - 309	8.4	5 - 14	95	1	22	58 - 219	3.8	12 - 23	93	3	+4
Miami (Oh)	19	46 - 333	7.2	9 - 20	79	1	15	31 - (-1)	0.0	20 - 36	238	7	0
TOTALS	212	445 - 2375	5.3	140 - 270	1610	22	255	503 - 2097	4.2	205 - 354	2248	25	+3
AVERAGES	19.3	40 - 216	5.3	13 - 25	146	2.0	23.2	46 - 191	4.2	19 - 32	204	2.3	0.3

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio U	+18	7-31	L
at Youngstown St	NL	23-44	–
Marshall	+24	17-42	L
at E Michigan	+21	41-38	W
UCF	+20	43-59	W
Miami (Oh)	+22	26-62	L
at W Michigan	+15'	27-50	L
C Michigan	+2'	60-37	W
Bowling Green	+3'	29-20	W
at Akron	+2	35-45	L
at Navy	+27	29-62	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+35	3-56	L
Youngstown St	NL	10-24	–
at Navy	+21	24-38	W
at C Michigan	+7	7-46	L
E Michigan	+8'	17-26	L
Akron	+9'	16-45	L
at Marshall	+35'	7-42	W
at Bowling Green	+20'	21-42	L
W Michigan	+16'	23-48	L
at Miami (Oh)	+34	0-56	L
Ohio U	+23'	21-31	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+19	3-41	L
Navy	+18	28-48	L
at Pittsburgh	+33	23-30	W
Bowling Green	+16	41-27	W
at Ohio U	+14	3-31	L
at Toledo	+19	7-47	L
Miami (Oh)	+24	10-17	W
at N Illinois	+14	7-50	L
Buffalo	-14	41-20	W
Marshall	+34	16-28	W
at Akron	+16	34-37	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+26	7-30	W
at Purdue	+43	10-45	W
Youngstown St	NL	20-26	–
at Miami (Oh)	+23	14-45	L
Bowling Green	-4'	11-18	L
at C Michigan (2OT)	+4	24-21	W
Ohio U	+11	7-44	L
at Marshall	+21	12-34	L
W Michigan	+24	0-42	L
at Buffalo (OT)	-7	17-20	L
Akron	+12	6-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+27	0-51	L
Bucknell	NL	38-17	–
at W Virginia	+27	14-34	W
at Akron	+16'	10-14	W
at Bowling Green	+17	7-24	T
N Illinois	+10'	44-34	W
Buffalo	-11'	35-13	W
at Ohio U	+12'	24-14	W
Marshall	+13	21-42	L
at Ball St	+6'	31-18	W
Miami (Oh)	+4'	24-20	W

OHIO BOBCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In '99 the Bobcats gave a 17 year old true frosh the starting reins to their option offense and Dontrell Jackson (PS#100) did much better than expected, leading the team in gross yards rushing and throwing for 745 yards (46%) with a 6-3 ratio, solid numbers for that style of offense. He had an even stronger season as a soph, throwing for 881 yards (45.5%) with an 8-8 ratio and rushing for 953 gross yards. Last year they changed the offense from the wishbone to the Nebraska-style option and were supposed to feature more passing. Jackson started out the year in solid fashion as in the first 4 games he hit 32 of 47 (68%) and he was not intercepted in the first 6 games. However, he completed only 12 passes in games 5-11 and for the season threw for just 559 yards (53%) with a 2-3 ratio. Of course running is the most important part of an option offense but Jackson, saw his numbers drop to 631 last year. Freddie Ray began alternating with Jackson at midseason then in the season finale he played the entire game. Ray threw for 207 yards (37.9%) with a 2-1 ratio while also rushing for 255 yards. He threw for 1,780 yards with 19 TD's in HS and is the superior passer of the two. Adam Porter (5-11 192 Jr) was PS#310 and saw action in 2 games last year. Tate Gregory is the OC's son but is purely a reserve. OC Greg Gregory PROMISES that the Bobcats are going to throw the ball more this year, but I have heard that before & OU always ends up still relying heavily on the option. This year he claims that "we are not going to completely abandon the option because we are good at it, but it will not be the focal point of our offense. We will be more of a power running and throwing team." Although Gregory admits that reading defenses and decision making are the weak points of Jackson's game, Dontrell handled the new style reasonably well in the spring, and the starting job is his to lose. With both Jackson & Ray back I look for better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The last 2 years OU has basically returned almost all of their RB's. Chad Brinker (PS#283) was the top RB rusher in 2000 with 734 yards (5.0) and was leading the team in rushing after 4 starts last year with 393 yards (7.4), but then was lost for the season when forced to undergo surgery to remove a cyst from his skull. Jamel Patterson (10 sts) ended up leading the team in rushing with 638 yards (5.5) but he departs. Brinker was not expected to ever play football again, but he has made a remarkable recovery practicing with the team all spring & is expected to be the #1 TB this fall. To go along with his 1,727 career rushing yards, he is an excellent blocker despite his slight (5-11 188) frame, and OC Gregory says his blocking will play a large part in the offense as well. Ray Huston was the #5 rusher last year and would have been the #1 TB if Brinker had not returned, Joe Sherill (1,070 career rush yds, 10 TD's) is back at FB. Also in the TB mix is true frosh Chris Jackson who had 2,459 yards (11.8) in HS last year as Knorr loves his speed. I will list the slot here under RB's but they figure to be more involved in the passing game this year with the new emphasis on throwing the ball. The top slotback in the spring was Stafford Owens, a HT with speed who was productive as a redshirt frosh. I list the 2 deep below, and others that have a chance for time include TB Keith Warren, who is a transfer from Morgan St, TB/SB Darrick Bell, who transferred from Ohio St, TB Chris Hutchinson (5-9 163 So), and FB Spencer Tatum (6-1 205 Fr) who was PS#205 in 2001 and attended Fork Union Military last year. While Patterson and Brinker did not have the type of season expected, they did combine for 1,031 yards and 6.1 ypc. As long as this year's group stays healthier, they could match or beat those numbers.

FB Joe Sherrill

RECEIVERS - Obviously this unit does not get much action. Last year both the starters (WR & TE) returned and production was up with Joe Mohler leading the team with 21 rec's (12.8). TE Chris Knaack is the only loss this year and he had 9 starts and 8 rec's in 2001. I list the 2 deep below and overall 3 players return to the SE spot that combined for 14 starts at various positions last year. If OC Gregory's promise is kept, then the Bobcats will be using some 2 & 3 WR sets. Gregory did say that the WR's would become a "major focal point of the team." Overall, I do see some decent talent here, but since this group is a little less experienced than they were heading into last season I will only call them even to 2001, but they could put up much bigger numbers if the offense does indeed change.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With OU's option attack they always have a solid ypc rushing. As an example, from '96-'99 they averaged 4.8, 5.1, 4.5 and 4.6 ypc respectively. In 2000 they had 4 players back with starting experience and were in rare form, averaging 5.5 ypc while allowing just 7 sacks. Last year, despite having 6 players back with starting experience and having to replace just 1 full-time starter, I said it would be tough to match that type of production. OU still had a decent year, averaging 4.7 ypc rushing but allowed 14 sacks despite only passing 144 times (almost 10%). This year the losses are a bit heavier. Gone are C Taylor Ketchum (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Nick Glowacki (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and RG Khalid Johnson (10 sts). Chris Jackson started 9 games in 2000 but only 3 last year due to injury and missed the spring. Doug Wooten had the last 5 starts at C in 2000 but was a backup last year and he is back. Overall they have 3 players returning who started 8 or more games in their careers. I list the 2 deep below. While this year's group is not as experienced, they're capable of matching those numbers, and Gregory does call this unit the offense's greatest strength.

DEFENSIVE LINE - OU had a very productive DL in 99, allowing just 3.1 ypc rushing with 28 sacks by the defense. Despite only having to replace 1 starter in 2000 they slipped to 3.7 ypc rushing with just 20 sacks. Lamar Martin was a '99 starter who lost his job in 2000 but returned to the starting spot last year. He joined 2 other players who had combined for 17 starts in 2000 so despite having to replace 1.5 starters, they were fairly experienced. Opponents, however, rushed for 4.5 ypc and OU recorded just 15 sacks in 2001. This year they must replace DE Mike Fox (8 sts, 14 tkls) and DE Art Adams (7 sts, 28 tkls, 6 tfl). Four of the top 6 are back and I think Garrett Bush, who saw significant action as a rFr last year, should have a bigger impact. Four players return with starting experience plus they add a JUCO. It's not an overwhelming group but they can only improve on last year's porous numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Tim DeRuyter, the new DC who has been at Navy for 3 years but was also quite successful as the DC here from '95-'98, is switching them to a 3-4 defense and he says that they will also incorporate the 5-2, using zone blitz schemes based on what the NFL's Steelers use. He said that he saw a few adjustment problems this spring. The players said that after last spring, when they were also installing a new defense, they were very confused, but they are much more comfortable this year. DeRuyter's top priority is restocking the LB's corps, as last year OU had 5 of the top 6 LB's returning but this year the LB corps is wiped out by graduation. They lose Matt Weikert (9 sts, 74 tkls, 6 tfl), WLB Shawn Murphy (11 sts, 98 tkls, 1 tfl), Trendale Perkins (10 sts, 46 tkls, 5 tfl), Greg Baskin (2 sts, 9 tkls) and Tom Weilbacher, who had 6 starts (57 tkls, 6 tfl) until suffering a career ending neck injury. Also, Demetri Taylor, who started 5 games last year, has a cardiac condition and did not practice in the fall & is questionable for 2002. I'm listing the BAN safety among the LB's and they have a good one in Rashad Butler, who moved over from QB last year and got in 1 start at FS. Another bright spot might be Ohio St transfer Rob Stover, but this position is a definite question mark.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OU used to do well in my pass D rankings which is surprising because teams that field option offenses get very little practice vs pass attacks and usually struggle in live action. From '98 to 2000, however, they slipped to #79, #103 and #74. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups but had 4 players returning with starting experience. OU had its lowest finish ever in my rankings at #114 allowing 68.2% with a poor 17-5 ratio. This year 2 starters depart in CB Arden Banks (8 sts, 40 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu) and SS Chris London (8 sts, 71 tkls, 3 pbu). Five players return with starting experience and Joe Sellers finally lived up to his VHT billing by leading the team in tackles. He and Bop White were arguably the best 2 defenders and both are back plus they add a solid JUCO, so despite the losses after last year's poor performance this unit can only improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bobcats have done very well in my special team rankings the last 4 years thanks to super punter Dave Zastudil. In 2000 they finished #4 and last year had their star kicker Kevin Kerr and Zastudil back as well as most of the returnmen. Ohio simply led the NCAA in net punting with an amazing 42.7 average which is better than quite a few teams' gross punting averages. Overall, Ohio surprisingly dropped to #32 in my special teams ratings. The return game was below average as the team had just a 17.5 average on KR's and 7.8 on PR's and unlike 2000 when they blocked 5 punts, they blocked none last season. Kicker Kerr is back after connecting on 7 of 12 FG's with a long of 55 and he is currently tied for the lead in most FG's in OU history. Kerr has a pair of 55 yard FG's in his career including one vs Toledo last year, which is 3rd best in school history. PR Stafford Owens is back (7.7) and top KR Jason Caesar (20.2), also returns. Zastudil departs (#4 DC of BAL). I think this is probably a below average special teams group without their super punter (and also excellent holder that they have not found a replacement for) and I expect them to drop in the rankings.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to Jim Grobe taking over, OU had managed just 9 wins the previous 6 years but Grobe finished with an amazing 33-33-1 record including his final season in 2000 when the team went 7-4. They also had an 8-3 season in 1997, the only 2 winning years since 1982. In 2000 they upset both Minnesota and Marshall. Brian Knorr, the DC the previous 2 years, stepped into a no-win situation. Grobe took most of his assistants with him and OU was an overachieving team in 2000 that had 17 starters back so expectations were high. That 2000 version allowed just 18.9 ppg and 3.7 ypc and for 2001 had 8 starters back on defense, but struggled, giving up 29.4 ppg and 4.5 ypc rushing as well as 68.2% completions. They had brought in a new DC last year in Tim Kish from Illinois but he was let go after the season. They bring in another "new" DC this year, but it is Tim DeRuyter, who was on the staff here in the Grobe era. The players seem to be responding to his "new" schemes. Offensively, they attempted to switch to the Nebraska-style option offense and despite having 9 starters back on that side of the ball, the production dropped dramatically (31.2 ppg in 2000, 18.0 last year). The Bobcats plummeted to 1-10 overall last year including consecutive shutout losses to Buffalo (44-0!) and BG. They could have fared better as they led Toledo 41-34 with 8:00 left in the game, led Miami, 21-7 in the 2Q, led Kent 14-10 in the 4Q and took Akron to the wire before a tough loss. While OU's team was one of the most experienced ones in the MAC last season, this year they have the fewest amount of returning starters (9) and they must replace 20 lettermen. They do catch a break pulling E Michigan from the MAC West and have 3 winnable conference home games. OU tied for 1st in the MAC East in 2000 then tied for last in 2001 but should be able to escape the basement this year, however a winning season may be tough in a rebuilding year.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DONTRELL JACKSON SR. 5-10 167 11 sts as true. 1386 ttl yds. 11 sts in 2000, 881 pass (45%), 8-8 ratio, 953 rush. 8 sts LY. Freddie Ray (6-2 188 Jr) PS#236. 337 pass, 284 rush yds 2Y.
TB CHAD BRINKER SR. 5-11 188 L/5 sts as rFr. 10 sts in 2000, 734 yds (5.0), **2nd Tm MAC**. 4 sts LY, 393 yds (7.4). Ray Huston (6-2 200 So) PS#370. 3 sts as rFr, 263 yds (5.4).
FB JOE SHERRILL SR. 6-1 211 PS#194. 24 career sts, 1070 yds (4.4). Tony Rozzoni (6-0 223 Jr) PS#332. 82 yds (4.1) in 2000. Justin Rousch (5-8 207 So) 37 ttl yds as true.
SL Stafford Owens So. 5-8 178 PS#77RB. 4 sts LY, 183 rush (5.4), 296 rec & ret yds. Anthony Hackett (6-1 193 Fr) 37 rec (21.6) at Hargrave LY. Justin Halada (6-3 198 Jr) 3 rec LY.
WR JOE MOHLER SR. 6-3 187 11 sts, 13 rec (19.3) in 2000. 11 sts LY, 21 rec (12.8). Jason Caesar (5-9 170 Sr) 10.5 in 100m. 2 sts, 13 rec (9.2) LY. Tierra Pought (6-1 177 Jr) PS#212.
TE Derek Gandy Jr. 6-5 272 PS#77. 2 rec (15.0), 10 gms in 2000. 0 rec LY. Randy Pennington (6-3 245 Sr) 2 rec 11 gms in '99. 2 rec in 2000. Chaz Hollins (6-4 245 Sr).
C Doug Wooten Sr. 6-3 292 9 gms, 2nd string as rFr, lettered. Last 5 sts @C in 2000. 11 gms in 2001. 3L. Paul Stanko (6-4 260 Sr) 8 gms in 2000. 11 gms in 2001.
RG Brian Brown Jr. 6-3 279 3 tkls at DL as rFr. 10 gms at OL LY, 1 st. Steve Lawrence (6-4 270 Jr) 7 gms in 2001. Moved to LG. Eric Brown (6-3 295 Sr) PS#450JUCO.
LG DENNIS THOMPSON JR. 6-4 284 **PS#128**. 6 starts at LT as **true!** 8 sts at LT in 2001. Tim Givens (6-6 283 Jr) 9 games in 2001. Lee Sienicki (6-3 294 So) PS#375DL.
RT ERIK GRAHOVAC SR. 6-3 272 PS#420OL. 5 sts, 8 games in 2000. 11 starts in 2001. 2 letters. Mike Nelson (6-2 305 rFr) PS#400OL. Aaron Bryant (6-3 285 Fr) PS#564.
LT Dave Williams So. 6-4 261 PS#264DL. Moved from DL, #1 in spg. Shane Yates (6-2 280 rFr) PS#245. Chris Jackson (6-3 280 Sr) PS#650. 9 sts in 2000. 3 sts LY.
K KEVIN KERR SR. 6-1 179 PS#53K. 9 of 13 FG's in '99, long 55. 12 of 17 FG's in 2000, long 48, 5 of 8 from 40-49, 2 50+ missed. 7 of 12 LY, long 55, 2 of 3 50+!

DE Garrett Bush So. 6-4 273 **PS#73!** 22 tkls, 1 sk, 2 pbu in 10 gms as rFr. Kevin Carberry (6-4 240 So) 10 tkls as **true**. Cole Wesley (6-4 270 Fr) PS#390, 14 sks in HS career.
NG LAMAR MARTIN SR. 6-3 286 PS#333. 8 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 5 tfl. 36 tkls, 5 tfl in 2000. 9 sts, 29 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Chris Collins (6-4 250 Jr) 5 sks at JC LY. Eli Kiener (6-0 282 Jr) 3 sks LY.
DE Keith Adamson Jr. 6-3 245 34 tkls, 1 sack as rFr. 4 sts last year, 7 gms, 15 tkls, 2 tfl. **Andre Parker** (6-1 280 Jr) **6 starts** in 2000, 22 tkls, 6 tfl. 1 st in 2001, 14 tkls, 1 pbu.
SLB Hugh Grant Jr. 6-3 209 PS#323LB. 7 tkls as rFr. 19 tkls, 2 tfl ,11 games last year. Willie Sherman (6-3 237 Jr) 9 tkls as **true**. 6 tkls last year. DT Boon (6-4 207 So)
MLB Demetri Taylor Jr. 6-5 214 PS#375DL. 13 tkls as true. **5 sts** LY, 49 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. ?? for fall w/cardiac condition. Dennis Chukwuemeka (5-11 232 So) 5 tkls last year.
WLB Rich Constantine Jr. 5-9 228 PS#323LB. 2 tackles in 2000. 10 tackles in 5 games last year. Chuck Terry (6-3 200 Jr) PS#336LB. Rick Cherry (6-0 214 So) **PS#99LB**.
BAN Rashad Butler So. 6-0 180 PS#250QB. Moved to FS last year, 6 games including 1 start, 12 tkls as rFr. Rob Stover (6-0 201 So) PS#147QB, transfer from Ohio St.
CB DAVID "BOP" WHITE SR. 6-0 174 PS#410. 8 sts as true, 35 tkls, 5 int, 11 pbu. 11 sts in 2000, 41 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. 9 sts LY, 58 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu. Rahman Shavers (6-0 185 So) PS#327.
CB Chip Cox So. 6-0 175 PS#485. 3 sts as true, 34 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Thomas Stephens (6-0 170) PS#154QB. 4 sts LY, 19 tkls. Track & Bball tms. Jonah Booker (5-8 169) PS#292.
SS JOE SELLERS SR. 5-10 195 **PS#40**. 1 st as rFr, 26 tkls, 1 int. 6 sts in 2000, 33 tkls. 11 sts LY, #1 w/109 tkls, 1 pbu. Stephen "Bo" Lebherz (6-0 195 Jr) 6 int at JC LY. In for spg. at FS last year, 51 tkls, 2 tfl. Ben Robey (5-10 179 Jr) 2 tkls. Chris Formen (6-4 177 So)
FS James Taylor Jr. 6-0 185 PS#280WR. 4 starts as rFr, 8 rec (11.3) 3 starts
P Matthew Miller rFr. 6-1 185 PS#66K. 50% of KO's in EZ as Sr in high school. Avg'd 42.4 yds per punt. Kevin Kerr (6-1 179) had 1 punt here in 2000 for 25 yards.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DB	Frank Sanders 6-0 185	PS#204
WR	Tyler Russ 6-1 195	PS#182
DB	Ahmona Maxwell 6-1 170	PS#237
DB	Tremaine Suggs 6-1 185	PS#270
DB	Stephen "Bo" Lebherz 6-0 195	PS#403JC
OL	Cole Wesley 6-4 270	PS#390
RB	Brad Young 6-1 215	PS#309
RB	Chris Jackson 6-1 174	PS#336
RB	Spencer Tatum 6-1 205	PS#373
OL	John Knabb 6-3 280	PS#500
OL	Aaron Bryant 6-3 285	PS#564
LB	Corey Logan 6-3 220	PS#456
DB	Bryant Jackson 6-0 180	PS#500
LB	Roger Lewis 6-2 215	PS#535

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								OU trails the C Mich series 4-17-2 SU, but has outscored CM 87-6 the L/2 meetings. Bobcats are 1-6 SU, but 6-1 ATS vs Ball State. The home team is 1-6 ATS in the Toledo series.
Aug. 31	at Pittsburgh	G						Bobcats are 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS vs the Big East S/'90, both covers vs Pitt. OU is 25-16-1 ATS in their last 42 tries as an away dog.
Sep. 7	Northeastern	G						Northeastern's last game vs a IA foe was a 33-22 loss to Boston Coll in '99. The Huskies went 5-6 last year and lost both September away games.
Sep. 14	at Florida	G						Ohio is 10-25-1 SU and 15-18 ATS in September since 1992. OU is 9-5 ATS since 1990, but 6-1 ATS last 7 as a dog of 24 or more pts.
Sep. 21	at Connecticut	G						Bobcats are 4-9 ATS as away chalk the last 5 years. OU is 4-8-1 ATS since 1995 in their 2nd straight road game.
Sep. 28	Buffalo	G						Prior to LY's blowout loss, OU had beaten UB by an average of 37 ppg L4Y. Bobcats were 0-3 ATS last year as home chalk under Knorr.
Oct. 5	at Bowling Green	G						Cats are 18-23 SU but 25-15-1 ATS in October since 1992. Ohio is only 4-7-1 SU and 4-8 ATS last 12 in this series.
Oct. 12	E Michigan (HC)	G						Green and White are 5-1 SU and 4-2 ATS in their L/6 Homecoming games. Bobcats are 3-2 SU but 4-0-1 ATS last 5 meetings vs EMU.
Oct. 19	at Kent St	A						Pending 10/5 result, the road team is 10-17 ATS when OU plays another Ohio school. Ohio is 6-1 ATS in their last 7 lined games prior to a bye.
Oct. 26								Could apply ⇩: OU is 1-6 ATS as November away chalk.
Nov. 2	at Miami (Oh)	G						Cats are 3-8 SU but 6-5 ATS following a bye week. OU is 2-10 SU and 3-9 ATS in this **intense** rivalry.
Nov. 9	Akron	G						Bobcats have dropped 3 in a row SU and ATS vs the Zips. Pending LW, Cats are 9-16 ATS in November since 1994.
Nov. 16								Bonus ⇩: Cats are 2-6 ATS last 8 in Peden Stadium finales. Bonus ⇩: The OU/Marshall matchup is the "Battle for the Bell."
Nov. 23	Marshall	G						Bobcats are only 1-4 SU, but 3-2 ATS in the series & did win SU & ATS at home in 2000. UM is 1 of 3 teams on OU's docket TY that won a bowl gm LY (Pitt & Fla).
Nov. 30	at UCF	G						Pending 9/14 outcome, Cats are 0-7 SU but 4-3 ATS south of the Mason-Dixon Line since 1990. Extra: OU is 1-4 ATS in road finales.

BRIAN KNORR (Career 1-10)
2nd Year at Ohio

Knorr's records AT OHIO

1-10 Straight Up	0-3 Home Favorite
4-7 Vs The Spread	1-1 Home Dog
4-5 Off A S/U Loss	1-2 Away Favorite
3-5 Vs Conference	2-1 Away Dog
1-2 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (1-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (21,17,1)
Lost: 19 (8,10,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,897

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-8-1	6-6	8-3	5-6	5-6	7-4	1-10	34-43-1
ATS	6-5	9-3	6-4	4-7	5-4-1	5-5	4-7	39-35-1
Home Fav	0-1	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-3	11-9
Home Dog	2-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	6-5
Away Fav	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-3	1-0	1-2	1-2	6-9
Away Dog	4-2	4-2	2-1	1-2	1-3-1	2-1	2-1	16-12-1
Favorite	0-1	4-1	4-2	2-4	3-1	3-4	1-5	17-18
Dog	6-4	5-2	2-2	2-3	2-3-1	2-1	3-2	22-17-1
Grass	3-5	7-2	4-1	4-5	5-1	3-5	2-5	28-24
Artificial	3-0	2-1	2-3	0-2	0-3-1	2-0	2-2	11-11-1
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	4-4	3-5	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	27-28-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	12-7
Off SU Win	1-1	4-2	5-3	0-4	3-2	3-2	0-1	16-15
Off SU Loss	3-4	4-1	0-1	3-3	2-1-1	1-3	4-5	17-18-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jamel Patterson	117	656	18	638	5	5.5
Dontrell Jackson	**143**	**631**	**159**	**472**	**3**	**3.3**
Chad Brinker	**53**	**410**	**17**	**393**	**2**	**7.4**
Joe Sherrill	**86**	**354**	**17**	**337**	**5**	**3.9**
Ray Huston	**49**	**275**	**12**	**263**	**4**	**5.4**
Freddie Ray	**48**	**255**	**52**	**203**	**0**	**4.2**
Stafford Owens	**34**	**201**	**18**	**183**	**1**	**5.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dontrell Jackson	**83**	**44**	**53.0**	**559**	**2**	**3**
Freddie Ray	**58**	**22**	**37.9**	**207**	**2**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Joe Mohler	**21**	**269**	**12.8**	**2**	**53**
Jason Caesar	**13**	**120**	**9.2**	**0**	**26**
Chris Knaack	**8**	**138**	**17.2**	**1**	**39**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Dave Zastudil	50	2280	45.6	–	42.7	0	16

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Kerr	**2-2**	**3-4**	**0-3**	**2-3**	**7-12**	**55**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Sellers	**109**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Shawn Murphy	98	0	1	1	1
Matt Weikert	74	2	4	1	0
Chris London	71	1	2	3	0
Bop White	**58**	**0**	**2**	**10**	**3**
Tom Weilbacher	57	0	6	0	0
James Taylor	**51**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Demetri Taylor	**49**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Trendale Perkins	46	3	2	5	0
Arden Banks	40	0	1	6	1
Chip Cox	**34**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Lamar Martin	**29**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Art Adams	28	2	4	1	0
Garrett Bush	**22**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stafford Owens	**22**	**169**	**7.7**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Caesar	**24**	**484**	**20.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Tangerine	NL	Richmond	42-49	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OHIO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	18.0	18	240	4.7	74	46.5	17.5	-5	2001	8	29.4	24	201	4.5	244	68.2	15.1
7*	31.2	22	323	5.5	95	47.0	13.4	+4	2000	7	18.9	18	129	3.7	220	53.8	18.5
5	24.6	18	262	4.6	94	44.4	14.5	+2	1999	5	26.1	18	121	3.1	236	62.3	13.7
8	24.5	19	277	4.5	55	36.5	13.5	-6	1998	8	27.5	18	130	3.5	209	57.9	12.3
5*	27.4	17	302	5.1	37	27.6	12.4	+9	1997	8	16.1	20	143	3.3	189	49.7	20.7
5*	25.2	17	274	4.8	54	42.9	13.0	0	1996	6	19.8	17	115	2.9	184	52.0	15.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Akron	31	60-339	5.7	9-11	104	2	27	46-290	6.3	19-24	217	2	+2
at W Virginia	17	58-223	3.8	5-8	87	0	22	49-211	4.3	14-26	139	1	-2
Iowa St	17	44-285	6.5	8-12	151	1	29	53-308	5.8	15-28	250	0	+1
Toledo	20	47-194	4.1	11-18	107	2	28	46-149	3.2	31-39	374	1	0
at C Michigan	22	60-342	5.7	4-8	94	0	20	50-215	4.3	17-27	101	3	+1
Miami (Oh)	21	57-281	4.9	3-12	22	1	24	39-62	1.6	24-37	322	2	-3
Kent St	19	56-262	4.7	6-16	79	1	22	41-205	5.0	17-24	176	0	+1
at Buffalo	11	43-159	3.7	4-13	2	2	26	45-242	5.4	25-38	296	0	-2
Bowling Green	8	33-105	3.2	3-11	35	0	21	57-244	4.3	13-22	156	3	-1
at Marshall	23	65-318	4.9	8-21	86	1	24	24-113	4.7	28-39	399	2	-2
at NC State	11	44-133	3.0	6-14	52	4	26	39-168	4.3	26-32	254	1	0
TOTALS	200	567-2641	4.7	67-144	819	14	269	489-2207	4.5	229-336	2684	15	-5
AVERAGES	18.2	52-240	4.7	6-13	74	1.3	24.5	44-201	4.5	21-31	244	1.4	-0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-18	31-7	W
at Maryland	+12	21-14	W
at Kansas St	+24	20-23	W
Buffalo	NL	50-0	–
W Michigan	-14'	31-7	W
at E Michigan	-8	47-7	W
Bowling Green	-19	24-0	W
at Akron	-23	21-17	L
at N Illinois	-23	35-30	L
Miami (Oh)	+2'	21-45	L
at Marshall	+11	0-27	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina St	+12	31-34	W
at Wisconsin	+16	0-45	L
E Carolina	+2'	14-21	L
at W Michigan	-3'	37-35	L
at Bowling Green	-9	7-35	L
Marshall	+8'	23-30	W
Akron	-5'	28-14	W
at Miami (Oh)	+10	21-35	L
E Michigan	-13'	49-21	W
N Illinois	-17	28-12	L
at Kent St	-23'	31-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+22	7-33	L
N Iowa	NL	21-36	–
at Ohio St	+43	16-40	W
Buffalo	-22	45-6	W
Kent St	-14	31-3	W
at Akron	+1'	28-41	L
at E Michigan	+1	26-27	T
Bowling Green	-6'	17-14	L
at Ball St	-7'	37-25	W
Miami (Oh)	+5	40-28	W
at Marshall	+25'	3-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+13'	15-25	W
at Minnesota	+20	23-17	W
Tennessee Tech	NL	52-14	–
Akron	-8'	20-23	L
at W Michigan	+5'	10-23	L
Buffalo	-31	42-20	L
at Kent St	-11	44-7	W
C Michigan	-24	52-3	W
at Miami (Oh)	-5'	24-27	L
at Bowling Green	-9	23-21	L
Marshall	-3	38-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	-6	29-31	L
at W Virginia	+5'	3-20	L
Iowa St	E	28-31	L
Toledo	+13	41-48	W
at C Michigan	-8	34-3	W
Miami (Oh)	-7	24-36	L
Kent St	-12'	14-24	L
at Buffalo	-15'	0-44	L
Bowling Green	+6'	0-17	L
at Marshall	+24'	18-42	W
at NC State	+24'	7-27	W

BUFFALO BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 the Bulls had to replace their star QB Chad Salisbury who had over 7,000 career yards passing. Only one player returned with experience but he was injured prior to the opening game and Joe Freedy, who was 3rd on the depth chart heading into August, took over and started 11 games, throwing for 1,775 yards (50.5%) with an 8-11 ratio. He improved as the season went on and had a 5-2 ratio over the final 4 games. Freedy started all 11 games again in 2000 and threw for 2,060 yards (54.4%) with a 14-18 ratio. Last year there was some competition at the QB spot as Randall Secky (6-4 215 So, PS#61), who has a cannon for an arm, led the Blue Squad to a win in the spring game to earn a shot at unseating Freedy. He got his chance in the second game of the season seeing the majority of the action, but he couldn't put the Bulls on the board, hitting 12 of 29 for 134 yds. Hofher said the two were practically even heading into the third game but Secky came in for the 2Q vs UConn and was sacked and fumbled and did not play again until the final game of the season. Freedy, who leaves #2 all-time leader in pass attempts and completions in school history, finished #4 in the MAC in passing yards and #9 in pass efficiency. He threw for a career high 2,077 yards but his completion percentage dropped to 50.4% with a 10-15 ratio and he rushed for 205 yards. Secky, who was also recruited by Purdue and Virginia Tech, should be able to win the starting job but does have some competition. Jeff Powell (6-3 215 rFr) was PS#84 and had a 15-0 ratio as a senior in HS. Adam Johnson (6-5 210 Sr), who was PS#141 in 1998 and spent one year at JUCO, got in just 4 games last season but he moved to WR this spring. PJ Piskorik (6-0 205 rFr) is called the best athlete of the QB's. True frosh signee Mike Radon was recruited by both Pitt and Oklahoma. Talent-wise, this group looks stronger, but it is less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the top 5 rushers all returned. Marquis Dwarte led the team in 2000 with 611 yards (4.7) as a rFr and led them again last year as a soph with 546 yards (3.9). Dwarte sprained his neck and missed the Marshall game and most of the next game so Derrick Gordon stepped in and rushed for 137 yards vs Marshall and 80 more against Kent St. Gordon finished the year as the #2 rusher with 486 yards (4.3) and he departs. The #3 rusher, Albert Grundy (3 sts, 227 yds, 4.5), also leaves and those were the only 3 RB's to touch the ball last season. Coaches felt that Aaron Leeper had a chance to start as a true frosh but opted to redshirt him. Dave Dawson (5-8 180 rFr) was PS#211. Rugged blocking FB Tom Shaughnessy had 5 starts last year when UB used a FB and was backed by Jason Montanez (5-11 224 Sr). They both return. Since Dwarte is back and the rFr look promising, I'll call this unit at least equal to last year.

RECEIVERS - Buffalo had almost everyone returning to this unit last year except for a 2nd Team MAC TE but injuries hit them hard. Converted RB Bam McDonald was lost for the season in August, WR Zeke McKine played in four games with 1 start before being lost for the season due to personal reasons and WR Andre Forde, who led the team in 2000 in rec's, was lost for the season with a broken collarbone after 7 games and had just 23 catches. Due to injuries, in the 2H of the season, the WR corps consisted of two converted RB's (Maurice Bradford and Ruben Vargas) an ex-walk-on Dan Lindsay and a true frosh Matt Knueven. TE Chad Bartoszek led all MAC TE's in receptions and he returns for his senior year. Knueven was a true frosh that emerged in Game 5 and finished the year with 35 rec's (12.7). Bradford who is one of the team's fastest players, had 9 starts and 35 rec's (14.2). WR's not listed below are Gabriel McClover (6-2 210 rFr) who was PS#230, Tim Dance (5-11 185 rFr), and true frosh Wilshawn Adkins who has size (6-4 200) and blazing speed. Not listed below at TE is Jason Smalarz (PS#74) who saw plenty of action last year. With the top 4 players back, and this unit should be even stronger in 2002.

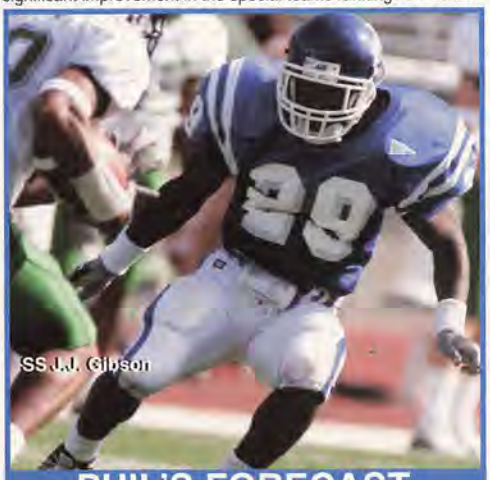
OFFENSIVE LINE - In the Bulls first year of IA ball they had a veteran offensive front but averaged only 3.2 ypc while allowing 33 sacks. In 2000 they lost 4 starters due to graduation but brought in a starting TE to one of the OL spots and still averaged 3.2 ypc, cutting the sack total to 27. That year the O-line improved greatly as the season went on as they averaged 53.2 ypg rushing the first 5 compared to 196.2 over the last 6. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation and then lost the other OT, Matt Baniewicz, prior to the year because of injuries. They also lost projected starter Josh Stello when doctors advised him to give up football. Overall they had 6 of their top 10 players back. Once again they got off to a slow start, averaging 70.6 ypg rushing in the first 5 weeks, but then finished with a flurry with 149.5 ypg rushing in the final 6. This year the unit is much more experienced and had 2 rFr and 2 soph starters last season while the lone starter lost is LG Tim Hedges, plus 3 backups. Just like last year, 6 of the top 10 are back but I think this unit is much more experienced plus Baniewicz returns. I'll call it a solidly improved offensive front and the best the Bulls have had since joining IA ball.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls switched back to a 4-3 defense last year and their rush defense got progressively better. After allowing 5.1 ypc in their inaugural year of IA ball, they chopped that to 4.4 in 2000 and last year gave up 4.1 ypc but recorded just 12 sacks. Overall the defensive front last year had 3 starters returning and 5 players with starting experience. The team did lose starting NG Bob Dzvonick to a broken leg with 3 games left to go. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are DE Chris Shelly (11 sts, 56 tkls, 13.5 tfl, Team MVP), DT Omari Jordan (11 sts, 24 tkls, 3.5 tfl), NG Dzvonick (7 sts, 29 tkls, 4 tfl) and DE Jamie Guerra (10 sts, 42 tkls, 8.5 tfl). There is a good deal of talent in the 2 deep I list below with Terrance Dawson originally signing at Syracuse, Obadiah Harris who originally signed at Illinois, and 25 year old Rashad Clark a Pac 10 signee out of HS who was in for the spring. Not listed below are Philip Jacques (6-2 234 rFr, PS#316), Casey Russell (6-0 254 So), Rob Schroeder (6-4 250 rFr) and Kirk Berry (6-2 227 rFr). Clearly this unit is less experienced than it was heading into last season and while I like the talent level here, I'll call it weaker.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UB had to replace their top 3 tacklers (2 were LB's) as well as 3 backup LB's but were switching from a 4 man LB corps to a 3 man group. One returning starter, Chris Shelly, moved to DE so they only had 2 players back to the unit who combined for 15 starts the previous year. This season, they once again lose their top tackler in Bobby Johnson (11 sts, 112 tkls, 6.5 tfl) as well as OLB Duane Williams (10 sts, 64 tkls, 8.5 tfl) and backups Kevin McCarthy (6 tkls) and Brandon Jordan (2 sts, 28 tkls, 2 tfl). This year they have 2 players back with starting experience that have a combined 10 starts between them including Lamar Wilcher (PS#169) who was the #4 tackler. This group is actually about as experienced as it was heading into last year so even with the losses, I think they should come close to the 2001 production.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulls were dead last in my pass efficiency defense ratings in their first year of IA ball despite the fact that they had a veteran secondary (but one that had never played IA ball). In 2000 they had to replace 4 players who combined for 12 starts but had 3 full-time starters returning and moved up to #109. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation. Thanks to an improved defensive front 7, the Bulls moved up to #97 in my pass D rankings and allowed just 180.0 ypg (60.5%) with a 14-12 ratio. This year they lose their top DB in FS Craig Rohlfs (10 sts, 77 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu, 427 ret yds) but return 7 of their top 8 including 3 starters and I list the 2 deep below. With the defensive front 7 depleted, this unit may not match last year's numbers but it is a more experienced and talented secondary and is stronger in 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Buffalo actually finished #63 in my special teams rankings in their first year in Div IA ball with PR Drew Haddad being the star. Without him in 2000, the unit dropped to #111, including a big fall in net punting where they averaged just 29.6. Last year they had to replace their punter and kicker but all of the top returnmen were back. The unit struggled again and they finished just #109 in my ratings which do not take into account FG accuracy. If it had, they would have ranked higher as Dallas Pelz hit 12 of 18 with a long of 50 and twice was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Week and he returns. Punter Scott McMahan, in his first year, averaged 38.9 with a net of 32.1 and should improve. The top PR, Craig Rohlfs, departs and averaged 9.1 but Andre Forde is back and averaged 10.4 on 13 returns. Forde probably would have been the top returnman if not for a season ending injury. He also topped Rohlfs in KR's with a 19.5 average compared to Rohlfs' 18.1 so with the return of Forde, this unit is in good shape. Buffalo did allow two TD's on returns and should improve upon that. I look for significant improvement in the special teams rankings for 2002.



PHIL'S FORECAST

The Bulls moved to IA ball in 1999. As expected, they have struggled with the step up in class of competition but have made steady progress, going from 0 to 2 to 3 wins last year. They actually won 2 MAC games in 2000 (BG and Kent) and last year had just one MAC win, but it was a stunning 44-0 shutout of Ohio U. They also notched a victory over CUSA member Army and future Big East team UConn. Last year the Bulls had just 6 starters back on defense but made huge strides, going from allowing 41.1 ppg in 2000 to just 26.0 ppg last year and they actually had the #4 defense in yards allowed in the MAC last year. In conference play, Buffalo allowed 373.6 ypg which was 6th best and I ranked them #6 in the MAC on that side of the ball. This year they have just 4 starters back on defense and will probably allow more than the 26.0 they yielded last year. As mentioned, the team has made strides each year in IA ball and it shows on the offense as they've gone from averaging 11.8 ppg to 16.1 to 18.6 last year. Nine starters are back on offense so they should once again top last year's scoring and yardage production. They must replace 19 lettermen from last year and they come in at the bottom 3 in the MAC in both offense and defense in my preseason ratings. Most of their home games are vs upper echelon teams in the MAC and the winnable games are on the road, so even though Buffalo continues to upgrade its athletic talent yearly, topping last year's 3 win total will be tough.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Randall Secky So. 6-4 215 *PS#61. Rocket arm. 4 games as rFr. 153 yds (42.9%), 24 yds rush. Jeff Powell (6-3 215 rFr) PS#84. P.J. Piskorik (6-0 205 rFr) PS#305DB.*

RB MARQUIS DWARTE JR. 5-6 170 *Track champ HS. #1 w/611 yds (4.7) as rFr. 2 sts LY, #1 w/546 yds (3.9), 16 rec (5.3), inj'd. Aaron Leeper (5-10 184 rFr) PS#150. Dave Dawson PS#211.*

WR MATT KNUEVEN SO. 6-1 200 *PS#167. 7 starts as **true**, #3 with 35 receptions, 443 yards (12.7). Adam Johnson (6-5 210 Sr) PS#141QB in 1998. Moved to WR.*

WR MAURICE BRADFORD SR. 5-10 172 ***PS#74JC**. 1603 yds at JC @ RB in 2000. 9 sts LY, #2 w/35 rec (14.2). Fastest WR. Dan Lindsay (5-10 190 Sr) 3 starts, 24 rec (8.7), 2 years.*

WR ANDRE FORDE SR. 5-11 208 *PS#162. 9 sts, 36 rec (16.4) in 2000. 7 sts LY (inj) 23 rec (12.6). Bam McDonald (5-9 182 Sr) 377 rush yds at RB, 18 rec in '99 and 2000 before inj.*

TE CHAD BARTOSZEK SR. 6-6 250 *6 rec (10.7) in 2000. **Led MAC TE's** w/**42 rec's** (10.5) LY. Marvin Brereton (6-2 236 Sr) 362 yards rush at FB in 1998-2000, inj'd LY.*

C ERIC WEBER SO. 6-5 301 *PS#284OL. RS as true, broken leg in August. 11 starts in 2001. Kevin Dunn (6-2 264 Jr) 2 starts at C as rFr. Lettered as 2nd stringer in 2001.*

RG ERIK ZEPPUHAR SO. 6-4 270 *PS#435. Recruited by Cincy. 11 sts as rFr after dropping 24 lbs. Dan Minocchi (6-2 270 So) PS#281OL, Lettered as bkup in several gms LY.*

LG Matt Baniewicz Jr. 6-1 260 *PS#302LB. Lettered in 1999. 10 starts at G in 2000. Most athletic OL. Injured in 2001. William Paris (6-2 320 So) PS#177OL. Bubba's son.*

RT JEFF MILLS JR. 6-5 288 *Travel squad in 2000, did not letter. 11 starts in 2001 as soph. Zachary Love (6-4 285 rFr) PS#230OL. Tim Schmidt (6-6 270 Fr) is PS#326.*

LT ANDY AVERY JR. 6-7 262 *5 tkls, 4 games as rFr. 11 starts in 2001 as soph, 31.5" VL. Alex Alvarez (6-4 290 Jr) PS#114JUCO. Made two deep all year, still RS.*

K DALLAS PELZ JR. 6-0 185 *PS#47K. 52 yard FG in high school. Punter in 2000. Hit 12 of 18 FG's in 2001, 10 of 12 inside 40. Long of 50 but just 1 of 5 from 40-49.*

DEFENSE

DE Anthony Andriano So. 6-3 237 *Milford Academy in 2000. 1 start as true here LY. 25 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl. Demetrius Austrum (6-2 223 Jr) PS#323LB, 10 tkl's LY, 1 tfl, 6 games.*

DT Terrance Dawson Jr. 6-3 275 ***PS#106DL** and orig signed w/**Syracuse**. JC. 2 gms (inj) in 2000. 7 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Michael Nguti (6-1 296 So). Bill Meholif (6-2 250 rFr) PS#314.*

DT Craig Johnson So. 6-1 290 *PS#375. 1 st as rFr, 26 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. **Marcus Clarett** (6-1 280 Jr) PS#375. 1 st as true, 9 tkls, 2 tfl. 3 sts LY, 5 tkls, 1 tfl. Strong lower body.*

DE Obadiah Harris Jr. 6-1 230 ***PS#69LB** and orig signed w/**Illinois**. Rashad Clark (6-4 240 Jr) 12 sks, 17 tfl as Sr in HS. P10 recruit. 25 yrs old. Marine after HS then JC.*

OLB Chris Clifton Jr. 6-3 237 *Orig at Rutgers. 80 tkls, 6.5 tfl, PS#795JC. Ryan Buttles (6-1 218 Sr), 20 tkls, 2 tfl, 8 gms. Rodney Morris (5-11 220 So) 14 tkls, 1 pbu LY.*

MLB LAMAR WILCHER JR. 6-2 230 *PS#169. 17 tackles, 6 tfl as rFr. 8 starts in 2001, 70 tackles, 9.5 tfl. Richard Sanders (5-11 250 rFr) PS#412LB. Hank Pirowski (5-10 210 So).*

OLB Jason Coley Sr. 6-1 210 *15 tkls, 10 games in 1999 and 2000. One of fastest LB's. 13 tackles, 1 sk LY. Deonne McClelland (6-1 210 Sr) JUCO. 14 tackles here LY.*

CB MIKE LAMBERT SR. 5-10 185 *PS#203RB. 6 sts, 26 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 11 sts in 2001, 47 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu. Kevin Concepcion (5-11 180 rFr). Delando Bradford (5-10 177 Fr).*

CB Dahnel Singfield Sr. 6-0 182 *PS#140WR. 5 starts at WR in 2000, 33 rec (14.7). Moved to FS last year. DNP. Derren Hicks (5-8 164 So) PS#380, 6 tkls, 8 games in 2001.*

SS JJ GIBSON SO. 5-9 178 *PS#335RB. 11 starts as rFr, 108 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu, one of team's fastest. Gemara Williams (5-8 170 rFr). James Vann (6-2 180 Fr) PS#775.*

FS MARK GRAHAM JR. 6-1 190 *5 starts, 38 tackles, 3 int, 5 pbu at CB in 2000. 11 starts, 55 tackles, 2 int, 10 pbu, 1 tfl, one of team's fastest. Antonio Jones is PS#503DB.*

P SCOTT McMAHAN SR. 5-9 175 *38.1 average at JUCO in 2000. 68 punts here LY, 38.9 average, 17 inside 20 and net of 32.1. Dallas Pelz had 28 punts, 35.4 average in 2000.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

RB	Chris McDuffie 5-10 180 PS#117
TE	Chad Upshaw 6-4 238 PS#70
RB	Ramon Guzman 6-2 218 PS#212
OL	Kevin Wiggins 6-2 290 PS#287
OL	Tim Schmidt 6-6 270 PS#326
QB	Mike Radon 6-1 175 PS#180
RB	Ryan Sherwood 6-1 200 PS#275
DL	Rashad Clark 6-4 240 PS#427JC
DL	Kevin Moodt 6-6 260 PS#419
RB	Jared Patterson 6-2 205 PS#410
RB	Steven King 6-0 190 PS#411
DB	Antonio Jones 6-1 200 PS#503
DL	Leonard Washington 6-2 230 PS#489
LB	Chris Clifton 6-3 237 PS#795

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UB	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								This is the biggest slate in school history, 12 games. Only 7 of the 12 opponents are teams that the Bulls played last season.
Aug. 29	Lehigh (Thur)	G						UB is 0-2 SU in NL games since joining the MAC & 3-5-1 SU overall vs Lehigh. Bulls opened their season on a Thurs night LY as well & drew 22,658 fans.
Sep. 7	at Rutgers	G						Buffalo is 0-2 SU and ATS vs Rutgers the L2Y, being outscored, 90-15. UB is 0-3 SU, 0-2 ATS the L3Y in road openers, falling by a combined 121-7 count.
Sep. 14	Connecticut	G						This could be the 1st time in their Div IA history that UB is favored. Bulls trail the all-time SU series 8-4, but have covered 2 in a row & won SU LY.
Sep. 21	at Minnesota	A						This marks the 1st time Buffalo has played a Big 10 team since 1901. This is the 2nd dome game in Bull history, they lost 63-7 at Syracuse in 2000.
Sep. 28	at Ohio U	G						Pending earlier results, UB is 10-5 ATS off a SU loss the last 2 years. OU was UB's only MAC victim LY. UB got drilled in both opposing "revenge" gms LY.
Oct. 5	W Michigan	G						Only 1 previous series meeting, a 28 pt UB loss in '99 as a 33 pt road dog. Bulls are 5-7 ATS overall in October but 4-3 ATS the last 2 years.
Oct. 12	at Marshall	A						Herd has thundered over the Bulls, outscoring them 140-31 the L3Y, leading 5-1 SU all-time. Pending 9/21 result, UB is 2-6 ATS on artificial turf since 1999.
Oct. 19	Miami,Oh (HC)	G						Bulls are 0-4 SU all-time vs MU but have covered 2 in a row. I won a ★ rated play on UB the last time they hosted the Redhawks.
Oct. 26	Kent St	G						UB trails the all-time series with every foe TY except Kent, tied at 5-5. The home team is 3-0 SU and ATS the last 3 years in this series.
Nov. 2								
Nov. 9	UCF	G						Bulls did cover their only other gm after a bye the L3Y, 44-35 (+10') vs Ball St in 2000. UCF leads the all-time series 3-0 SU. Last meeting in 1994.
Nov. 16	at Akron	A						Bulls are 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS the L3Y in this series & the HT is 1-2 SU, 2-1 ATS. Pending LW, UB is 5-3 ATS (4-2 L2Y) in November.
Nov. 23	at Ball St	G						BSU is 3-0 SU in all-time series, but the Bulls covered as a 10' pt dog in 2000. Bulls are 1-2 SU & ATS in road finales, SU winner is 3-0 ATS in those gms.
Nov. 30								

JIM HOFHER (Career 47-44)

2nd Year at Buffalo

Hofher's records AT BUFFALO

3-8	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
5-6	Vs The Spread	2-3	Home Dog
4-3	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	3-3	Away Dog
		2-1	Vs Non-Conf

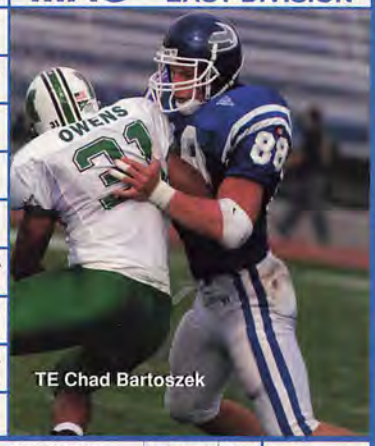
2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (27,25,2)
Lost: 19 (9,10,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 12,251

MAC - EAST DIVISION


TE Chad Bartoszek

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STADIUM: UB STADIUM (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	8-3	2-9	4-7	0-11	2-9	3-8	22-55
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	7-4	5-6	15-16
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	5-0	2-3	8-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	2-4	3-3	7-10
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	7-4	5-6	15-16
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-5	6-1	4-4	13-10
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3	1-2	2-6
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	3-5	11-13
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-1	4-3
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	2-3
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	4-3	12-11

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marquis Dwarte	**141**	**588**	**42**	**546**	**6**	**3.9**
Derrick Gordon	113	513	27	486	3	4.3
Albert Grundy	51	233	6	227	4	4.5
Joe Freedy	64	205	215	-10	0	-0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Joe Freedy	371	187	50.4	2077	10	15
Randall Secky	**35**	**15**	**42.9**	**153**	**0**	**0**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chad Bartoszek	**42**	**441**	**10.5**	**4**	**32**	
Maurice Bradford	**35**	**498**	**14.2**	**2**	**44**	
Matt Knueven	**35**	**443**	**12.7**	**2**	**50**	
Andre Forde	**23**	**289**	**12.6**	**0**	**31**	
Dan Lindsay	**17**	**154**	**9.1**	**1**	**23**	
Ruben Vargas	12	125	10.4	0	18	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Scott McMahan	**68**	**2642**	**38.9**	**–**	**32.1**	**0**	**17**
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Dallas Pelz	**2-2**	**8-10**	**1-5**	**1-1**	**12-18**	**50**	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bobby Johnson	112	1.5	5	4	1
J.J. Gibson	**108**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Craig Rohlfs	77	1	3	7	4
Lamar Wilcher	**70**	**0.5**	**9**	**1**	**0**
Duane Williams	64	0.5	8	3	0
Chris Shelly	56	3.5	10	0	0
Mark Graham	**55**	**0**	**1**	**10**	**2**
Mike Lambert	**47**	**1**	**2**	**9**	**3**
Jamie Guerra	42	1.5	7	0	0
Bob Dzvonick	29	0	4	0	0
Brandon Jordan	28	0	2	1	0
Youdlain Marcellus	28	0	1	1	0
Craig Johnson	**26**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Craig Rohlfs	15	137	9.1	0
Andre Forde	**13**	**135**	**10.4**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Andre Forde	**15**	**293**	**19.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BUFFALO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	18.6	19	114	3.3	203	49.6	17.0	-2	2001	6	26.0	20	177	4.1	180	60.5	13.7
3*	16.1	19	130	3.2	193	52.9	20.0	-18	2000	6	41.1	22	209	4.4	217	57.2	10.4
9	11.8	17	129	3.2	171	49.0	25.4	-6	1999	9	38.7	25	234	5.1	260	65.9	12.8
–	29.0	22	224	5.1	203	53.0	14.8	-5	1998	–	28.6	21	226	5.0	188	56.0	14.4
–	20.1	21	80	2.1	298	54.3	18.2	–	1997	–	37.5	21	177	4.3	226	59.5	25.0
–	18.1	17	149	3.3	132	41.7	15.5	–	1996	–	23.5	16	156	3.5	176	51.3	14.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Rutgers	16	25-55	2.2	21-40	180	2	15	45-196	4.4	11-23	157	3	+1
at Bowling Green	7	24-43	1.8	16-38	162	1	19	50-184	3.7	15-26	133	0	-3
at Connecticut	25	45-149	3.3	23-41	237	2	11	35-115	3.3	7-22	106	1	+1
C Michigan	14	24-42	1.8	17-36	194	6	24	65-285	4.4	14-28	139	1	-2
at Miami (Oh)	16	31-64	2.1	17-40	194	4	21	42-128	3.0	23-30	212	0	0
Marshall	20	38-162	4.3	16-33	207	0	30	36-108	3.0	37-49	455	0	0
at Kent St	20	38-80	2.1	16-34	193	3	21	41-238	5.8	15-19	194	2	-2
at E Michigan	21	34-110	3.2	20-46	242	1	22	43-225	5.2	16-25	155	2	+1
Ohio U	26	45-242	5.4	25-38	296	0	11	43-159	3.7	4-13	2	2	+2
at Army	23	46-150	3.3	17-30	185	3	21	27-96	3.6	27-45	272	1	+3
Akron	20	34-153	4.5	14-31	140	4	21	54-217	4.0	13-21	155	0	-3
TOTALS	208	384-1250	3.3	202-407	2230	26	216	481-1951	4.1	182-301	1980	12	-2
AVERAGES	18.9	35-114	3.3	18-37	203	2.4	19.6	44-177	4.1	17-27	180	1.1	-0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Lock Haven	NL	30-7	–
at Illinois St	NL	28-40	–
Delaware St	NL	40-30	–
at Ohio U	NL	0-50	–
Westchester St	NL	27-30	–
at Connecticut	NL	0-55	–
at Youngstown St	NL	17-52	–
Massachusetts	NL	20-26	–
Hofstra	NL	26-37	–
Maine	NL	13-52	–
at Villanova	NL	28-42	–

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Maine	NL	13-30	–
Lock Haven	NL	40-17	–
at Lafayette	NL	16-14	–
at Massachusetts	NL	27-51	–
at Cornell	NL	31-34	–
Morgan St	NL	35-17	–
Canisius	NL	47-0	–
at Liberty	NL	24-27	–
W Illinois	NL	6-41	–
at Villanova	NL	40-65	–
at Hofstra	NL	36-44	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	+20	10-17	W
at Connecticut	NL	0-23	–
at Ohio U	+22	6-45	L
N Illinois	+16	21-45	L
C Michigan	+17	19-38	L
at W Michigan	+33	17-45	W
Marshall	+44	3-59	L
at Kent St	+14	20-41	L
Hofstra	NL	13-20	–
at Virginia	+49	21-50	W
at Miami (Oh)	+33	0-43	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse	+43'	7-63	L
at Rutgers	+24'	0-59	L
Connecticut	+14'	21-24	W
Bowling Green	+20'	20-17	W
at Marshall	+43'	14-47	W
at Ohio U	+31	20-42	W
Ball St	+10'	35-44	W
at N Illinois	+34	10-73	L
Kent St 0	+7	20-17	W
at Akron	+29	14-49	L
Miami (Oh)	+21	16-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	+15	15-31	L
at Bowling Green	+22'	0-35	L
at Connecticut	+6'	37-20	W
C Michigan	+7	8-16	L
at Miami (Oh)	+25	14-31	W
Marshall	+25	14-34	W
at Kent St	+11'	13-35	L
at E Michigan	+3	20-24	L
Ohio U	+15'	44-0	W
at Army	+15	26-19	W
Akron	+5	14-41	L

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N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

LB Nick Duffy

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Chris Finlen, who can bench 225 lbs 15 times and has a 34" vertical leap, became the first player in NI history to top 1,000 yards passing in four different seasons. He had five starts as a true frosh in 1997, throwing for 1,107 yards (58.4%). He missed 1998 due to a broken collarbone and redshirted. He had nine starts in 1999 and improved his passing total each year with 1,551 yards (59.3%) in 1999, 1,857 (56.7%) in 2000 and 2,036 yards (50.2%) in 2001. He had his best TD/Int ratio last year at 14-9 and also rushed for 297 yards. He clearly will be missed and leaves as the school's career leader in total offense. Finlen's 6,551 career passing yards are 2nd in NI history behind College FB Hall of Famer George Borke (1960-1963). The team lost just 4 fumbles last year which speaks well of Finlen's ball handling. Four QB's are battling it out for the starting job this year. Joshua Haldi was the #2 QB most of the year in 2001 but he saw action in just 3 games, attempting 7 passes. Kyle Padia threw for 2,359 yards (48.1%) with an 18-18 ratio in two years at JUCO. He passed up Haldi late in the season to become the 2nd string QB but did not see action and was able to redshirt. Joe Stamm (PS#112) was an option QB in HS and is the best athlete of the QB's. He underwent shoulder surgery last year and redshirted. This year they bring in Ryan Gilbert, who threw for 1,750 yards (57.5%) with a 15-9 ratio at JUCO last year, as well as true frosh Phil Horvath (PS#115). There is some talent available at the position and although you won't be seeing Finlen on an NFL roster, this group is far less experienced than it was heading into last year and I look for an appreciable drop-off in the passing yardage.

RUNNING BACKS - NI has had two players lead the NCAA in rushing (1973 Mark Kellar, 1993 LeShon Johnson). In 2000 NI lost both starting RB's before the season but Thomas Hammock emerged with 1,083 yards (5.0) and 16 TD's in just 9 starts. Hammock missed the final 2 games with injury and true frosh Michael Turner, who had 472 yards in the first 9 games, then rushed for 230 and 281 yards in the final two and set an NCAA frosh record with 52 rush attempts vs CM. They both returned last year but the offensive line, which was Big 10 caliber in 2000, was much weaker last year. Hammock started out the year well averaging 146.7 ypg but then against Toledo had just 10 yards, breaking a streak of 8 straight 100 yard games. He followed that up with 67 and 43 yard efforts but then returned to form and finished the year with 1,096 yards (4.1). Turner got less than half the carries he did in 2000 and finished with just 395 yards (4.3). Both return this year and Hammock is trying to become the 1st player at NI to record three 1,000 yard rush seasons. The only loss is FB Alan Rood (5 sts, 1 yd). Also, true frosh Garrett Wolfe (PS#121) could be a factor. With a much more experienced O-line I look for Hammock and Turner to come closer to the 2,066 yards they combined for in 2000.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Huskies had to replace the school's record holder for rec's, yards and TD's in Justin McCareins who was #4DC of TEN. Darrell Hill was known as a track guy playing football and while as big as McCareins (6-3 195), was even faster (4.37) with a 44" vertical leap. Hill did suffer a stress fracture in his left foot against Illinois and while banged up at times, but still finished with 38 rec's and a super 21.6 ypc (4th best in NCAA) living up to my preseason 1st Tm MAC billing. He led the team with 7 receiving TD's. PJ Fleck led the team in rec's with 59 after missing a good portion of 2000 due to injury. Against C Michigan all 3 backup WR's (Keith Perry, Turner Pugh and Kandras Bledsoe) were out and the only two players to catch passes were Fleck and Hill who combined for 14. The only losses this year are Hill (#7DC of TEN) and TE Joey Reed (10 sts, 1 rec). Not listed in the 2 deep below are WR's Bledsoe (5-8 170 Jr, 2 rec's), Pugh (6-1 184 Jr) who has 3 career rec's, Andy Lothson (6-1 187 So), Jeff Malmstedt (6-3 217 Sr) and TE's Pat Raleigh (6-4 226 rFr), Ben Blonn (6-2 220 rFr) and Brad Cieslak (6-4 232 So). Even with the loss of Hill this unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year but I do not see an NFL caliber player like Hill in the group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - N Illinois had a Big 10 caliber OL in 2000 that paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including an NFL DC and 1 backup. They then lost a returning starter and returning part-time starter prior to the year so the unit was lightly experienced with just 12 starts in 2000 among the returnees. This year it is a veteran group as the only loss is LG John Pedersen (11 sts). Five players return who started 5 or more games and logged over 400 plays each with Graham Sleight back after having 2 starts in 2000 and redshirting last year. They also add some solid rFr, a HT soph and a JUCO. This should be one of the best OL's in the MAC and is much more experienced than last season when they averaged 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 22 sacks.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Huskies allowed 4.1 ypc with just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 3 players back with 6 or more starts. This year they lose DT Trent Clemen (11 sts, 80 tkls, 6 sks), DE Joe Busald (4 sts, 15 tkls, 2 tfl), NT Rashad Walker (3 sts, 30 tkls, 3 tfl) and DT Jon Peters (32 tkls, 2 tfl). They have 3 players back who started 7 or more games last year. Overall NI allowed 3.7 ypc while recording 28 sacks and should continue to improve upon those numbers.

LINEBACKERS - NI had to replace 2 starters and 1 backup from the LB corps last year but 2 players, Nick Duffy and Larry Williams, both had great seasons as each finished #6 in the NCAA with 92 solo tackles. Williams was a 1st Team MAC player in 2000 while Duffy was the Team MVP last year. Both return, and the only losses this year are SLB Ryan Laurenti (8 sts, 44 tkls, 4 tfl) and backup LB Chris Maholy (6 tkls). This unit is more experienced and looks like one of the better units in the MAC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 NI finished #95 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace 3 starters and 1 backup. This year they are in much better shape and the secondary is being called "Mad Dawgs" by Joe Novak. It returns all 4 starters and 10 lettermen from last season. Last year's young secondary surprisingly moved up to #68 in my pass D rankings, allowing 56.4% with a 18-17 ratio. Novak says this group has the best speed of any unit on this team and should move up even higher this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 NI finished -9 in the TD/Blk category and were only #109 in my special teams rankings. In 2000 they had to break in a new punter and kicker and lost their top returnman PJ Fleck to injury at midseason. Fortunately Justin McCareins averaged 19.1 on PR's and was voted the MAC Special Teams Player of the Year. The team also blocked 4 punts and came up to +5 in the TD/Blk category, finishing an amazing #8 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace their explosive returnman, McCareins, but did return their punter and kicker, and finished a respectable #23 in my rankings. Punter Jimmy Erwin improved his net from 30.6 to 36.4. Fleck, who averaged 10.0 on PR's in 2000 averaged 9.6 last year. Randee Drew was the top KR averaging 20.3 but Michael Turner was very impressive with a 35.8 average. NI also blocked 3 punts and had 2 TD's on KR's and were +3 in the TD/Blk category. Kicker Steve Azar was a Lou Groza semifinalist. In the opener he missed two 52 yard FG's and he finished the year hitting 20 of 26 FG's with a long of 50. Azar set a school record for most FG's in a season and was Co-MAC Special Teams Player of the Year. In the offseason he has surgery to repair a torn tendon that had bothered him the last 2 years and should be 100% in the fall after being only 90% the prior 2 years. Erwin also handled the KO's for NI. With everyone back from last year's unit they will contend for top 10 honors this year.

WR/PR PJ Fleck

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Huskies had not had a winning season since 1990 but Joe Novak preached patience and bit the bullet when he came in, featuring a lineup that had just 6 seniors and 18 frosh on the 2 deep. Each year his team has made strides and then after getting 5 wins in 1999, they cashed in the next 2 seasons with winning records of 6-5 each year. Last year's 6-5 record was not as impressive as the previous year as in 2000 they outscored foes by 11.7 ppg on average but last year the average was just 1.0 ppg. They did finally break through with a win against one of the big 3 in the MAC and are now 1-11 vs Marshall, Toledo and W Michigan after eeking out a 20-12 victory over WM last year. They led Big 10 Champ Illinois in the 4Q and last year for the first time ever beat all 3 conference Michigan schools in the same season. They were a little on the fortunate side as they were +9 in turnovers and had to come from behind in 5 of their 6 wins but they finished co-champs in the MAC West. While their defense was just the 8th best in the MAC last year they did hold Illinois to their lowest scoring output of the season (17) and Marshall to its lowest passing effort of the year (184 yards). They play a bend but don't break defense and Novak said during the offseason that this could be the best defense in his tenure. They were #2 in the MAC in QB sacks last year and have 9 starters back on that side of the ball. Overall I rate them the 2nd best defense in the MAC. This team led the MAC in scoring in 2000, averaging 40.9 ppg vs MAC opponents, but last year, despite having 7 starters back they only averaged 27.9 ppg. Surprisingly in league play NI averaged just 323.6 ypg which was 11th best overall. They figure to be a very strong running team with Thomas Hammock having consecutive 1,000 yard seasons and a veteran O-line but the key will be who emerges at QB. The MAC had several successful rookie QB's last year including Miami's Roethlisberger and Kent St's Cribbs, so Novak certainly hopes he has one up his sleeve. Even if he does, it will still be tough for this team to top last year's 27.5 ppg output overall. Remember, last year the defense and special teams contributed 7 TD's. While they draw Miami and Kent from the MAC East, the schedule maker was kind in MAC West play. This year they host most of their major rivals, including games in November vs BG and Toledo that are key in determining the MAC East Title. NI has a very good shot at topping last year's 6 win total and winning the division.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Joe Stamm rFr. 6-1 185 *PS#112. Option QB in HS. Josh Haldi (6-2 194 So) PS#264. 7 passes LY. Kyle Padia (6-3 211 Jr) PS#470JC LY. Ryan Gilbert (6-4 190 Jr). 11 sts LY, 1096 yds (4.1). Michael Turner (5-10 217 Jr) 983 yds (4.9) as true. 395 yds (4.3) LY.*

RB THOMAS HAMMOCK SR. 5-8 214 *9 sts in 2000, 1083 yds (5.0). **1st Tm MAC (2Y)**.*

FB James Johnson Sr. 5-10 240 *225 bench 22 times, 4.73 spd. Mike Scaramella (5-11 220 Jr). Kevin Woods (5-8 185 rFr) PS#205DB, 4.5 spd. DuJuan Johnson (6-1 196 Jr) PS#273DB.*

WR Keith Perry Jr. 6-3 221 *5 sts as rFr, 35 rec (13.2). 5 sts LY (missed 4 w/ inj) 17 rec (12.8). Mike Archie (6-2 195 Jr) PS#168, 2 sts, 6 rec 2Y. David McDermott (6-2 175 So).*

WR PJ FLECK SR. 5-10 177 *PS#167. 23 rec (9.9) as true. 3 sts, 17 rec in 2000. 7 sts LY, #1 w/59 rec (12.4), 336 ret yds. Dan Sheldon (5-9 163 So) PS#252, 4 rec LY.*

TE MATT DUNKER SR. 6-5 241 *PS#124. 8 sts, 9 rec (14.2) in 2000. 7 sts LY, 17 rec (5.0). Aaron Anderson (6-4 228 So) 8 games LY. Matt Ohmen (6-5 235 rFr) PS#70.*

C TODD GHILANI JR. 6-3 288 *PS#179DL. 11 sts, 831 plays LY, 2L. Andrew DuFrenne (6-5 260 rFr) PS#420. Brian Van Acker (6-3 266 rFr) PS#138, 2nd string & RS LY.*

RG Graham Sleight Jr. 6-3 310 *2 sts in 2000 at RG. Med RS last year. Ben Lueck (6-3 304 So) PS#103OL, inj'd LY. Noah Washington (6-3 300 Jr) PS#126JC in for fall.*

LG SHAUN SCHROEDER JR. 6-2 288 *PS#212. 6 sts at RG, 595 plays LY, 340 bench. **Matt McGhgny** (6-2 281 So) PS#355, 5 sts, 422 plays as rFr. Jacob Ebenhoch (6-4 283 rFr).*

RT MARK ORSZULA JR. 6-7 302 *70 snaps as rFr. 8 sts LY, 595 plays. **Jake VerStraete** (6-6 276 So) 5 sts, 401 plays as rFr. Joel Ellis (6-5 308 Jr) PS#287OL, 1 letter.*

LT TIM VINCENT SR. 6-6 289 *L/6 sts in '99, 511 snaps. 11 sts at LT in 2000. 9 sts LY. **2nd Tm MAC**, 652 snaps, 365 bench. Shea Fitzgerald (6-8 268 rFr) PS#219DL.*

K STEVE AZAR JR. 5-8 192 *14-15 FG's in 2000, L/44. 20 of 26 FG's LY, L/50, 2 misses from 50+, **Co-MAC Special Tms POY**, 31-32 xp's. Mike Augustine (5-9 180 So) PS#48.*

DE TRAVIS MOORE SO. 6-1 232 *7 sts as rFr, 47 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl, 4.5 speed, 340 bench. Curtis Crossley (6-2 211 So), added 10 lbs. Quince Holman (6-3 235 rFr) added 25 lbs.*

DT ANTHONY FALBO SR. 6-3 263 *PS#128DL. 6 sts, 19 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 63 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl LY. Jason Banks (6-1 273 Sr) 2 tkls LY. Justin McIntyre (6-0 295 rFr) PS#229DL.*

DT ERIC DIDESCH SR. 6-4 276 *26 tkls, 330 snaps in '99. 7 sts in 2000. 5 tfl. 8 sts, 27 tkls, 4 tfl, 385 bench LY. **Charles Johnson** (6-3 293 rFr) PS#97RB. Brian Peterson (6-1 279 So).*

DE Jason Frank Jr. 6-6 246 *PS#163LB. 9 tkls, 1 sk in 9 gms as **true**. 37 tkls, 1 sk, 1 pbu, 4.95 spd. Vinson Reynolds (6-1 229 Jr) 16 tkls in 2000. 4.65 spd. 18 tkls, 1 sk LY.*

SLB Brian Atkinson So. 6-2 218 *3 starts, 27 tackles, 1 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu as rFr. **Jason Hawkins** (6-2 237 So) **PS#145LB**, 11 tackles, 1 sack as rFr. Willie Smith (6-1 215 So).*

MLB NICK DUFFY JR. 6-2 232 *PS#189. 30 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, 125 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl, 6 pbu. Kursten Strothman (6-2 215 So) 26 tkls, 3 sks LY. Javan Lee (6-3 204 rFr). PS#372RB.*

WLB LARRY WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 231 *PS#175. 10 sts in '99, 69 tkls. 11 sts in 2000, **1st Tm MAC**, 112 tkls, 4 sks, 11 tfl. 11 sts, 123 tkls, 10 tfl LY. Jason Hutton (6-1 229 rFr) PS#44TE.*

CB RANDEE DREW JR. 5-9 179 *3 sts, 26 tkls, 2 pbu as true. 9 sts LY, 43 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu, **4.42 spd**. Rob Lee (6-0 189 So) PS#149WR, 7 tkls as rFr. Deon Smith (5-8 167 rFr).*

CB VINCE THOMPSON SR. 5-10 178 *11 sts in 2000, 69 tkls, 5 int, 4 pbu, 3 tfl. 10 sts LY, **1st Tm MAC**, 66 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 int, 12 pbu. **Gerard Taylor** (5-8 183 Jr) 3 sts, 30 tkls, 1 pbu LY.*

SS AKIL GRANT JR. 5-10 187 *PS#256. 11 sts in 2001, 4.52 spd, 114 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu, **2nd Tm MAC**. Justin Dole (6-0 190 Sr) PS#220DB, 48 tkls, 1 int in 3 years.*

FS LIONEL HICKENBOTTOM JR. 5-11 187 *8 sts, 90 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu, 2 tfl, 4.5 speed. Devron Francis (5-8 175 So) 3 sts as rFr, 34 tkls. Ray Smith (6-2 174 rFr) PS#195DB.*

P JIMMY ERWIN SR. 6-0 223 *45.5 average in HS. 39.9 at JC in '99. 44 punts, 38.1 average, 30.6 net in 2000, 60 punts in 2001, 41.8, 15 inside the 20 **net of 35.8**. Also does KO's.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL	Noah Washington 6-3 300 PS#126JC
RB	Garrett Wolfe 5-9 190 PS#121
QB	Phil Horvath 6-3 185 PS#115
DL	Eric Pittman 6-2 270 PS#165
RB	A.J. Harris 6-2 190 PS#180
DL	Mychael McKay 6-3 275 PS#207
DL	Jasen McDonald 6-5 270 PS#234
RB	Adrian Davis 5-8 195 PS#258
WR	Shatone Powers 6-0 180 PS#268
DL	Doug Free 6-5 280 PS#323
RB	Ken West 6-2 235 PS#344
DB	Andre Morris 5-9 170 PS#394
WR	Jarret Carter 6-3 185 PS#337
DB	Dustin Utschig 5-10 185 PS#501

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N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NI	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 29	Wake Forest (Thur)	A					
Sep. 7	at S Florida	G					
Sep. 14	at Wisconsin	A					
Sep. 21	W Illinois	A					
Sep. 28	Kent St	A					
Oct. 5	at Ball St	G					
Oct. 12	at Miami (Oh)	G					
Oct. 19	C Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 26	at W Michigan	A					
Nov. 2							
Nov. 9	Bowling Green	A					
Nov. 16	at E Michigan	A					
Nov. 23	Toledo	A					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

N Illinois is 2-0 SU and ATS vs Buffalo and has outscored them 118-31.
NI is 18-12 ATS off a SU loss the last 5 years.
The Huskies are 0-2 SU and ATS vs Marshall, being outscored 78-24.

Huskies are 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS vs ACC teams since 1990.
N Illinois is 1-10 SU and 2-8 ATS the last 11 years in their season opener.

Huskies are 9-3 ATS on grass the last 4 years.
May apply: Huskies are 10-5 ATS the last 3 years as a favorite, but 1-4 LY.

Huskies are 1-7 SU and 2-6 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
NIU is 0-11 SU but 5-6 ATS vs the Big 10 the last 12 years.

Huskies are 14-8 SU in non-lined games since 1990, but 2-3 the last 5.
The W Illinois Leathernecks went 5-5 LY in the Gateway Athletic Conf.

N Illinois is 6-3 ATS their last 9 tries as a home favorite, 0-3 last year.
Huskies are 19-12-1 ATS vs current MAC teams the last 4 years.

The Huskies are 3-2 SU but 4-1 ATS vs Ball St.
NIU is 16-5-1 ATS in October since 1997.

Could apply: NIU is 10-4-1 ATS as a double digit dog the last 4 years.
NIU is 0-2 SU & ATS vs the Redhawks & have been outscored 83-10 the L/2 meetings.

N Illinois is 4-0 SU and ATS the last 4 years vs C Michigan.
The Huskies are 7-1 ATS in sandwiched home games.

N Illinois is 0-3 SU, 1-2 ATS at Waldo & has been outscored 102-52 there.
NIU is 1-6 SU and 4-3 ATS their last 7 meetings with W Michigan.

Bonus: N Illinois is 1-6 SU and 3-4 ATS after a bye week since 1995.

NIU has lost 6 out of the last 7 SU after a bye by an avg of 22.8 ppg.
Huskies are 8-25 SU and 11-18-1 ATS in November since 1990.

N Illinois is 0-7 SU and 2-5 ATS in road finales since 1995.
NIU is 3-2 SU, 2-3 ATS vs EMU & the tms have avg'd a combined 53 ppg.

Huskies are 0-8 SU and 1-6-1 ATS vs Toledo. During that time, Toledo has outscored N Illinois 270-118 with an avg line of only UT-9.

JOE NOVAK (Career 20-46)
7th Year at N Illinois

Novak's records AT N ILLINOIS

20-46	Straight Up	6-5	Home Favorite
31-28-2	Vs The Spread	7-8-1	Home Dog
20-17-1	Off A S/U Loss	4-2-1	Away Favorite
22-17-2	Vs Conference	14-13	Away Dog
		9-11	Vs Non-Conf

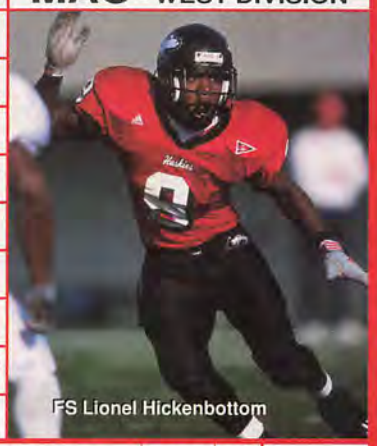
2001 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,21,2)
Lost: 16 (7,9,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,604

MAC - WEST DIVISION


FS Lionel Hickenbottom

STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	1-10	0-11	2-9	5-6	6-5	6-5	24-53
ATS	2-8	2-7-1	6-5	6-3-1	7-3	6-4	4-6	33-36-2
Home Fav	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	6-7
Home Dog	1-1	0-2	4-2	1-2-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	8-9-1
Away Fav	0-2	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	4-4-1
Away Dog	1-3	2-3	2-3	5-1	2-3	1-2	2-1	15-16
Favorite	0-4	0-2-1	0-0	0-0	4-0	5-1	1-4	10-11-1
Dog	2-4	2-5	6-5	6-3-1	3-3	1-3	3-2	23-25-1
Grass	1-4	1-2-1	1-2	4-0	2-1	2-2	1-0	12-11-1
Artificial	1-4	1-5	5-3	2-3-1	5-2	4-2	3-6	21-25-1
vs Conf	0-5	1-1-1	4-4	5-2-1	6-2	4-3	2-5	22-22-2
vs Non-Conf	2-3	1-6	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	11-14
Off SU Win	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	3-1	3-2	3-3	10-11-1
Off SU Loss	2-3	2-5-1	6-4	4-3	4-2	3-1	1-2	22-20-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Thomas Hammock	268	1143	47	1096	7	4.1
Michael Turner	92	427	32	395	3	4.3
Chris Finlen	86	297	191	106	4	1.2
Darrell Hill	2	45	0	45	0	22.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Finlen	331	166	50.2	2036	14	9
Josh Haldi	7	4	57.1	60	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
P.J. Fleck	59	732	12.4	5	64
Darrell Hill	38	822	21.6	7	61
Keith Perry	17	217	12.8	0	36
Matt Dunker	17	85	5.0	1	13
Thomas Hammock	15	70	4.7	0	14
Michael Turner	10	76	7.6	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmy Erwin	60	2507	41.8	–	35.8	1	15

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Steve Azar	10-11	6-7	3-5	1-3	20-26	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Duffy	125	4	7	6	1
Larry Williams	123	2	8	4	0
Akil Grant	114	0	1	8	1
Lionel Hickenbottom	90	0	2	9	4
Trent Clemen	80	6	2	4	0
Vince Thompson	66	1	3	12	5
Anthony Falbo	63	3	3	3	0
Travis Moore	47	2	3	0	0
Ryan Laurenti	44	2	2	0	1
Randee Drew	43	0	0	7	1
Jason Frank	37	1	0	1	0
Devron Francis	34	0	0	0	0
Jon Peters	32	0	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
P.J. Fleck	26	250	9.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Randee Drew	15	305	20.3	0
Michael Turner	9	319	35.4	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	California	NL	Cal St-Fullerton	20-13	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

N ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	27.5	19	144	3.4	196	50.0	12.4	+9	2001	4	26.5	21	158	3.7	228	56.4	14.5
7*	37.2	23	228	4.7	200	54.4	11.5	+8	2000	8	25.5	19	151	4.1	210	59.6	14.2
8*	26.3	19	157	3.7	188	53.4	13.1	+4	1999	7	26.3	20	163	3.9	197	55.3	13.7
8	14.5	13	124	3.1	119	48.7	16.7	-5	1998	9	29.9	19	189	3.9	173	56.2	12.1
5	11.7	15	129	3.0	136	48.8	22.6	-3	1997	9	34.7	22	240	5.1	188	57.0	12.3
5	14.3	15	140	3.3	116	48.8	17.9	+1	1996	9	36.4	24	276	5.2	180	59.4	12.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
S Florida	21	47-200	4.3	20-36	144	2	12	30-51	1.7	17-32	223	3	0
at Illinois	23	44-214	4.9	17-44	159	1	18	37-102	2.8	17-34	241	2	-2
Sam Houston St	24	52-160	3.1	15-26	279	1	21	34-86	2.5	25-38	318	2	+5
at Toledo	15	28-17	0.6	22-43	210	4	24	49-217	4.4	21-30	254	1	+1
Marshall	18	46-127	2.8	11-23	142	2	17	42-174	4.1	16-29	184	3	-3
at Kent St	21	37-112	3.0	19-39	250	2	26	56-307	5.5	12-21	196	4	0
W Michigan	16	56-171	3.1	10-18	147	4	11	30-105	3.5	15-32	170	3	+2
at C Michigan	19	42-209	5.0	14-31	203	0	27	52-229	4.4	22-40	264	1	+1
E Michigan	14	38-133	3.5	15-28	205	0	19	33-58	1.8	21-38	225	4	+3
Ball St	18	40-124	3.1	14-26	217	5	26	42-173	4.1	25-44	274	4	+2
at Wake Forest	17	36-122	3.4	14-28	201	1	27	58-232	4.0	13-24	157	1	0
TOTALS	206	466-1589	3.4	171-342	2157	22	228	463-1734	3.7	204-362	2506	28	+9
AVERAGES	18.7	42-144	3.4	16-31	196	2.0	20.7	42-158	3.7	19-33	228	2.5	0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at C Michigan	+14'	10-44	L
Kansas St	+35'	7-47	L
W Michigan	+13	13-21	W
at N Carolina St	+35	14-41	W
at Bowling Green	+14'	10-35	L
Vanderbilt	+22	7-17	W
at Toledo	+30'	14-41	W
Ball St	+9'	14-21	W
Ohio U	+23	30-35	W
E Michigan	+7'	10-34	L
at Miami (Oh)	+33	0-42	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Michigan	+18	23-37	W
at Kansas St	+48'	7-73	L
E Illinois	NL	10-24	–
at Ball St	+12	13-18	W
at UCF	+36	17-38	W
C Michigan	+10	16-6	W
at E Michigan	+10'	26-14	W
Toledo	+13	3-16	T
Miami (Oh)	+16	10-41	L
at Ohio U	+17	12-28	W
Bowling Green	+9'	23-34	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	21-27	–
at Vanderbilt	+17	31-34	W
at Iowa	+14'	0-24	L
W Michigan	+8'	21-24	W
at Buffalo	-16	45-21	W
Ball St	-9	37-17	W
at C Michigan	+2	31-27	W
Kent St	-14	50-7	W
at Marshall	+26	9-41	L
at Toledo	+6	14-44	L
E Michigan	-4'	30-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	+8	17-35	L
Illinois St	NL	52-0	–
at Auburn	+23'	14-31	W
at Ball St	-11	43-14	W
UCF	-4	40-20	W
at Akron	-1	52-35	W
at W Michigan	+5'	22-52	L
Buffalo	-34	73-10	W
Toledo	+5	24-38	L
at E Michigan	-14'	32-39	L
C Michigan	-24	40-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Florida	-18	20-17	L
at Illinois	+20	12-17	W
Sam Houston St	NL	41-16	–
at Toledo	+17	20-41	L
Marshall	+1	15-37	L
at Kent St	-10'	34-44	L
W Michigan	+5	20-12	W
at C Michigan	-8'	33-24	W
E Michigan	-24	40-17	L
Ball St	-10'	33-29	L
at Wake Forest	+10'	35-38	W

TOLEDO ROCKETS

LB Tom Ward

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In the '99 magazine I called for Tavares Bolden, who had 4.6 speed and benched 325 lbs, to win the starting QB job but he did not take over until the season's fifth game. In the first four, Toledo averaged just 20.8 ppg but Bolden's insertion into the lineup put them in high gear and they averaged 30.1 ppg the last 7. Bolden threw for 1,354 yards (53.7%) with a 9-7 ratio and rushed for 442 yards in '99. In 2000 he was inconsistent at times but in his 11 starts threw for 1,597 yards (56.9%) with an impressive 13-4 ratio and rushed for 464 yards, which earned him 1st Team MAC honors. Last year Bolden had to adjust to a complete change in the offense as they went from the run-based offense to the pass happy spread. His completion percentage improved (68.7% set MAC record in reg season) and he threw for 2,466 yards with a 13-6 ratio while also rushing for 421 yards. He was held out of the BG game which was a loss but in games in which he started, the team was 20-2 in his final 2 years. He finished #16 in the NCAA in pass efficiency and will clearly be missed. It looks to be a 3 horse race to see who will replace him. Brian Jones threw for 5,600 yards and 52 TD's in 2 years at JUCO but last year got in just 5 games here, starting vs BG, and hit 51.5% for 193 yards with a 3-3 ratio. He is not as mobile as Bolden. Bruce Gradkowski (6-2 190 rFr) was PS#195 and is an Amstutz recruit. He looked good last fall directing the scout team vs the #1 defense in practice daily. Amstutz also signed JUCO Cedric Stevens who threw for 1,266 yards at JUCO as a frosh and has solid size at 6-4 217. Keon Frazier (6-1 190 Jr) was PS#93 and hit 8 of 17 in six games as the #2 QB in 2000 while rushing for 64 yards. Last year he did not see action. Cullen Finnerty (6-2 193 rFr) was the #3QB last year and also has a strong arm. There is some talent in this unit but with the loss of a player like Bolden, it clearly looks much weaker in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Toledo has finished in the Top 20 in the NCAA in rushing in each of the last 3 years thanks mostly to super RB Chester Taylor. Taylor leaves (#6DC of BAL) as the school's all-time leading rusher and also the MAC's #2 rusher all-time (behind Travis Prentice). He was the MAC Offensive Player of the Year in 2000, rushing for 1,470 yards. Last year the team installed a spread passing offense and some thought Taylor's rush total would drop. In reality, his rushing yards increased to 1,620 (5.4) with 21 TD's. He put up those great numbers despite an injury which limited him to 50 yards rushing vs Ohio U and Ball St when he rushed for just 25. His 190 rush yards set a Motor City Bowl record. Taylor was also voted MVP of the North team in the Hula Bowl. Antwon McCray was Taylor's chief backup and had 557 yards (4.8). When McCray and another backup William Bratton were both out vs C Michigan, Webster Jackson (PS#262) rushed for 53 yards and he finished the year with 104 (4.0). Both Taylor and McCray depart but Bratton was granted a 6th year of eligibility (medical hardship). I list the 2 deep below and this is clearly a unit where some of this year's top signees could play immediately. They go from an outstanding, experienced NFL caliber RB to a very inexperienced group.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Rockets had to replace their all-time leading receiver in Mel Long and another starter. Prior to the season, Amstutz said the most disappointing player from 2000 was WR Carl Ford who had just 9 receptions. Ford solidly improved last year and finished #2 with 51 rec (14.1). Donta Greene and Manny Johnson (4.35 spd) both stand 5-7 but hauled in 64 (10.0) and 33 (12.4) passes, respectively. All 3 return and I list their backups below. All of the top TE's are back as well. This year Amstutz said he wanted to recruit some taller WR's (see Top Newcomers). One of those newcomers is JUCO Chad Mickelson who had 67 rec's (14.5) and 9 TD's at JUCO last year. Others not listed below are Shannon Brinson (5-11 170 rFr), Chris Williams (6-0 192 Sr, 4 rec) and Delano Scott (5-9 175 Sr, 4 rec's). This unit is more experienced and is now in the second year of the spread offense and should continue to improve.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '99 Toledo's excellent OL paved the way for 5.3 ypc rushing and allowed just 8 sacks. In 2000 they had to replace just 1 starter (1st Tm MAC) and a pair of backups and although it was very tough to improve upon the previous year's numbers they did just that as they averaged 5.4 ypc rushing and allowed a paltry 3 sacks. Last season they had to replace 2 starters who were 1st and 2nd Team MAC players and then had returning starter Noah Swartz lose his job. Overall the unit still fared well, averaging 4.9 ypc and allowing 13 sacks. This year's unit is very experienced as 3 full-time starters are back plus they also return the service of Swartz who had 11 starts at LT in 2000. They have to replace C Nick Otterbacher (12 sts, 4 yr st'r) and LG Matt Comer (10 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm MAC) but 8 of the top 10 return. LT Nic Kaczur was the first true frosh to start on the OL here since 1978, but he is a 22 year old Canadian who worked a few years before enrolling in college. This unit has even more experience and is clearly one of the MAC's best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Whether he was the DC or head coach, the Rockets have always had a strong defense under Amstutz. In '99 they allowed just 3.1 ypc and had 32 sacks. They returned all 4 starters to the DL in 2000 and improved allowing just 2.5 ypc with 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace just one starter but he was their top DL. Overall 6 of the top 8 players last year were seniors and the Rockets allowed just 2.9 ypc while recording 38 sacks. Naturally the losses are heavy this year. Gone are DE Jake McLean (12 sts, 2nd Tm MAC, 46 tkls, 6 tfl), DE David Bockmore (12 sts, 45 tkls, 8 sks, 17 tfl, 1st Tm MAC), DE Leo Frierson (7 sts, 33 tkls, 12 tfl, missed 5 w/inj), DT Phil Gibson (8 sts, 32 tkls, 6 tfl), DT Sameer Hamood (4 sts, 28 tkls, 5 sks), DT Jim Barker (11 tkls) and DE Torrance Craddieth (12 tkls, 2 tfl). Some of this year's frosh will work their way into the 2 deep (see Top Newcomers). There is a spattering of experience and talent on the front wall in the 2 deep that I list below, but clearly this unit is far less experienced and must be Amstutz's main concern this season.

LINEBACKERS - Toledo runs a 4-4 defense but I list the ROV as a safety and the WHIP LB with this unit. The last 2 seasons they've had to replace their #1 tackler from this group but had 5 of top 6 back and the unit was strong, as expected. This year they must replace WHIP Sid Daniels (12 sts, 107 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl) and backup ILB Jason Mason (4 games until inj) who had 8 tackles. Overall 5 of the top 6 once again return but this time the top 2 tacklers are back so this unit is more experienced than it was heading into last season. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Ray Turner (6-0 205 Jr, PS#175). Ward and Gardner are both All MAC caliber plus they get Indiana transfer LB Scott Genord so this unit is clearly one of the MAC's best.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Toledo ranked just #71 in my pass D rankings in 1999 but in 2000 they had 4 players back with starting experience and improved to #53. Last year they had to replace their SS and 2 backups but had both starting CB's returning. Surprisingly, even in last year's MAC Title season, they ranked just #88, allowing 221.8 ypg (57.5%) completions and a 19-12 ratio. This year they must replace both starting safeties in ROV Corey Morris (12 sts, 95 tkls, 14 tfl, 4 int's, 5 pbu), FS Andy Boyd (12 sts, 89 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu) as well as backup CB Keith Dandridge (5 tkls, 1 pbu). Five of the top 8 are back with both upperclassmen CB's returning for their 3rd (Hefflin) and 4th (Anderson) year as starters. Despite the losses, I think Toledo will definitely improve in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Toledo ranked #45 in my special teams rankings in 2000 and had everyone back including the MAC's all-time leading scorer among kickers, Todd France. France was one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza last year and hit a 55 yard FG which was the longest in school history while also scoring a TD on a fake FG vs Marshall. France who was solid on KO's, is a big loss. Tony Miller, the outstanding KR from 2000 who averaged 26.3, was drafted in the 10th round by the Colorado Rockies and signed with them in June and did not play. That resulted in a sharp reduction in the overall KR average as they averaged just 15.1 as a team. They also had problems with long snapping. Chris Tuminello handled the snaps for the opener but hurt his hand and LB David Gardner came in vs Temple and had 3 high snaps which caused one blocked punt. Tuminello later returned but the team suffered 4 blocked punts. The Rockets also blocked 4 punts on the year. Against Ball St they allowed a 100 yard KR for a TD, a blocked punt and fumbled a PR and Amstutz said afterward that he would move starters into the special teams unit. Punter Hannum did have a 92 yard punt (MAC record vs BG) and increased the net punting to 34.7. Donta Green, who had a fine year on PR's, averaging 11.7 is back. Overall the unit finished #84 last year in my special teams rankings and even with the loss of a super kicker could be improved.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Toledo was the best team in the MAC in Pinkel's final season but despite a 10-1 record did not end up in a bowl. They still finished the season ranked 25th in the polls, their highest finish since 18th in 1997, and they beat Penn St and Marshall by a combined score of 66-6. In fact Toledo entered the AP poll on September 24th, their earliest entry into the Top 25 in the 85 years of the program. Their highest ever ranking, by the way, was #12 after the 1970 season. They expanded the stadium by adding temporary bleachers and selling standing room only tickets last year and drew 36,502 vs N Illinois, a school and MAC record, and set the record again vs Navy with 36,852. They averaged 30,014 for the season, a new MAC record which was 14.4% above their listed capacity which was best in the NCAA. Pinkel left last year and long time assistant Tom Amstutz took over a veteran club that had 15 starters back and only 15 lettermen lost. Seventy-eight of 84 players improved their speed in winter conditioning with 11 players running 4.4 or better in the 40. Amstutz made the bold move of completely changing the offense from a run oriented scheme which produced 254 ypg rushing and 36.4 ppg to the spread offense. The offense was a major question mark heading into the season but they were almost as potent, averaging 33.9 despite QB Bolden sitting out against Bowling Green. Their 2 losses last year were to Ball St in which Chester Taylor was injured and vs BG the week after they accepted their bowl bid and had the MAC Title game on deck and basically rested some players. The program has rattled off 8 straight winning years and amazingly they are 4-3 their last 7 against Big 10 foes. Toledo became the first school other than Marshall to win a MAC Title game. Toledo's overall 20-3 record the last 2 years is the 4th best winning percentage in the NCAA. Toledo's graduation rate for FB players is 59%, compared to just 34% of their overall male student body, which is the highest differential among Div IA teams. This year will truly test Amstutz as they suffer some major losses including 23 lettermen and they return just 58% lettermen, the lowest percentage in the conference. Toledo also gets no favors as they draw both Miami and UCF out of the MAC East. Overall I rated Toledo as my #2 offense in the MAC last year and #4 on defense but in this rebuilding year they'll probably drop a little in both categories. They must find a new QB to replace Tavares Bolden who did a tremendous job here but at least the new QB has a veteran receiving corps. Defensively, only 4 starters are back but they have probably the best set of CB's in the league in Brandon Hefflin and Jehu Anderson which is a great place to start. Toledo's last 2 teams have had 15 and 17 starters returning, but even in a rebuilding year the Rockets are a clear contender in the MAC West although I do not foresee a 3rd straight 10 win season.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Brian Jones Sr. 6-2 215 PS#150JC. 5600 yds, 52 TD's, 2Y at JC. 193 yds (51.5%) 5 gms here LY, 1 st. **Bruce Gradkowski** (6-2 190 rFr) PS#195. Cedric Stevens is PS#424JC.

RB Webster Jackson So. 5-10 200 104 yds (4.0) as rFr, 4.3 spd. William Bratton (5-8 225 Sr) 661 career yds, granted 6th yr elig. Adam Cuomo (5-9 195 Jr) Canadian, 62 yds in 2000.

WR CARL FORD SR. 6-1 170 PS#280. 6 sts, 15 rec (11.5) as true, 3 sts in 2000, 9 rec (9.6), 38"VL. 12 sts LY, 51 rec (14.1). Terrence Hudson (6-1 180 So) PS#285, 4.47 spd.

WR MANNY JOHNSON SR. 5-7 155 PS#235. 5 sts as rFr, 7 in 2000, 28 rec, 2Y. 12 sts LY, 33 rec (12.4) **4.35 spd**. Lance Moore (5-10 175 So) 6 rec as true. Chad Mickelson is PS#137JC.

WR DONTA GREENE SR. 5-7 180 PS#253, 11 sts, 30 rec (11.6) as rFr. 10 sts in 2000, 31 rec (9.3). 12 sts LY, 64 rec (10.0), 722 ret yds. Corterris Reese (6-2 175 So) PS#109.

TE CHRIS HOLMES SO. 6-5 259 12 sts as rFr, 20 rec (10.9). Andrew Clarke (6-4 200 So) 9 rec (15.8) as rFr. **Greg Grothous** (6-6 240 Sr) PS#34, 9 sts, 10 rec in 2000.

C CHRIS TUMINELLO SR. 6-3 282 PS#211OL. 1 st, 7 games as rFr. 2nd string in 2000, lettered. 11 sts in 2001 (9 at RG, 2 at LG). Chris Wakeman (6-5 250 rFr) PS#213DL.

RG Noah Swartz Sr. 6-5 302 2nd string as rFr, 3 letters. **11 starts** at LT in 2000. 2 starts, 11 games at G in 2001. 5.1 in 40. Jon Polczak (6-2 290 rFr) is PS#462.

LG Darric Randolph Jr. 6-3 272 4 sts LY (1 at OG, 3 at LT), 9 gms, 400 bench, 225 lbs 25x's, 1040 leg press. David Odenthal (6-2 292 Jr) PS#435, 10 gms LY, 225 bench 28x's.

RT TIM DIRKSEN JR. 6-4 285 2nd string as rFr, DNL. 8 sts last year until injury. Missed spring. Erik Faasen (6-8 335 Jr) PS#207, 1 st, 10 games LY. 1000 lb leg press.

LT NIC KACZUR SO. 6-6 300 22 year old from Canada. 12 starts as "**true**" LY (9 at LT, 3 at RT), **2nd Tm MAC**. Wael Jarbou (6-5 285 So) 2 games LY, 425 bench.

K Jason Robbins rFr. 5-10 180 PS#81K. Hit 48 of 52 xp's in high school. 11 of 14 on FG's, 2nd Team All Ohio. RS in 2001. Must replace 4 year starter Todd France.

DEFENSE

DE Frank Ofili Jr. 6-3 240 PS#132TE. 1 st as rFr, 21 tkls, 6 sks. 5 starts LY, 26 tkls, 2 sk, 6 tfl, **4.59 spd**, 355 bench, 38" VL. Philip Alexander (6-3 230 So) PS#380LB.

DT Chaz Williams Jr. 6-3 287 **PS#95**. PQ in '99. 8 tkls, 1 tfl LY, 410 bench, 225 lb bench 27x's. Zach Kiesch (6-5 240 Fr). Navy prep LY. Lantz Jeudy (6-2 285 Jr) is PS#431JC.

DT Didier Ormejuste Jr. 6-4 245 2 tkls in 3 games as rFr. From Canada. RJ Cameron (6-4 294 So) PS#233DL, 1 tkl as rFr. Qunnen Burdine (6-1 215 So) PS#164TE.

DE Don Gaines So. 6-3 226 PS#166TE. 7 games as rFr, 9 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Brian King (6-3 210 Sr). Anthony Abron (6-2 220 Jr) PS#287LB, PQ in 1999.

ILB TOM WARD SR. 6-1 236 PS#40TE. Iron Man 2 straight yrs. 2 sts, 70 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 12 sts, **#2 in MAC w/139 tkls**, 5 sks, 9 tfl, 225 bench 29x's. Brock Dodrill (6-1 202 So) 9 tkls.

ILB DAVID GARDNER SR. 6-2 231 PS#186RB. 9 sts in 2000, 82 tkls, 12 tfl. 12 sts LY, 117 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl, 5 pbu. **Scott Genord** (6-2 230 Jr) 1 st **at Indiana** in 2000, 23 tkls, 1 tfl.

WLB Patrick Body So. 6-2 180 10 gms as **true**, 9 tkls, 28 yds rush, 3 KR (14.0). Olanzo Jarrett (6-2 200 Sr), Canada, 2 tkls in '99. Inj'd LY. Hannibal Pearson (6-2 185 Fr).

CB BRANDON HEFFLIN JR. 6-1 170 PS#240WR. 11 sts as rFr, 44 tkls, 3 int. 7 pbu. 12 sts LY, 43 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu, 37.5"VL. James Stanley (6-1 185 Sr) PS#235, 30 tkls, 3Y, 4.58 spd.

CB JEHU ANDERSON SR. 6-1 186 8 sts as rFr, 48 tkls 3 int, 7 pbu. 11 sts in 2000, 64 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu. 12 sts LY, 43 tkls, 1 int, 11 pbu. Deion Washington (6-1 195 Fr) is PS#134.

ROV Paul Dye Jr. 6-2 206 13 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr. 4.55 spd, 2 blk'd kicks in 2001, 17 tkls, 1 pbu. Paul Bockmore (6-0 195 So) PS#291RB, 5 tkls. Jose Simms (5-11 191 Jr).

FS Demetris Simms Sr. 6-2 196 9 tkls, 9 games in 1999 & 2000. 11 games last year, 14 tkls, 1 pbu. Keon Jackson (6-0 190 rFr) PS#128DB. Antonio Malone is PS#128DB.

P BRANDON HANNUM JR. 6-3 222 55 punts as true, 37.9 avg & net of 32.6. 52 punts LY, 40.8 avg including 47.6 over last 3 reg season, net of 34.7. Jason Robbins is PS#81.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Chad Mickelson	6-1 185 PS#137JC
DB	Antonio Malone	6-1 180 PS#128
DB	Deion Washington	6-1 195 PS#134
RB	Quinton Broussard	5-9 180 PS#162
WR	Perry Ivery	6-0 180 PS#203
RB	Astin Martin	5-8 180 PS#259
OL	Hassan Adebesin	6-2 275 PS#370
RB	Rodney Gamby	5-10 186 PS#319
QB	Cedric Stevens	6-4 217 PS#424JC
DL	Lantz Jeudy	6-2 285 PS#431JC
QB	Kenley Horton	6-2 180 PS#242
DL	Dontriel Coates	6-5 280 PS#391
WR	Fred Wilson	6-4 190 PS#354
LB	Oral Hylton	6-0 210 PS#386RB

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 29	Cal Poly (Thur)	A					
Sep. 7	at E Michigan	A					
Sep. 14	at Minnesota	A					
Sep. 21	UNLV	A					
Sep. 28	at Pittsburgh	G					
Oct. 5							
Oct. 12	Ball St (HC)	A					
Oct. 19	at UCF	G					
Oct. 26	Miami (Oh)	A					
Nov. 2							
Nov. 9	C Michigan	A					
Nov. 16	at W Michigan	G					
Nov. 23	at N Illinois	A					
Nov. 30	Bowling Green	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rockets are 69-54-2 ATS (56%) since '90 with only 3 losing ATS seasons.
Toledo is 3-5 ATS their last 8 tries as a home dog, winning last year's MAC Title game 41-36 as a 3 pt home dog.

Rockets are a perfect 7-0 SU in non-lined games since 1994.
The Cal Poly Mustangs went 6-5 last year as a Div IAA Independent.

Rockets are 16-10-1 ATS the last 8 years as an away favorite.
UT is 6-1 SU and ATS in road openers since 1995.

Toledo won their last appearance in a dome in last year's Motor City Bowl.
Toledo is 3-1 SU and ATS the last 4 meetings vs a Big 10 opponent.

Could apply: Toledo is 15-6 ATS their last 21 off a SU loss.
Rockets are 7-1 ATS in their last 8 sandwiched home games.

UT is 2-1 SU but 1-2 ATS vs the Big East and 1-0 on the road.
Toledo is 3-9 ATS in their last 12 on grass.

Toledo is 2-2 SU and 1-3 ATS in their last 4 Homecoming games.
Twice in the L5Y Ball St has beaten a ranked UT tm, ending their unbeaten season.

UT is 0-2 SU and ATS in 2 meetings with the Knights since 1997.
Mention this ad & take off $10 from this weekend's Late Phone Package.

Pending 9/28: Toledo is 3-8-1 ATS their last 12 prior to a bye week.
The last time Toledo played Miami was in 1998, losing 28-14 as a 6' pt dog.

Noteworthy: Glass Bowl capacity is 26,000 but with temporary seating they packed in over 34,000 on 3 occasions last year.

Toledo is 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS their last 7 meetings with the Chippewas.
Toledo has outscored C Michigan 225-92 in those 7 years.

The last 3 games between the Rockets and Broncos have avg'd 59 ppg.
Toledo is 8-4 ATS and 10-2 SU vs the Broncos the last 12 years.

Rockets have not lost SU or ATS vs the Huskies at Huskie Stadium in over 10 yrs.
Toledo is 8-0 SU and 6-1-1 ATS vs N Illinois since 1990.

UT is 5-2 SU and 4-3 ATS their last 7 meetings with the Falcons.
The Rockets are a perfect 12-0 SU in their final home game, 9-3 ATS.

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Amstutz's records AT TOLEDO

10-2 Straight Up	2-3 Home Favorite
4-7 Vs The Spread	1-0 Home Dog
1-1 Off A S/U Loss	1-4 Away Favorite
2-6 Vs Conference	0-0 Away Dog
	2-1 Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (17,14,1)
Lost: 23 (7,15,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,014

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STADIUM: GLASS BOWL (26,248)
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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-0-1	7-4	9-3	7-5	6-5	10-1	9-2	58-20-1
ATS	7-3	6-4	7-5	4-6-2	5-5	7-2	4-7	40-32-2
Home Fav	2-3	2-1	2-2	2-3	3-1	3-1	2-3	16-14
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	2-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	3-5
Away Fav	2-0	2-1	3-1	1-1-1	2-1	3-1	1-4	14-9-1
Away Dog	3-0	2-0	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	7-5
Favorite	4-3	4-2	5-3	3-4-1	5-2	6-2	3-7	30-23-1
Dog	3-0	2-2	2-2	1-3	0-3	1-0	1-0	10-10
Grass	3-0	2-1	2-2	0-2	1-1	2-1	0-3	10-10
Artificial	4-3	4-3	5-3	4-5-1	4-4	5-1	4-4	30-22-2
vs Conf	5-3	6-2	5-4	4-4-1	5-3	5-2	2-6	32-23-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	0-2	2-1	0-3	0-2	2-0	2-1	8-9
Off SU Win	5-3	3-2	5-4	1-5-1	2-2	5-2	2-6	23-24-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	3-1	1-1	3-1	3-2	1-0	1-1	12-6

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chester Taylor	299	1687	67	1620	21	5.4
Antwon McCray	117	580	23	557	6	4.8
Tavares Bolden	69	421	86	335	4	4.9
Webster Jackson	**26**	**107**	**3**	**104**	**0**	**4.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tavares Bolden	319	214	67.1	2466	13	6
Brian Jones	**33**	**17**	**51.5**	**193**	**3**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dontá Greene	**64**	**643**	**10.0**	**0**	**57**
Carl Ford	**51**	**719**	**14.1**	**6**	**80**
Manny Johnson	**33**	**409**	**12.4**	**2**	**46**
Chester Taylor	26	242	9.3	3	43
Chris Holmes	**20**	**218**	**10.9**	**3**	**22**
Antwon McCray	16	173	10.8	0	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Hannum	**52**	**2121**	**40.8**	**–**	**34.7**	**4**	**13**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Todd France	6-6	5-7	3-6	1-1	15-20	55

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tom Ward	**139**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**0**
David Gardner	**117**	**4**	**9**	**5**	**1**
Sid Daniels	107	4	9	6	2
Corey Morris	95	1	13	5	4
Andy Boyd	89	0	3	6	1
Jake McLean	46	2	4	0	0
David Bockmore	45	8	17	1	0
Jehu Anderson	**43**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**1**
Brandon Hefflin	**43**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**2**
Leo Frierson	33	4	8	0	0
Phil Gibson	32	1	5	1	0
Sameer Hamood	28	5	4	2	0
Frank Ofili	**26**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Paul Dye	**17**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dontá Greene	**23**	**269**	**11.7**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dontá Greene	**22**	**453**	**20.6**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Tangerine	NL	Richmond	28-3	–
81	California	NL	San Jose St	27-25	–
84	California	NL	UNLV	13-30	–
95	Las Vegas	E	Nevada	40-37	W
01	Motor City	-4	Cincinnati	23-16	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TOLEDO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	33.9	23	223	4.9	223	65.6	13.1	+1	2001	8	24.8	19	99	2.9	222	57.5	12.9
9*	36.4	22	254	5.4	151	56.3	11.1	+22	2000	8	11.4	15	82	2.5	188	53.3	23.7
8	26.6	21	239	5.3	171	52.9	15.4	+8	1999	7	20.8	19	107	3.1	240	62.0	16.7
10*	19.1	18	120	3.3	208	55.0	17.2	+2	1998	5	18.0	18	163	3.8	196	56.9	19.9
5	29.7	23	171	4.2	248	53.7	14.1	+8	1997	8	22.3	18	128	3.5	223	52.5	15.7
6*	18.2	19	122	3.2	189	54.1	17.1	+5	1996	7	23.5	18	160	3.8	203	54.7	15.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Minnesota	25	50-363	7.3	17-25	149	1	16	30-103	3.4	22-35	187	2	0
at Temple	20	49-179	3.7	17-28	231	3	12	22-(-20)	-0.9	12-30	159	5	+2
at C Michigan	19	45-289	6.4	15-25	173	0	21	41-118	2.9	25-42	280	2	+3
N Illinois	24	49-217	4.4	21-30	254	1	15	28-17	0.6	22-43	210	4	-1
at Ohio U	28	46-149	3.2	31-39	374	1	20	47-194	4.1	11-18	107	2	0
at Ball St	21	29-70	2.4	27-44	270	0	19	34-44	1.3	20-35	222	4	0
Navy	26	47-238	5.1	21-29	282	1	19	52-285	5.5	7-13	113	2	+1
W Michigan	24	47-273	5.8	17-25	217	1	21	33-89	2.7	24-35	291	4	+2
E Michigan	23	47-189	4.0	23-29	236	0	8	23-8	0.3	13-30	102	5	-1
at Bowling Green	13	30-93	3.1	14-28	180	4	25	54-211	3.9	20-32	286	4	-6
Marshall	25	56-288	5.1	16-25	175	1	28	21-120	5.7	32-52	421	2	+2
†Cincinnati	24	51-322	6.3	14-28	135	0	19	20-13	0.7	29-47	283	2	-1
TOTALS	272	546-2670	4.9	233-355	2676	13	223	405-1182	2.9	237-412	2661	38	+1
AVERAGES	22.7	46-223	4.9	19-30	223	1.1	18.6	34-99	2.9	20-34	222	3.2	0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	+9	36-22	W
E Michigan	-7	38-35	L
at W Michigan	-2'	23-13	W
Nevada	+1	31-13	W
at C Michigan	-12	41-10	W
N Illinois	-30'	41-14	L
at Bowling Green	-10'	35-20	W
Miami (Oh)	-1	35-28	W
at Ball St	-11'	3-35	L
Akron	-21	42-10	W
at UCF	+6	17-34	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-12	24-12	T
at Ohio St	+37	0-49	L
W Michigan	-8	35-7	W
at Miami (Oh)	+6'	14-28	L
UCF	+3'	24-31	L
Ball St	-19'	27-6	W
Bowling Green	-10	24-16	L
at Akron	-6	24-17	W
at N Illinois	-13	16-3	T
C Michigan	-13'	17-14	L
at E Michigan	-12	7-10	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	+13'	12-35	L
at Ball St	-6'	23-10	W
Massachusetts	NL	24-3	–
at Bowling Green	-2	23-34	L
Kent St	-19	47-7	W
at Marshall	+23	13-38	L
E Michigan	-10'	13-20	L
Louisiana Tech	+6	17-34	L
at C Michigan	-6'	32-13	W
N Illinois	-6	44-14	W
W Michigan	-3'	45-21	W

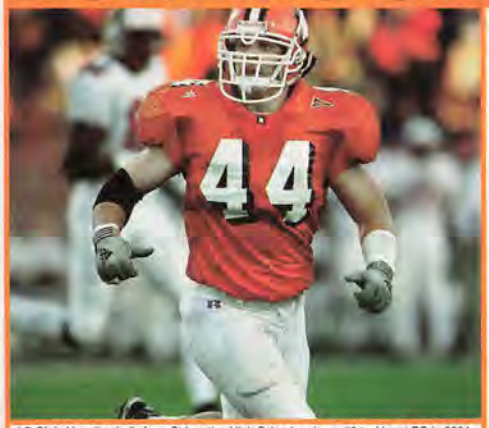
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+18	24-6	W
Weber St	NL	51-0	–
E Illinois	NL	31-26	–
at W Michigan	-2	14-21	L
C Michigan	-22'	41-0	W
at E Michigan	-17'	42-14	W
Marshall	-7	42-0	W
at Navy	-18	35-14	W
at N Illinois	-5	38-24	W
Ball St	-32	31-3	L
Bowling Green	-25	51-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Minnesota	-5	38-7	W
at Temple	-7'	33-7	W
at C Michigan	-24'	52-28	L
N Illinois	-17	41-20	W
at Ohio U	-13	48-41	L
at Ball St	-23'	20-24	L
Navy	-29	21-20	L
W Michigan	-11	41-35	L
E Michigan	-33	28-7	L
at Bowling Green	-3	21-56	L

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS



LB Chris Haneline hails from St Ignatius High School and was #2 tackler at BG in 2001.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Ricky Schneider started the first 4 games but was suspended for the Toledo game and the unheralded rFr Andy Sahm started and, much like Wally Pipp, Schneider never regained his starting job. Sahm is among the best sized QB's in the MAC (6-6 220) and threw for 1,088 yards (50.7%) with a 7-3 ratio in 1999. Sahm started the first 10 games in 2000 until suffering a separated shoulder. He threw for 1,490 yards (50.4%) with an 8-9 ratio while also rushing for 226 yards. They were forced to take the redshirt off true frosh QB/RB Josh Harris due to injuries at the TB position and he even started one game at TB while rushing for 292 net yards (4.2). Harris alternated with Sahm at times and served as the running QB while also seeing action at TB but then started the 2000 season finale vs Toledo at QB. He threw for 243 yards in 6 games (47.9%) with an 0-2 ratio. Sahm started the first seven games of 2001 and threw for 1,326 yards (61.6%) and an 11-10 ratio while rushing for 127 gross yards. He was #4 in the MAC in pass efficiency. Cole Magner (6-2 180 So) was PS#152 but moved to WR at the start of last year. He moved back to QB in the 2Q vs Akron and ended up rushing for 86 yards, hitting 2 of just 3 passes in a week in which Sahm missed all but one day of practice due to injury. Harris ended up taking over the starting QB job down the stretch. He was the MAC East Offensive Player of the Week vs both Toledo and Northwestern and his 498 yards of total offense vs N'wstern set a school record. His 148 yards rushing vs Ohio U set a single game school record for rushing yards by a QB and he was the first QB here to top 100 yards rushing in a game since 1978. He finished the year throwing for 1,022 yards (60.9%) with a 9-3 ratio, leading the team in rushing with 614 (4.9) net yards. All 3 players are back. Manger is at WR while Sahm and Harris are in a tight battle for the QB job, with Sahm slightly ahead at this point. This position will have great depth regardless of who wins the job, as the "backup" will either be a holder of several school records or a likely future NFL DC.

RUNNING BACKS - Godfrey Lewis set the school's frosh rushing record in 1998 with 753 yards (4.6) and added 500 yards rushing in 1999. Unfortunately he missed all of 2000 with injury. Joe Alls emerged in 1999 as the top back down the stretch and in the final 4 games rushed for 467 yards (116.8 ypg) with a super 5.3 ypc. He was injured in the fifth game in 2000 and John Gibson led the team with 514 yards rushing 3.3. When Gibson was injured, QB Josh Harris got 1 start at RB and had 103 yards vs Miami. They looked to be in good shape last year as all 3 RB's returned but Lewis underwent surgery and played in just six games with 60 yards. Alls was the top RB with 553 yards despite spraining an ankle vs Marshall and having no carries vs Kent St and just 6 against W Michigan. Gibson filled in with 85 yards against Kent St and 116 against WM to finish the year with 444 yards (4.6) but he departs. Alls and Lewis are both back and keep in mind coaches like their own recruits so some of this year's true frosh could play as could a pair of rFr from last year in BJ Lane (5-10 195, PS#257) and Marlon Burt (5-11 195, PS#167). Also in the mix is Todd DiBacco (6-1 225 So) who had 64 yards and is a power back. QB Harris led the team in rushing last year but provided Lewis can stay healthy, this unit should be stronger in 2002.

RECEIVERS - This unit looked to be in great shape last year as everyone returned from the previous season. Also, Robert Redd, who briefly transferred from BG to Louisville, returned to BG after sitting out the 2000 season. Unfortunately Aaron Alexander, who had 4 starts in 2000, quit the team over the summer as did backup Andre Pinchem (3 sts, 12 rec in 2000). Kurt Gerling, the team's top WR, tore his ACL in the spring and was questionable for the fall, but his recuperative powers were amazing as he started all 11 games and was #3 receiver with 36 grabs (12.1). He departs this year as does David Bautista (9 sts, 52, 12.7). Three players return with starting experience. Their leading receiver, Redd, is back and he had quite an impact with 72 rec's (school record) and was 1st Team MAC. Starting TE Baker is also back. I list the 2 deep below. This unit is not quite as experienced as it was heading into last season. Despite the presence of Redd, who also set a school record with 215 yards receiving against Marshall, the unit looks weaker in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Bowling Green had to replace 3 starters on the O-line in 2000 and only averaged 2.5 ypc rushing while yielding 50 sacks which was the most in the MAC. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and a backup but 5 players returned with starting experience and they added some rFr's. Starting RG Andrew Hart was injured in the opener and was lost for the season. Despite that fact, the unit made great strides, averaging 3.8 ypc as a team and the OL chopped the sack total down to 23. This year they must replace 2 players in RT Malcolm Robinson (11 sts, Top OL Award, 3 yr st'r) and RG Mike Bodnar (5 sts, 9 games). With the return of Hart, basically 4 starters return and they add a couple of solid transfers. I list the 2 deep below and this year's unit is even more experienced and should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 BG was very young up front with 4 frosh and 3 soph's in the 2 deep. In 2000 all 4 DL's who began the year as starters started all 11 games. After allowing 4.0 ypc in 1999 and recording just 17 sacks as a defense, BG trimmed the rush total to 3.5 ypc while increasing the sacks to 34. Last year they had to replace DE DJ Durkin who was called the heart and soul of the defense but returned their only All MAC honoree in NG Brandon Hicks. Overall 3 starters returned but DJ Owchar lost his starting job to Alex Glantzis. This year they lose 3 starters including their top 2 defensive linemen. The players departing are Hicks (11 sts, MAC Def POY, BG MVP, 7 sks, 7 tfl), DE Ryan Wingrove (11 sts, 56 tkls, 6 sks, 10 tfl, Top DL Award) and DE Chris Glantzis (11 sts, 57 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl). Those are some big shoes to fill. Overall BG allowed just 2.6 ypc rushing while the defense recorded 24 sacks. While 2 players do return with full-time starting experience, the DL clearly is weaker with the loss of their top players.

LINEBACKERS - BG had a veteran LB corps last year, having to replace just 1 starter and had 5 players returning with starting experience. This year the losses are a bit heavier as WLB Khary Campbell (11 sts, 2nd Tm MAC, Top LB Award, 79 tkls, 5 tfl) and MLB Garry Fisher (10 sts, 46 tkls, 8 tfl) both depart. Four of the top 6 return including 3 with starting experience. They also add a couple of top-notch JUCO's to the unit, and I list the 2 deep below. This year's group does have potential but is less experienced, and it will be tough to match last year's numbers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 they had 3 starters returning but their CB's were burned early and often and BG started looking to the future by playing frosh CB's in the 2nd half of the year. They showed improvement, as in games 7 through 11 they allowed just 1 TD pass despite facing the top 2 pass attacks in the MAC. BG improved that year to #89 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 6 starts but basically had the 4 players who finished the season as starters return. Mike Malone started the final 9 games as a rFr but ended up losing the starting CB job to Keon Newson in 2001. The other CB, Janssen Patton, was #2 in the MAC in pbu with 17. As expected BG rose in the pass D rankings to #60, allowing 52.9% with 19 TD's and recording 18 int's. This year they must replace SS Chad Long (11 sts, 77 tkls, 4 int's, 11 pbu) and FS Sergio Lund (11 sts, 44 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, top DB award) as well as SS Karl Rose (46 tkls, 3 int's, 13 pbu). Six players return with starting experience and they look very solid at DB with the Patton/Newson combo. This group is a little less experienced but still looks solid.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bowling Green has blocked a total of 43 kicks since 1991, including 6 in 2000 although just one of those was a punt. The unit finished #55 in 1999 and #75 in my special teams rankings in 2000. Last year they had some nifty returnmen as Joe Alls led the MAC in KR's with a super 26.9 average while Robert Redd was #2 in the MAC in PR's with an 11.0 average. K Shaun Suisham has a strong leg but hit just 3 of 8 FG's with a long of 28. With his KO's, the team allowed a paltry 14.7 yards per KR. Also keep in mind that Urban Meyer was Notre Dame's special teams coach, as BG rose all the way up to #22 in my rankings last year. They also add PS#9 this year in Nate Fry who redshirted last year. Pat Fleming is in his fourth year as punter and had his best net punting last year as he has improved from 34.1 to 34.6 and 37.4 and should continue to bolster his numbers. With both Alls and Redd back on the returns, this should be one of the MAC's best special teams units and could be a Top 20 contender.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into last season, BG had 6 straight losing years, going 24-42 since 1994. They had a veteran club last season with 18 starters returning and I pointed out that they were much better than their 2-9 record indicated in 2000 with many tough last second losses. Urban Meyer inherited that experienced group and BG became the first team in MAC history to post 3 wins over BCS conference members in the regular season, beating a team from the Big 12, Big East and Big 10 all in the same year! BG has had a storied program, finishing either 1st or 2nd in the MAC in 22 out of the 50 seasons they have played ball there. Last year I called them the most improved team in the MAC and they proved to be just that as their improvement from 2-9 to 8-3 was the 2nd best in the NCAA. Winning provided dividends at the gate as the home attendance doubled from 8,464 to 17,812. In a reversal of fortune from 2000 the team caught some breaks last year. Akron was SOD at their 2 yard line trailing 16-9 and they trailed Damien Anderson-less Northwestern by 2 TD's with 3:44 left. They also caught Toledo in a flat spot the week before the MAC Title game when they rested their starting QB. They were also very fortunate turnover-wise as they finished +17, the only MAC team to record a positive double digit turnover margin last year. BG's strength was its defense and I rated them the best in the MAC. In MAC play they allowed just 287.6 ypg and I rated them the 40th rated defense overall. Tim Backman, their DC, was 1 of 18 finalists for the Assistant Coach of the Year Award last year but in 2002 he only has 4 starters back and I see them dropping to the middle of the pack defensively this season. Offensively, the QB position is in excellent shape. The team averaged 30.3 points last year and 383.9 ypg and with 8 starters back on that side of the ball including 4 on the O-line should be even more potent. BG also gets the benefit of moving into the MAC West and does not have to play the top 3 teams in the MAC in Marshall, Miami (Oh) and UCF. I look for BG to get off to a very good start this season but then they have 4 road trips in the month of November, making it one very tough month. It will be extremely hard to match last year's 8 win total, despite playing an extra game. They are a clear contender for the MAC West Title which could be decided November 9th when they travel to N Illinois.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JOSH HARRIS JR. 6-3 205 *PS#178. 2 sts as true (1 at TB). 4 QB sts LY, 1022 yds (61%) 9-3 ratio, 700 rush.* ***Andy Sahm*** *(6-6 220 Sr) 24 career sts, 3904 yds pass.*

RB JOE ALLS SR. 5-10 190 *3 sts, 592 yds (5.1) in '99. 3 sts 191 yds (2.9) in 2000. 8 sts LY, 553 yds (4.3).* ***Godfrey Lewis*** *(5-9 190 Sr) Canadian,* ***1253 yds*** *(4.2) in 98 & 99.*

WR Cole Magner So. 6-2 180 *PS#152QB. 8 passes as true. 124 rush, 13 rec (9.8), 3 KR (32.3). Derrick Lett (6-0 171 rFr) PS#229. Reggie Corner is PS#160WR.*

WR James Hawkins So. 6-1 215 *PS#187. 3 sts as* ***true****, 8 rec (11.8), 11 KR (11.7). Charles Sharon (6-1 165 rFr) PS#371. Cornelius McGrady (6-3 194 So) 10 games LY.*

WR ROBERT REDD SR. 5-10 195 *PS#180. 7 sts, 39 rec (14.2) in '99. Sat out 2000. 11 sts LY,* ***1st Tm MAC****, school rec 72 rec (12.3), 35 PR (11.0). John Nicholson (5-9 170 rFr) PS#255.*

TE D'MONN BAKER JR. 6-4 250 *0 rec as true. RS in 2000. 8 sts LY, 8 rec (8.5). Craig Jarrett (6-2 250 Jr). 56 yds at RB in 2000. 1 st, 2 rec LY. Michael Hunter (6-4 245 rFr).*

C JON MAZUR SR. 6-2 290 *420 bench. 2nd string as rFr, 11 gms. 11 sts (4 at C, 7 at G) in 2000. 11 sts at C in 2001.* ***Jesus Yanez*** *(6-3 295 Jr) PS#180JC in for spring.*

RG GREG KUPKE SR. 6-3 290 *3 sts at RG as rFr. 6 sts at RG in 2000. 5 sts at RG in 2001 (inj). Andrew Hart (6-5 295 So) 1 start LY until inj. Andy Wenstrup (6-5 290 So).*

LG SCOTT MRUCZKOWSKI SO. 6-4 300 *2nd string as true but RS. 11 starts as rFr at LG. Ryan Lucas (6-4 290 Jr) PS#227OL. 2 games in 2001 and lettered. DNL in 2000.*

RT James Williams Jr. 6-5 295 *2 sts at DE as* ***true****, 8 tkls. RS in 2000. 2nd string OL in 2001 and lettered.* ***Vardan Mkhitarian*** *(6-3 295Jr) PS#280JUCO in for spring.*

LT DENNIS WENDEL SR. 6-7 315 ***PS#112DL****. 1 start at TE as rFr. 5 starts at LG in 2000. 11 starts at LT in 2001, has earned 3 letters. Rob Warren (6-6 285 rFr) PS#254DL.*

K SHAUN SUISHAM SO. 6-0 180 *#1K in Canada in '99. Strong leg. Hit 3 of 8 FG's with long of 28 but 44 of 45 xp's. Nate Fry (5-10 200 rFr) PS#9K, 48 yd FG in high school.*

DEFENSE

DE Will Teague Sr. 6-5 240 *PS#323LB. 3 tkls in 2000. 10 tkls, 1 tfl in 11 games last year. Pascal Kokke (6-5 230 rFr). Brad Williams (6-3 215 Fr) is PS#465.*

DT ALEX GLANTZIS SR. 6-4 280 *7 tkls, 2 sks as true. 17 tkls, 1 sk in 2000. 11 sts LY, 33 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Robert Haley (6-4 275 Jr) Jamal Bryant (6-1 250 rFr) is PS#266.*

NG DJ Owchar Sr. 6-3 275 *Canadian. 6 tkls in 99. 11 sts, 27 tkls, 2.5 sks in 2000. 10 tkls, 2 sks LY. Mike Thaler (6-1 290 rFr) PS#189. Andy Grubb (6-4 255 So) PS#370LB, 8 tkls LY.*

DE Mitchell Crossley rFr. 6-3 240 *PS#394DL. #1DE in spring. Ron Blue (6-3 245 So) PS#338DL, 1 tkl, 2 games LY. Rick Mauer (6-3 240 Jr) at Air Force in 1999.*

WLB Mitch Hewitt Jr. 6-1 210 *PS#361. Scout Team POY as true. 3 sts as rFr until injury, 16 tkls. 11 tkls last year.* ***Jeff Runnells*** *(6-3 210 Jr) PS#164JUCO. In for spring.*

MLB CHRIS HANELINE SR. 6-1 225 *PS#252LB. 2 sts in '99, 31 tkls, 5 tfl. 2 sts, 48 tkls, 8 tfl in 2000. 11 sts LY, 78 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl.* ***Luis Llamas*** *(6-5 245 Jr) PS#122JUCO.*

SLB Jovon Burkes So. 6-1 220 *PS#129DB. 4 time Scout Def Player of the Week in 2000. 13 tkls, 10 games as rFr. Daniel Sayles (5-11 185 So) PS#436, 6 tkls as true.*

CB JANSSEN PATTON JR. 6-0 180 *6 sts as true. 42 tkls, 4 int, 8 pbu.* ***2nd Tm MAC*** *in 2001. 40 tkls, 4 int,* ***13 pbu****. Emmanuel Hendrix (5-10 180 Sr) 5 sts in 3 years, 22 tkls, 3 pbu.*

CB KEON NEWSON SO. 6-0 170 *PS#438. Last 5 sts as* ***true****. 35 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, 1 tfl.* ***Mike Malone*** *(5-10 185 Jr) PS#352.* ***9 sts*** *as rFr 45 tkls, 5 pbu. 2 sts LY, 2 pbu, 13 tkls.*

SS Jason Morton Jr. 6-0 180 *PS#214. 14 tackles as true. 5 starts at CB in 2001, 29 tackles, 1 pbu, 1 tfl. Mike Crumpler (5-11 180 rFr). Terrill Mayberry is PS#211.*

FS Jerry Wagner Sr. 5-11 200 *PS#405RB. 16 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 st as true. 7 tkls in 2000. 6 tkls LY. TJ Carswell (6-1 185 So) PS#392DB, 8 tkls as true, 11 games last year.*

P PATRICK FLEMING SR. 6-2 190 *54 punts in '99, 40.3 average and net of 34.1. 59 punts in 2000, 40.0 average and net of 34.6. 54 punts LY. 40.1 average and* ***net of 36.1.***

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

QB	Omar Jacobs 6-4 215 PS#80
LB	Jeff Runnells 6-3 210 PS#164JC
OL	Jesus Yanez 6-3 295 PS#180JC
WR	Reggie Corner 5-10 165 PS#160
TE	Steve Navarro 6-2 230 PS#179DL
DB	Terrill Mayberry 5-11 170 PS#211
QB	Will Myles 5-11 185 PS#150
LB	Jamien Johnson 6-1 223 PS#209
OL	Vardan Mkhitarian 6-3 295 PS#280JC
RB	PJ Pope 5-9 210 PS#207
RB	Raishaun Stover 5-10 190 PS#228
DB	Tim Arnold 5-9 196 PS#221
DL	Dexter Wallace 6-3 285 PS#327
DL	Matt Leininger 6-3 260 PS#335

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Sep. 7							
Sep. 14	Missouri	G					
Sep. 21	at Kansas	A					
Sep. 28							
Oct. 5	Ohio (HC)	G					
Oct. 12	at C Michigan	A					
Oct. 19	W Michigan	G					
Oct. 26	Ball St	G					
Nov. 2	at Kent St	A					
Nov. 9	at N Illinois	A					
Nov. 16	at S Florida	G					
Nov. 23	E Michigan	G					
Nov. 30	at Toledo	A					

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

The favorite is 7-3 ATS the last 10 meetings between BGSU and Akron.
BG is 7-1 SU and ATS in night games (after 6:00 pm) at home S/'90 .
Bowling Green is 1-4 SU but 3-2 ATS vs Marshall.

BGSU is 3-1 vs NL foes S/'90 with 1 of those wins a 40-15 victory over TT.
Tenn Tech Golden Eagles went 7-3 as a member of the Ohio Valley Conf.

Bonus: BG is 8-1 ATS their last 9 prior to a bye week.

The Falcons are 2-1 SU and ATS vs Mizzou in this short series.
However, the Tigers have outscored the Falcons 60-37 in those 3 meetings.

Might apply: BGSU is 5-11 ATS the last 7 years as an away favorite.
Bowling Green is 5-11 ATS their last 16 on artificial turf.

Bonus, also might apply: BG is 3-6 ATS L2Y as an AD, 2-2 for Meyer.

Bowling Green is 7-4 SU and 8-3 ATS their last 11 vs the Bobcats.
Falcons came into 2002 8-2-1 ATS their last 11 tries as a home favorite.

Pending LW: BGSU is 11-4-1 ATS in October the last 4 years.
Also pending LW: Falcons are 23-10-1 ATS the L4Y vs current MAC tms.

Might apply: BG is 7-1 ATS the last 4 years as a conference home dog.
Falcons are 2-6-1 SU and 2-7 ATS vs W Michigan.

The Falcons are 3-2 SU, but 4-1 ATS in their 2nd straight HG the L4Y.
BG is 4-3-1 SU, but 3-5 ATS vs the Cardinals since 1990.

Falcons are 9-3 ATS in November the last 4 years.
BGSU is 10-2 SU, but 4-7-1 ATS vs Kent St since 1990.

Mention this ad and take $15 off this weekend's Late Phone Package.
BG is 2-0 SU & ATS vs N Illinois & have outscored them 69-33 in MAC play.

BG is 1-2 SU & ATS & have been outscored 86-18 in their 3rd straight RG S/'90.
Pending earlier results, BG was a perfect 3-0 ATS in non-conf games LY.

The Falcons are 4-0 SU, 3-1 ATS in the last 4 meetings with the Eagles.
BG is 7-4 ATS the last 11 years in their final home game (4-0 L/4).

These two universities are only 25.73 miles apart from each other.
In their L/3 visits to the Glass Bowl, BG is 0-3 SU, 1-2 ATS & have been outscored 99-49.

URBAN MEYER (Career 8-3)

2nd Year at Bowling Green

Meyer's records AT BOWLING GREEN

8-3 Straight Up	1-1-1 Home Favorite
7-3-1 Vs The Spread	2-0 Home Dog
2-0-1 Off A S/U Loss	2-0 Away Favorite
4-3-1 Vs Conference	2-2 Away Dog
3-0 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (8-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,19,3)
Lost: 16 (9,7,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,812

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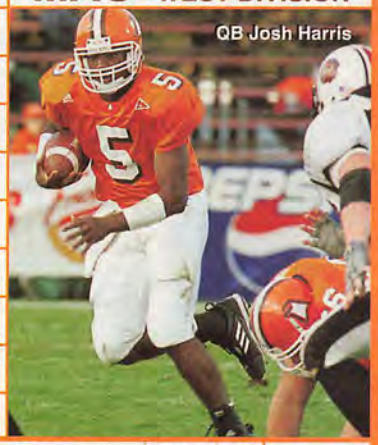
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STADIUM: DOYT L. PERRY (30,599)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	3-8	5-6	5-6	2-9	8-3	32-45
ATS	4-7	2-8	4-7	8-3	6-4	5-6	7-3-1	36-38-1
Home Fav	2-2	1-4	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	1-1-1	11-8-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-0	1-1	3-1	2-0	9-4
Away Fav	2-3	0-3	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	5-11
Away Dog	0-1	1-1	2-3	2-2	3-2	1-4	2-2	11-15
Favorite	4-5	1-7	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-1	3-1-1	16-19-1
Dog	0-2	1-1	2-4	5-2	4-3	4-5	4-2	20-19
Grass	3-6	2-6	4-3	6-3	5-1	4-5	6-2-1	30-26-1
Artificial	1-1	0-2	0-4	2-0	1-3	1-1	1-1	6-12
vs Conf	2-6	0-8	2-6	7-1	5-3	5-3	4-3-1	25-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	3-0	11-8
Off SU Win	1-3	0-4	1-2	3-1	3-1	2-0	4-3	14-14
Off SU Loss	3-3	1-4	2-5	5-1	3-2	3-5	2-0-1	19-20-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Josh Harris	126	700	86	614	8	4.9
Joe Alls	129	577	24	553	3	4.3
John Gibson	97	455	11	444	3	4.6
Cole Magner	22	124	7	117	1	5.3
Andy Sahm	52	127	94	33	3	0.6
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andy Sahm	198	122	61.6	1326	11	10
Josh Harris	133	81	60.9	1022	9	3
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Robert Redd	72	884	12.3	9	63	
David Bautista	52	661	12.7	4	32	
Kurt Gerling	36	436	12.1	6	45	
Cole Magner	13	127	9.8	0	21	
James Hawkins	8	94	11.8	0	30	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Pat Fleming	54	2166	40.1	–	36.1	1	20
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Shaun Suisham	3-4	0-3	0-1	0-0	3-8	28	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Khary Campbell	79	2	3	5	1
Chris Haneline	78	5	6	5	1
Chad Long	77	0	4	11	4
Chris Glantzis	57	5	8	5	0
Ryan Wingrove	56	6	10	0	0
Brandon Hicks	52	7	7	2	1
Karl Rose	46	1	4	13	3
Garry Fisher	46	3	5	3	1
Sergio Lund	44	0	3	4	1
Janssen Patton	40	0	0	13	4
Keon Newson	35	0	1	4	1
Alex Glantzis	33	0	6	3	1
Jason Morton	29	0	1	1	0
Michael Malone	13	0	1	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Robert Redd	35	385	11.0	1	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Joe Alls	13	350	26.9	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
61	Mercy	NL	Fresno St	6-36	–
82	California	NL	Fresno St	28-29	–
85	California	NL	Fresno St	7-51	–
91	Cal Raisin	NL	Fresno St	28-21	–
92	Las Vegas	NL	Nevada	35-34	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BOWLING GREEN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	30.3	21	167	3.8	217	60.9	12.7	+17	2001	9	19.5	16	86	2.6	233	52.9	16.3
5*	15.8	15	98	2.5	164	48.4	16.6	+4	2000	8	26.3	19	132	3.5	220	57.5	13.4
8*	26.9	21	150	3.4	201	51.7	13.1	-9	1999	7	28.4	18	150	4.0	225	58.7	13.2
7	26.5	21	215	4.3	151	50.2	13.8	-3	1998	7	28.4	18	160	4.3	221	60.4	13.4
7*	17.4	18	87	2.3	212	50.8	17.2	-2	1997	9	31.0	20	173	4.2	225	57.7	12.8
7*	16.0	14	117	2.8	142	45.3	16.1	+11	1996	9	21.8	18	128	3.4	231	52.4	16.5

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Missouri	19	45-194	4.3	15-24	148	0	13	28-76	2.7	18-39	158	2	+2
Buffalo	19	50-184	3.7	15-26	133	0	7	24-43	1.8	16-38	162	1	+3
Temple	14	27-63	2.3	18-25	194	0	18	32-29	0.9	26-51	327	2	+1
at Marshall	16	33-119	3.6	16-31	264	3	23	41-94	2.3	21-35	327	5	0
Kent St	28	58-200	3.4	27-42	214	4	9	21-54	2.6	12-24	143	2	+3
at W Michigan	24	43-217	5.0	20-33	202	2	27	32-58	1.8	28-42	333	3	-4
at Akron	15	45-131	2.9	13-22	133	4	13	35-85	2.4	13-31	175	2	+2
Miami (Oh)	21	39-127	3.3	14-30	185	2	17	38-109	2.9	15-25	305	3	0
at Ohio	21	57-244	4.3	13-22	156	3	8	33-105	3.2	3-11	35	0	+1
at Northwestern	32	33-146	4.4	36-53	472	1	32	58-203	3.5	26-39	421	1	+3
Toledo	25	54-211	3.9	20-32	286	4	13	30-93	3.1	14-28	180	3	+6
TOTALS	234	484-1836	3.8	207-340	2387	23	180	372-949	2.6	192-363	2566	24	+17
AVERAGES	21.3	44-167	3.8	19-31	217	2.1	16.4	34-86	2.6	17-33	233	2.2	1.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+8	23-30	W
Miami (Oh)	+6	28-21	W
at Ohio St	+39	13-44	W
at Akron	-6'	31-28	L
at Kansas St	+28	0-58	L
N Illinois	-14'	35-10	W
W Michigan	-4	21-34	L
at Ohio U	+19	0-24	L
Toledo	+10'	20-35	L
at Kent St	-3'	20-29	L
at Marshall	+26	0-28	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+25	0-37	L
at Penn St	+38	3-48	L
UCF	+20	31-38	W
Ohio U	+9	35-7	W
at Miami (Oh)	+14'	12-24	W
at Toledo	+10	16-24	W
Kent St	-20'	42-21	W
Marshall	+11'	34-13	W
Akron	-7'	58-21	W
at W Michigan	-2'	27-56	L
at N Illinois	-9'	34-23	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+5	10-30	L
Tenn Tech	NL	40-15	–
at Marshall	+22	16-35	W
at Kent St	-16	27-41	L
Toledo	+2	34-23	W
Miami (Oh)	+7	31-45	L
at Akron	+3'	25-55	L
at Ohio U	+6'	14-17	W
C Michigan	-5'	31-7	W
Ball St	-15'	35-14	W
at UCF	+11	33-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+30	7-42	L
Pittsburgh	+7	16-34	L
at Temple	+9'	14-31	L
at Buffalo	-20'	17-20	L
at Kent St	+4'	18-11	W
Akron	+8	21-27	W
at Miami (Oh)	+13'	10-24	L
E Michigan	-9'	20-6	W
Marshall	+8'	13-20	W
Ohio U	+9	21-23	W
at Toledo	+25	17-51	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+13	20-13	W
Buffalo	-22'	35-0	W
Temple	+1	42-23	W
at Marshall	+5	31-37	L
Kent St	-17	24-7	T
at W Michigan	+8	28-37	L
at Akron	-4'	16-11	W
Miami (Oh)	-4	21-24	L
at Ohio U	-6'	17-0	W
at Northwestern	+6	43-42	W
Toledo	+3	56-21	W

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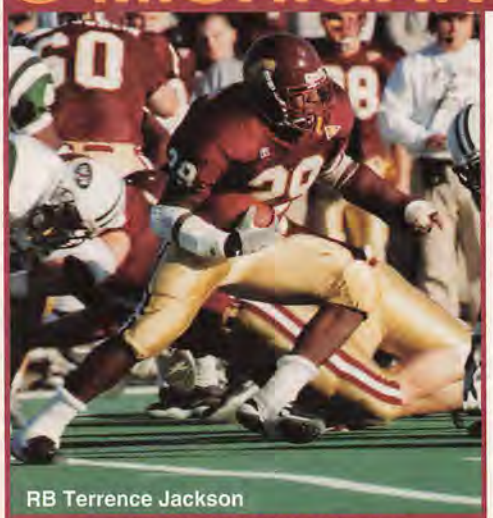

RB Terrence Jackson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 rFr Derrick Vickers (PS#120) who has 4.6 speed alternated with Pete Shepherd CM's #2 all-time career passing leader. Vickers had a 24-4 ratio as a senior in HS and threw for 1,059 yards (46.1%) in his five starts with a 7-5 ratio while rushing for 170 yards. Derek Gorney (6-2 200 Sr) has a strong arm as well as scrambling ability but he threw just 7 passes in 13 games in 1999 and 2000. Vickers was the clear starter last year in the first 7 games with Gorney attempting just 13 passes before Vickers was injured in the 4Q vs N Illinois. Due to the injury and Gorney's production, Vickers did not play the rest of the year. For the season Vickers threw for 1,156 yards (55%) with a 7-6 ratio. Gorney threw for 831 yards but completed just 49.3% with a 5-7 ratio. Vickers also had a 214-54 gross yds rushing edge on Gorney. Both return to battle it out for the QB spot. Also in the mix is Darren Tooley (6-1 185 Jr) who was PS#181 and threw for over 5,000 yards in his HS career but has yet to see action as well as Jeff Perry (6-1 200 So), Kent Liddell-Smith (6-5 200 rFr, PS#288) and Grant Arnoldink (6-4 230 So) who is a preferred walk-on. I don't think you'll see any of these QB's in the NFL after their college career is complete, but this group is more experienced than it was heading into last season and should be improved.

RUNNING BACKS - Injuries really hurt the CM rush attack in 1999 and 2000. RB Vince Webber (PS#46) played in just 5 games as a true frosh, 2 in 1999 and got in just 5 starts in 2000 due to injuries. In 2000 five different TB's started and the team was last in the MAC in rushing with 92.4 ypg. Webber was supposed to return last year but missed the entire season with injuries. Robbie Mixon who had 285 yards (3.2, #2 rush in 2000) took over the starting job in 2001, and in the first 3 games did well rushing for 223 yards. In the first 3 games powerful FB Terrence Jackson (230 lbs) had just 64 yards on 16 attempts. The season turned around against Buffalo when Jackson rushed for 123 yards, and that would be the first of a school record 7 straight 100 yard rush games. While he did only have 80 in the season finale vs Boise St, he had games of 199 (Ball St) and 207 (E Mich). Showing that he was a power back in his first five 100 yard games his longest carry was 20 yards, but he broke off 52 and 58 yarders vs EM. Jackson did all of this despite playing the season with a cast on his left hand due to a thumb injury. Kenan Lawhorne (PS#336) rushed for 100 yards vs Marshall and finished with a solid 506 yards (5.1). Lawhorne also had 190 yards receiving. Mixon did not play after the 4th game due to an ankle injury and finished with 291 yards rushing and 96 receiving. All 3 are back along with the top blocking FB Adam Supianoski (6-3 235 Jr) who saw action in 11 games last year. Also in the mix at TB is Alan Parks (5-9 190 Sr) who has 115 yards rushing in 3 years and Spencer Lewis (5-10 225 rFr). As long as Jackson stays healthy, he looks like one of the MAC's best RB's and should easily top 1,000 yards once again.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Chippewas had to replace all 3 starters and had just one player back with double digit rec's in Steve Messam but he played in only 3 games in 2001 and netted just 1 catch so the unit was very young. I thought the best WR last year was Rob Turner (PS#146QB) and he lived up to that billing leading the team with 50 rec's (13.4). A big surprise last year was true frosh Tory Humphrey who was projected as a DE but switched to TE in the fall. Humphrey finished #3 in rec's with 24 (9.9) and should blossom in his second year on the offensive side. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This is far from an overwhelming group but with everyone back including all 4 starters and Messam, it is far more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2000 unit paved the way for just 2.6 ypc rushing while allowing 20 sacks. Last year all 5 starters returned then RT Paul Brieger lost his job to Adam Kieft. The team's rushing total improved to 4.3 ypc and the OL allowed just 18 sacks. This year they must replace C Anders Hill (11 sts, 2nd Tm MAC, 3 yr st'r), LT Matt Brayton (11 sts, 4 yr st'r) and backup OT Eric Dumont. Center and LT are two of the most important positions on the O-line and while 4 players return with 8 or more starts under their belt, this unit is a little less experienced and I'll call it down a notch from last year's fine unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year I thought CM had one of the most improved DL's in the NCAA. The 2000 version finished last in the MAC in rush defense and the team notched just 12 sacks, also last in the MAC. Everyone returned last year. Unfortunately, Dominic Mancini, a 10 game starter from 2000, was injured in the second week and lost for the season. DT Jay Davidson missed 3 games while battling an illness. Ike Ajoku beat out Matt Reynolds but then was lost in the preseason to injury. CMU finished 2nd last in the MAC in rush defense in 2001, and went from allowing 5.1 ypc down to 4.7 while the team increased its sack total to 18. I look for continued improvement this year as just one player departs in MG Josh Skeel (16 tkls, 1 tfl). Skeel was forced to start when Mancini went down with injury. Mancini's return basically gives them 4 full-time starters returning on the front wall and 6 players with starting experience. They also get a couple of HT rFr added to the mix. This is one of the most experienced defensive fronts in the MAC and should continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - Last year CM had to replace one starter and one backup who were the #6 and #11 tacklers as well as two other 3rd teamers from the LB corps. They then lost starting MLB Darvin Lewis and starting OLB James Westrich after 3 games due to injury, and also lost two backups. This year basically everyone returns with the only loss being Westrich (7 tkls, 3 tfl). They basically have 4 full-time starters returning to the 3 spots as Lewis is back. In 2000 he was #3 tackler in the MAC. Jovan Clarke will have to play somewhere after filling in for Lewis at MLB last year. He's better suited to play at OLB with 4.6 speed, and I list last year's starter, Eddie Hillery, as his backup. Not even listed below is Jon Nelson (6-1 210 So, PS#235, 8 tkls until inj), RJ Bentley (6-0 220 So, 1 tkl), Jacob Brown (6-2 205 So, 4 tkls as true), Joshua Reardon (6-1 220 So, 3 tkls) and James Reese (6-1 215 rFr, PS#305). This year's group is much more experienced and should be one of the most improved LB positions in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CM's secondary did pretty well statistically the last few years, but that's only because opponents were able to run at will on the Chips so they don't need to throw for a ton of yards. Overall, CM ranked #37 in my pass D rankings in 1998 but with 3 starters back in 1999 they dropped to #63. In 2000 they had the top 8 players returning including the school's all-time leader in tackles at FS and moved up to #46. Last year they had to replace Brian Leigeb who had led the MAC in tackles and then lost starting CB Wayne Dudley prior to the year due to knee surgery so basically two starters were back. Overall, CM finished #81 allowing 231.7 ypg but surprisingly only 52% completions, although they had a poor 18-8 TD/Int ratio. This year 3 starters depart in Finley Carter (43 tkls, 3 tfl), CB Tedaro France (38 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu, 1st Tm MAC) and CB Rodrico Epps (31 tkls, 4 pbu). Four players return that did have starting experience last year, three of them were freshmen so it was a very young secondary last season. Overall this is a fairly underwhelming group and it will be tough to even match last year's mediocre finish in my pass efficiency rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit was a clear area of weakness in special teams finishing #101 in 1998, #111 in 1999 and #101 in 2000. Last year they had to replace Ira Gooch who was 5th in the MAC in PR's and 4th in KR's. Brian Brandt, who set a dubious school record for the most punts in a season with 87 (39.5 ypp) in 2000, returned and became the first CM punter since they moved to Kelly/Shorts Stadium in 1972 to average 40 ypp (40.1). He increased his net from 32.1 to 36.0. PK Paul Savich had a solid 2001 season hitting a 52 yard FG and 11 of 18 on the year. The biggest area of improvement for CM last year came in the TD/Blk category. After allowing 3 blocked punts and 2 TD's by the defense and coming up -4 in the TD/Blk category, James King turned that around with an amazing 8 blocks including 4 vs Mich St which tied an NCAA record. King did have six of his blocks in the first 3 games and only 2 in the last 8 but attribute some of the success to Special Teams Coach George Ricumstrict's schemes. They allowed 2 blocked punts vs them as well as 2 TD's on returns, but came up with a +3 in the TD/Blk category and the team moved all the way up to #62 in my special teams rankings. This year they must again replace their top PR plus PK Savich. Mike Gruzwalski (PS#88) and will compete with veteran Adam Clyne for the job. All of the top KR's return and they should improve upon the teams paltry 15.0 average per KR. King was just a freshmen last year and while teams will be more on guard for him this season, I think CM has the potential to move up in the special teams rankings once again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Central used to have a solid team and in fact won the Div II National Championship in 1974 then moved up to the MAC in 1975. In 4 of their first 5 years in MAC play they either finished 1st or 2nd and they went on to win MAC Championships in 1990 and 1994 getting to a pair of bowl games. Since their last bowl game in 1994 the team has suffered 6 out of 7 losing seasons. They achieved a winning year in 1998 but after a slip to 4-7 in 1999 they changed coaches to Mike DeBord. In his first season they finished 2-9 which matched 1997 for the worst season ever here. Forty of the 60 players on the 2000 travel roster for the Boise game were frosh or sophs. CM had a veteran team back last year with 17 returning starters but managed just 1 more win and perhaps that was due to the addition of a IAA game. CM probably deserved a little better last year as on the offensive side of the ball, they finished #9 in ppg (22.8) but in MAC games they averaged 427.9 ypg which was the 2nd best of all MAC teams! That means their offense will likely be underrated this year. That unit has 9 starters back including 2 experienced QB's and their star RB Terrence Jackson who will run behind a veteran offensive front. I look for significant improvement in the ppg this year from this veteran group. Defensively, CM made some strides from 2000 when they allowed 268 ypg rushing as they trimmed that to "only" 208 ypg and 4.7 ypc. They look much more stout up front with 6 of the top 7 back and should be much tougher against the run. While last year CM ranked #8 on offense and #11 on defense in my MAC ratings, this year with their veteran team, they come in #7 on offense and #6 on defense and have just 10 lettermen lost which is the fewest in the MAC. Last year they led NI 24-7 and had a 27-9 FD edge vs Ball St but came up short in those games. As long as RB Jackson stays healthy this year, I think CM will be a surprise player in the MAC West and may even flirt with a winning record.

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OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DEREK GORNEY SR. 6-2 200 *7 pass in '99 & 2000. L/4 sts LY, 831 yds (49.3%), 5-7 ratio, 54 rush.* ***Derrick Vickers*** *(5-11 190, PS#120) 12 sts in 2Y, 2215 yds (51%), 14-11 ratio.*

RB TERRENCE JACKSON JR. 6-0 230 *L/8 sts LY, 1194 yds (4.7).* ***2nd Tm MAC****, 7 straight 100 yd games. Kenan Lawhorne (5-11 210 Jr) PS#336, 506 yds (5.1) 33 rec (5.8) LY.*

WR WILLIE HILL JR. 5-11 180 *1 rec in 2000. #5 rec LY, 19 rec (12.5), 5 KR (18.6).* ***Steve Messam*** *(5-9 175 Jr) PS#277, 22 rec (13.1) as true. Triple jumper on track tm.*

WR ROB TURNER SR. 6-3 200 *PS#146QB. 11 rec as true. 11 sts in 2001, #1 w/50 rec (13.4). Jacob Brown (6-2 205 So) 4 rec as true. Scott Gibson (6-3 180 rFr) PS#360.*

WR RODERICK MEANS SR. 6-3 192 *2 rec in 8 games in 2000. 9 sts LY, 23 rec (12.1). Desmond Crenshaw (5-8 175 rFr) PS#454DB. Justin Harper (5-11 185 rFr) PS#525.*

TE TORY HUMPHREY SO. 6-3 230 *PS#116TE. 11 starts as* ***true****, 24 receptions (9.9), 3 TD's. 4.6 speed. Dave Kurzen (6-6 235 So) PS#113. 3 receptions (8.0) as true.*

C Eric Ghiaciuc So. 6-5 290 *PS#271OL. Wrestling champ in HS. 340 bench. 2nd string C in 2001 as rFr. Joe Myler (6-3 354 rFr) PS#322OL, in for spring last year.*

RG KYLE CROSKEY SR. 6-3 310 *PS#189OL, 5 sts at G as* ***true****. 11 sts in 2000. 11 sts in 2001, wrestling champ in high school. Dean Zarafonetis (6-4 310 rFr) PS#252OL.*

LG DEREK McLAUGHLIN JR. 6-5 295 *PS#300OL. Last 5 starts at LG in 2000. 8 starts at LG in 2001, 380 bench. Brandon Pitzer (6-3 285 So) PS#150, 2nd string last year.*

RT ADAM KIEFT SO. 6-7 300 *PS#244OL in 2000. Added 20 lbs LY and starter at RT. Eric Schulenburg (6-4 290 Jr) PS#114OL. Jeff Jenerou (6-7 290 rFr) PS#255.*

LT Paul Brieger Sr. 6-4 305 *Lettered as rFr. 10 sts at RT in 2000. Shared starting job last year.* ***Thomas Langton (6-9 315 Jr)*** *PS#342OL. 2nd string at LT in 2001.*

K Mike Gruzwalski rFr. 5-8 165 *PS#88K. #2K as true but RS. 19 FG's as Sr in HS. Adam Clyne (5-9 160 Sr) 0-1 on FG's, 8-10 xp's in 2000. Good spring, improved accuracy.*

DE MATT REYNOLDS SR. 6-3 260 *11 sts in 2000, 64 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY. 42 tkls, 4 tfl.* ***Ike Ajoku*** *(6-1 250 Jr) 19 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. Inj'd LY. Bill Brookshire (6-3 245 So) 20 tkls, 2 tfl.*

MG MARVIN SMITH SR. 6-1 270 *18 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 11 sts, 75 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 68 tkls, 9 tfl LY. Jay Davidson (6-4 275 Jr) 16 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 9 tkls, 2 tfl last year.*

DT Dominic Mancini Jr. 6-3 270 *PS#315. 10 sts in 2000, 33 tkls, 2 tfl. 2 sts LY until inj. Kalani Muragin (6-2 270 So) 24 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. Morgan Sheppard (6-5 260 rFr) PS#227.*

DE CULLEN JENKINS SR. 6-2 250 *PS#224LB. 11 sts, 49 tkls, 8 tfl in 2000. 11 sts, 48 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl LY. Matt Wohlgemuth (6-5 265 Jr) PS#121LB. 31 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 22 tkls, 6 tfl LY.*

OLB JAMES KING SO. 6-1 195 *10 sts as rFr, 86 tackles, 3 sks, 8 tfl, 1 int,* ***8 blocked kicks!*** *Derrick Wallace (6-0 210 Jr) PS#323LB. 17 tackles, 1 tfl in 2000. 5 tkls in 2001.*

MLB DARVIN LEWIS SR. 6-3 230 *11 sts, 76 tkls, 4.5 tfl as rFr. #3 in MAC in 2000 w/ 113 tkls, 13 tfl. 3 sts LY until inj, 19 tkls. Anthony Tyus (5-10 220 So) PS#370RB. 45 tkls, 6 tfl as rFr.*

WLB JOVAN CLARKE SR. 6-3 230 *PS#197JC. 4.6 speed. 8 sts in 2001, 96 tkls, 5 sks, 10 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu.* ***Ed Hillery*** *(6-1 225 Jr) 21 tkls as true.* ***11 sts*** *in 2001 with 42 tkls, 2 tfl.*

CB Dante McKnight Jr. 5-10 187 *14 KR (15.1) as rFr. 13 rec (10.4) at WR last year, 11 KR (13.2) 6 PR (6.7). Moves to DB. James Gonzales (5-10 180 Sr) 7 tkls in 2 years.*

CB Derrick Holoman So. 5-10 180 ***4.36 spd!*** *2 sts as true, 25 tkls, 2 pbu, 7 gms, 11 KR (18.4). Richard Kiel (5-10 180 rFr) PS#169WR. 6 tkls, inj'd LY. Jesse Dailey (5-8 175 rFr) PS#290.*

ROV BRYAN KEIM JR. 5-10 190 *10 sts LY, 82 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Omari Colen (6-1 205 So) 2 sts, 17 tkls, 2 tfl. Fabrice Raymond (5-10 180 rFr) PS#372, Canadian.*

FS RON BARTELL SO. 6-3 200 *4.5 speed. Starter last year, 68 tkls, 1 sk, 7 pbu as rFr, 290 bench. Michael Thomas (5-8 175 So). Marlin Maxwell (5-9 175 rFr) PS#453DB.*

P BRIAN BRANDT JR. 6-2 200 *87 punts as rFr, 39.5 avg, net of 32.1. 1st CM player to average over 40 since 1972. 40.1 avg* ***net of 36.0*** *LY. Grant Arnoldink (6-4 230 So).*

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DB	Charles Archie 6-0 175 PS#301	
DB	Orlando Walton 5-10 180 PS#309	
DB	Jason Smith 6-2 210 PS#305	
DB	Mike Ogle 6-2 215 PS#339	
TE	Dave Condeni 6-4 214 PS#122	
WR	Obed Genaille 6-3 175 PS#341	
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Aug. 29	Sam Houston St (Thur)	A					
Sep. 7	Wyoming	A					
Sep. 14	at Akron	A					
Sep. 21	at Indiana	G					
Sep. 28	at Boston College	A					
Oct. 5							
Oct. 12	Bowling Green (HC)	A					
Oct. 19	at N Illinois	A					
Oct. 26	Marshall	A					
Nov. 2	at E Michigan	A					
Nov. 9	at Toledo	A					
Nov. 16	Ball St	A					
Nov. 23	W Michigan	A					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Chippewas are 3-1 ATS vs Boise St.
C Michigan is 13-22 ATS as a favorite since 1993, 9-13 ATS as a home favorite and 5-9 ATS as away chalk.

As co-champs of the Southland Conf, Sam Houston St went 10-3 LY.
Sam Houston St Bearkats received a #7 final ranking in Div IAA last year.

Chippewas are 7-17 ATS off a SU win the last 7 years.
C Michigan is 6-13 ATS vs non-conference opponents the last 8 years.

CMU is 3-6-1 ATS vs the Zips the last 10 meetings in this series.
Could apply: CMU is 13-23 ATS as an away dog the last 8 years.

CMU is 0-6 SU, 1-5 ATS vs Big 10 foes since 1994.
Chippewas are 9-20 ATS their last 29 games on grass.

CMU is 3-7 ATS in the last game of a 2(+) road trip but 3-1 ATS the last 4.
The last time CMU played a Big East foe they lost 47-7 in '99 to Syracuse.

CMU is 0-3 SU & ATS in gms after a bye the L3Y, being outscored 117-13.
C Michigan is 7-16 ATS in October since 1996.

Pending earlier results, CMU is 16-33 ATS in gms outside the state of Michigan S'91.
Chippewas are 1-4 SU and ATS vs N Illinois the last 5 years.

Pending 10/12: CMU is 2-6 ATS in October home games since 1997.
Chippewas are 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS vs Marshall losing by an avg score of 38-13.

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The underdog has covered 5 of the last 6 series meetings.

C Michigan has covered 4 of their last 5 away finales.
CM is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS vs Toledo (UT has scored 93 pts on them L/2).

L/5 meetings between the Cards & Chips have been decided by an avg of 5.4 pts.
Chippewas are 2-3 SU but have covered all 5 vs Ball St.

CMU is 7-2 ATS vs the Broncos in the last 9 series meetings.
C Michigan is 4-1 ATS in their season finales the last 5 years.

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DeBord's records AT C MICHIGAN

5-17	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
10-11	Vs The Spread	4-3	Home Dog
8-7	Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
8-8	Vs Conference	5-6	Away Dog
		2-3	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
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Lost: 10 (4,5,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,861

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-6	2-9	6-5	4-7	2-9	3-8	26-51
ATS	4-7	4-7	4-7	5-5	4-6	3-8	7-3	31-43
Home Fav	0-2	2-2	2-1	2-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	6-9
Home Dog	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	2-1	3-1	1-2	9-8
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	2-0	0-0	1-0	4-5
Away Dog	2-3	1-3	2-2	2-3	0-4	0-6	5-0	12-21
Favorite	0-3	3-3	2-3	2-2	2-1	0-1	1-1	10-14
Dog	4-4	1-4	2-4	3-3	2-5	3-7	6-2	21-29
Grass	1-2	1-3	2-2	0-1	2-3	0-3	3-0	9-14
Artificial	3-5	3-4	2-5	5-4	2-3	3-5	4-3	22-29
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	25-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-2	0-2	0-2	0-3	2-0	6-12
Off SU Win	2-2	1-4	0-2	1-4	1-2	0-2	2-1	7-17
Off SU Loss	2-4	2-3	3-5	4-0	3-4	3-5	5-2	22-23

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terrence Jackson	252	1229	35	1194	10	4.7
Kenan Lawhorne	99	512	6	506	4	5.1
Robbie Mixon	71	293	2	291	2	4.1
Derrick Vickers	53	214	59	155	0	2.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Derrick Vickers	211	116	55.0	1156	7	6
Derek Gorney	150	74	49.3	831	5	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Rob Turner	50	668	13.4	4	98
Kenan Lawhorne	33	190	5.8	0	24
Tory Humphrey	24	237	9.9	3	50
Roderick Means	23	278	12.1	0	26
Willie Hill	19	238	12.5	3	47
Dante McKnight	13	135	10.4	1	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Brandt	72	2889	40.1	–	36.0	2	25

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Paul Savich	2-3	4-9	4-4	1-2	11-18	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jovan Clarke	96	5	10	4	1
James King	86	3	8	3	1
Bryan Keim	82	2	2	1	1
Marvin Smith	68	1	8	1	0
Ron Bartell	68	1	0	7	0
Cullen Jenkins	48	5	5	2	0
Anthony Tyus	45	2	4	0	0
Finley Carter	43	2	1	0	1
Matt Reynolds	42	0	4	0	0
Ed Hillery	42	0	2	0	1
Tedaro France	38	0	1	12	2
Rodrico Epps	31	0	0	4	0
Derrick Holoman	25	0	0	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tedaro France	14	125	8.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Holoman	11	202	18.4	0
Dante McKnight	11	145	13.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	Raisin	+14	San Jose St	24-48	L
94	Las Vegas	+5	UNLV	24-52	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

C MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	22.8	21	199	4.3	181	52.2	16.6	-5	2001	8	31.5	21	208	4.7	232	52.0	14.0
6*	12.5	14	92	2.6	179	51.2	21.8	-6	2000	6	34.2	23	268	5.1	150	51.1	12.2
6*	20.8	19	142	3.3	218	53.5	17.3	+3	1999	6	31.3	20	172	4.2	214	51.1	12.3
8	20.8	19	179	4.0	189	46.7	17.7	+3	1998	10	23.0	20	165	3.7	190	48.7	15.4
8	25.6	22	156	3.9	250	47.8	15.8	-13	1997	8	43.5	23	186	4.9	290	60.0	10.9
8	31.9	25	201	4.3	276	53.7	15.0	-4	1996	8	32.1	21	153	4.0	272	57.8	13.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Kentucky	14	45-122	2.7	16-29	195	0	14	48-224	4.7	11-25	129	0	+2
at Michigan St	16	40-165	4.1	18-36	122	1	25	49-196	4.0	18-29	290	6	0
Toledo	22	41-118	2.9	25-42	280	2	19	45-289	6.4	15-25	173	0	-3
at Buffalo	24	65-285	4.4	14-28	139	1	14	24-42	1.8	17-36	194	6	+2
Ohio U	20	50-215	4.3	17-27	101	3	22	60-342	5.7	4-8	94	0	-1
at Marshall	30	53-261	4.9	16-34	222	3	31	33-163	4.9	31-46	484	0	-1
N Illinois	27	52-229	4.4	22-40	264	1	19	42-209	5.0	14-31	203	0	-1
at Ball St	27	47-254	5.4	22-51	279	4	19	43-189	4.4	13-27	303	0	+1
E Michigan	16	40-266	6.7	14-23	185	0	25	41-187	4.6	23-50	321	3	-3
at W Michigan	21	50-198	4.0	16-29	127	1	19	43-170	4.0	14-29	167	2	-1
at Boise St	9	31-74	2.4	10-25	73	2	26	64-277	4.3	13-27	191	1	0
TOTALS	226	514-2187	4.3	190-364	1987	18	233	492-2288	4.7	173-333	2549	18	-5
AVERAGES	20.5	47-199	4.3	17-33	181	1.6	21.2	45-208	4.7	16-30	232	1.6	-0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-14'	44-10	W
at Florida	+43	6-82	L
Boise St	-16	44-26	W
at Louisiana Tech	+5	28-56	L
E Michigan	-3	24-31	L
at Akron	-5	14-53	L
Toledo	+12	10-41	L
at Ball St	+11	34-37	W
at Kent St	-2'	37-60	L
Marshall	+23	17-45	L
at W Michigan	+15	24-38	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+33'	0-38	L
W Illinois	NL	35-14	–
Kent St	-7	46-7	W
at Michigan St	+28	7-38	L
at E Michigan (OT)	+3'	36-23	W
at N Illinois	-10	6-16	L
W Michigan	+4	26-24	W
Akron	-2'	28-27	L
at Marshall	+19	0-28	L
at Toledo	+13'	14-17	W
Ball St	-7'	31-21	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Illinois	NL	33-17	–
at Syracuse	+30	7-47	L
at Purdue	+38	16-58	L
Miami (Oh)	+19	16-24	W
at W Michigan	+14	16-38	L
at Buffalo	-17	38-19	W
N Illinois	-2	27-31	L
at Bowling Green	+5'	7-31	L
Toledo	+6'	13-32	L
E Michigan	+3'	29-26	W
at Ball St	-2'	27-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Purdue	+38	0-48	L
Akron	+6	17-7	W
at Wyoming	+13	10-31	L
Boise St	+10'	10-47	L
at Toledo	+22'	0-41	L
Kent St (2OT)	-4	21-24	L
at Ohio U	+24	3-52	L
Ball St	+5	34-38	W
at E Michigan	+9	15-31	L
W Michigan	+35'	21-17	W
at N Illinois	+24	6-40	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	42-28	–
at Michigan St	+27	21-35	W
Toledo	+24'	28-52	W
at Buffalo	-7	16-8	W
Ohio U	+8	3-34	L
at Marshall	+23'	21-42	W
N Illinois	+8'	24-33	L
at Ball St	+11'	34-38	W
E Michigan	-13	35-30	L
at W Michigan	+17'	17-20	W
at Boise St	+24	10-26	W

BALL ST CARDINALS

RB Marcus Merriweather

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In '99 Bill Lynch implemented a short passing offense and QB Brian Conn hit 58.4% for 1,525 yards with a 10-14 ratio but over the last 5 games hit 63% with a 5-3 ratio. Unfortunately, he was 0-11 as a starter (of course the rest of the team had something to do with that too). In 2000 he started the first 4 games (Ball St lost all 4) but completed just 43% with a 0-5 ratio. Then the Talmadge Hill era began. Hill (PS#121) who was Offensive Scout Team POY in '99, went 5-2 as a starter, completing 61.3% with a 13-12 ratio and was voted MAC Frosh of the Year. He was 4th in the MAC in pass efficiency. He vowed to improve on his TD/int ratio last year and much was expected in his 2nd year as a starter. Hill threw for 1,953 yards, an increase of almost 500, but his completion percentage dropped to 52.8% and he had just a 13-15 ratio. Hill's rushing production also dropped, going from 396 in 2000 to 138 gross yards last year. In the first 7 games he had only 10 completions of 20+ yards but Lynch changed the game plan vs C Mich in Game 8 and Hill completed 6 passes of 20+ yards in that game alone. His struggles last year were surprising not only because he played so well in 2000, but also because BSU had hired Brend Baldwin as the QB coach, the 1st time in the program's history that they had a coach specifically for QB's. Conn saw little action with just 1 pass attempt. Andy Roesch (6-4 230 Jr) was PS#63 and had just 1 pass last year but looks to be a solid backup as Conn departs. Steve Sutherland moves to WR. Eric Hooks (6-0 190 rFr) was PS#219. This year they signed Todd Racine (PS#240) and Joey Lynch (PS#254). Lynch just happens to be the coach's son. As long as Hill stays healthy, I look for him to have a much improved season.

RUNNING BACKS - The key to Ball St's offense this season is Marcus Merriweather, and he needs to graduate over the summer to be granted a 4th season of eligibility. Merriweather became the only the second player in Ball St history to have back-to-back 1,000 yard rush seasons. After barely getting to the mark with 1,004 yards (4.5) in 2000, he set a school record with 1,244 yards (4.6) and was voted 1st Team MAC and Team MVP in 2001. He did so despite missing the N Iowa game with an injury and being banged up in the season finale rushing for just 79 yards. The depth at this position took a hit prior to last year when Anthony Jones was dismissed from the team after rushing for 515 yards in 2000. Jason Teeters had 244 yards (5.1) as the main backup and Scott Blair had 208 yards (3.9). He rushed for 111 yds on 33 carries in this year's spring game. Not listed below are Johnny Short (5-6 201 Sr, PS#300), Charles Wynn (5-11 230 rFr, Off Scout Tm Award) and Chuckie Hawkins (5-10 190 rFr, PS#185DB). I list the 2 deep below and all of the FB's return. There is a possibility that Otis Shannon (PS#64), who was possibly Lynch's top signee ever, could make the roster this year, but he was not on the roster in the spring. The team did open in a 2 TE offense 5 times last year which is why Volk only had 6 starts at FB. As long as Merriweather gains eligibility and then stays healthy, he has a good chance to leave as the school's all-time leading rusher (needs 1,100 yards).

RECEIVERS - Ball St featured a very experienced receiving corps last year with their top 4 receivers returning. They did lose perhaps their top guy in David Westbrook to a broken leg three games into the season. The diminutive Billy Lynch (5-9 160) led the team with 40 rec's (10.5) and he departs this year along with Westbrook, Corey Parchman (1 st, 12, 16.2) and Jamar Cottee (6 sts, 24, 13.3). Sean Schembra has 4.45 speed and was #2 with 34 rec's (12.7) and figures to lead this year's group. I list the rest of the 2 deep below at WR and the talent is simply average. TE Jon Eckert really emerged late with 12 rec's in the L/2 games after having just 5 in the first 9. He could have a very solid season and I list his backups below. Also in the mix at TE are Mark Franklin (6-5 250 So, PS#61) and Bryon Smith (6-5 235 rFr, PS#123). This is not an overwhelming group and it is less experienced than last year, but remember Westbrook went out early so they could still come close to matching last year's numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - BSU had a huge OL in '99 but they were slow footed and with new offensive schemes they allowed 49 sacks and the team only averaged 2.6 ypc rushing. In 2000 four starters returned to the front and they dropped the sack total to 24 while improving their ypc to 3.4. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 1 other player who had 5 starts, but had 3 players with starting experience returning and 8 returning lettermen. They suffered some injuries on the line and 9 different players drew starting assignments. BSU averaged 3.6 ypc rushing but allowed 32 sacks. This year they must replace RT John Moore (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Nathan Boyd (6 sts) and RG Lavar Charleston (2 sts). I list the 2 deep below and 3 players who started the final 7 games are back in addition to LG David Miller who missed a good portion of the year due to injury. This year's unit has just as much experience as last year's and basically has 4 full-time starters back. As long as they stay healthy, I look for better numbers in both areas this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '99 BSU had an undersized defensive front that allowed 4.8 ypc rushing and the defense as a whole registered just 12 sacks. They gained a little size in 2000 and only had to replace 1 starter and improved to only allowing 4.4 ypc rushing and trimming nearly 70 yards off the ypg allowed, but recorded just 13 sacks. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup and the front 4 averaged 271 lbs. The bigger, veteran, front allowed 4.3 ypc rushing and the defense increased the sack total to 27. This year the losses are much heavier as they lose DE Evan Triggs (11 sts, 60 tkls, 8 sks, 2nd Tm MAC), DT Mark Zackery (10 sts, 40 tkls, 6 tfl) and DE Rachman Crable (11 sts, 56 tkls, 13 tfl). Five of the top 8 are back but only 2 players have starting experience and the projected starting 4 only averages 254 lbs. This DL seems more like the 1999 version which allowed 4.8 ypc and is clearly not as strong as last year's unit.

LINEBACKERS - In '99 Lynch switched from a 4-3 to 4-4 defense and they list 2 LB/S positions called HAWK and ROV, and I will list the ROV with the DB's and the HAWK here. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 9 starts and had 5 players back who had started 4 or more including 4 who had started 7 or more games. Lorenzo Scott burst onto the scene and led the team in tackles as a true frosh in 2000, starting just 7, and led them again last year with 124 tackles and 13 tfl. He returns as does #2 tackler Justin Beriault (117 tkls as a rFr). The only losses from this unit are MLB Shaka Johnson (11 sts, 66 tkls, 6 tfl) and backup Brent Walker (18 tkls, 2 sks). I list the 2 deep below and Donta Smith has the makings of another impact freshman for this unit. With the top 2 guys back, I'll call this unit even stronger in 2002.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '98 and '99 BSU allowed a combined 33 TD's with just 6 int's and finished in the bottom 10 of my pass D rankings each year. They had to replace 1 starter in 2000 but rose to #57 although they yielded 20 TD's with just 6 int's. Last year all 4 starters returned but FS Jade Winchell was injured early and saw his tackle total drop from 91 in '99 to 28 last year. DC Bartolomeo said that Winchell had star potential prior to the season and if he returns to full health, his 4.5 speed and strength (benches 360) really upgrades this unit. This year they lose ROV Vernard Alsberry (11 sts, 32 tkls, 3 pbu) and FS Alger Boswell (7 sts, 45 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu) but basically everyone else is back including a pair of productive backups in Justin Riley (45 tkls, 7 tfl) and Quentin Manley (45 tkls). The Cardinals were #73 in my pass D rankings last year, allowing 210 ypg, 53% completions and a 17-8 ratio. I think this year's secondary should continue to improve as this looks like one of the MAC's better pass D's with a pair of capable CB's, although both stand just 5-8.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Heading into last season one of Lynch's trouble areas had been special teams. The team had ranked a poor #91, #99 and #108 the previous 3 years and that did not even include FG kicking where they hit just 6 of 12 FG's and missed 5 of 22 xp's in 2000. Practically everyone returned from the 2000 unit last year so there was a lot of room for improvement and the Cardinals did exactly that. They moved up to a very surprising #38 in my special teams rankings. Thomas Pucke began the year as the kicker but hit just 3 of 8 with a long of 46 and Mike Langford, after taking over, hit 6 of 6 FG's and Ball St should have their best productivity from the kicking position in a very long time if he maintains that pace. P Reggie Hodges went from averaging 36.3 with a poor net of 27.9 as a true frosh to 41.3 (5th best in school history) with a net of 36.1. Billy Lynch led the team in PR's in each of the last two years but averaged just 4.6 and 4.9 so whoever takes over that role should have equal or greater success. One player who will definitely be missed this year is Corey Parchman who had 2 KR TD's and was 5th in the NCAA in KR's (31.0). Sean Schembra averaged just 16.3 and 19.2 on KR's the last two years. One area in which they have excelled is blocking punts as they have blocked 10 in the last 4 years (but they've also allowed 6 blocks). The talent level is decent here but without the outstanding KR's, I see them dropping a few notches in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Lynch led this team to a MAC Title in 1996 but appeared to be on his way out in 2000 since they were coming off back to back losing seasons of 1-10 and 0-11 and started 0-4 in the midst of a 21 game losing streak including a loss to a IAA school. In the final 7 games in 2000 BSU turned it around and went 5-2 down the stretch and Lynch was awarded a contract extension. They managed the 5 win season despite being -14 in turnovers and playing with 19 frosh in the 2 deep. Last year they led the MAC in returning lettermen with 49 and had 17 starters back. Despite finishing the year with a 5-6 overall record, they were the MAC West Div Co-champs and almost won the title outright but came up short against N Illinois by 4 points. Once again last year they were doomed by their slow start, opening up at 0-4 including another loss to a IAA foe. They still led Miami by 14 in their loss and upset Toledo and W Michigan although UT was without RB Taylor and WM had lost QB Welsh. In the determining game vs N Illinois they had a 26-18 FD edge and 447-341 yardage edge but lost. The team's last winning record was in 1996 and surprisingly this team is 5-13 SU at home since 1998. Lynch was not given much of a vote of confidence as he got just a 1 year contract extension and the AD was not exactly flowing with praise at the announcement. Since 1986 all football players who have stayed here 5 years have either won or shared in a MAC or Div Title. This team is 8-6 in MAC play the last 2 years. This year they must replace 21 lettermen and have just 13 starters back. Offensively they were 5th in ppg in league games, averaging 28.4 and 7th defensively in that category, allowing 27.3. The offense has improved steadily the last 4 years, going from 13.6 to 14.3 to 19.3 to 24.4 ppg. QB Talmadge Hill is now in his 3rd year as a starter and with 8 starters back overall on that side of the ball, the Cardinals should be more potent. Defense is the big question mark here as they have just 5 starters back, losing 9 lettermen. I still rate them #7 overall defensively as they have some solid talent on that side of the field. Looking at BSU's schedule this year, it appears that they will be favored in 5 games. If they can take care of business in those, they are only 1 upset away from achieving a winning record.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB TALMADGE HILL JR. 6-0 195 *PS#121. 7 sts as rFr. 1455 yds (61.3%), 13-12 ratio. 390 rush. 11 sts LY, 1953 yds (53%) 13-15 ratio, 138 rush. Andy Roesch is PS#63.*

RB MARCUS MERRIWEATHER SR. 6-0 209 *6 sts in 2000, 1004 yds (4.5). 10 sts LY, **1st Tm MAC**, 1244 yds (**school rec**) 4.6 ypc, 12 TD's. Scott Blair (6-1 204 So) PS#240. 1 st, 208 yds (3.9).*

FB SCOTT VOLK SR. 5-11 227 *PS#188. 6 sts as rFr, 49 yds. 6 sts in 2000, 9 rec (5.7), 10 tkls. 6 sts LY, 7 rec (14.0) 64 yds rush. Dan Sprouls (6-0 238 So) lettered LY.*

WR SEAN SCHEMBRA SR. 5-11 180 *PS#362. 11 sts in 2000, #1 w/40 rec (12.1). 11 sts LY. #2 w/34 rec (12.7). Clint Planck (6-3 201 Jr). Wayne Washington (6-1 204 Jr) 8 tkls in 2Y at LB.*

WR Ryan Hahaj rFr. 6-4 190 *PS#225WR LY & RS. Jason Barnes (6-0 191 So) PS#263DB. Steve Sutherland (6-3 204 So) PS#198WR. Added 24 lbs. Was QB last year.*

TE JON ECKERT SR. 6-4 242 *PS#149. 4 sts in 2000, 4 rec (10.0). 10 sts LY, 17 rec (12.8), 12 rec L/2 gms. **Tim Streit** (6-4 245 Sr) 8 sts, 3 Y, 10 rec LY. Mark Franklin is PS#61.*

C COLIN JOHNSON SR. 6-2 289 *PS#315OL. 10 tkls, 2 tfl in '99. 11 sts in 2000. 630 squat. 10 sts LY (miss inj). Mike Jantzen (6-1 314 Jr) PS#449. 1 start at C LY. 1 letter.*

RG TRAVIS BARCLAY JR. 6-4 284 *PS#159OL. 2nd string in 2000. 8 games and lettered. 11 sts LY (2 at RT, L/9 at RG). Jeff Ramsey (6-3 299 So) PS#359OL, 2nd string LY.*

LG David Miller Sr. 6-3 324 *1 st at RT as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, 410 bench, 600 squat. 1st 4 sts LY until inj, 1 st later. Nick Tabacca (6-4 275 So) PS#435, 2nd string LY.*

RT Joel Hofmann Jr. 6-6 286 *2nd string in 2000, 5 games as rFr, lettered. 2 sts at RT LY, 2nd string in other 9. Adam Rothstein (6-5 302 rFr). Ty Knisley (6-6 322 So).*

LT KRIS BERRY JR. 6-3 286 *PS#166OL. 2nd string as redshirt frosh, 6 games and lettered. Started last 7 at LT in 2001. Adrian Stiffarm (6-6 295 rFr) PS#127OL.*

K MIKE LANGFORD JR. 5-9 163 *Hit 3 of 5 FG's in 2000, long of 33. Hit 6 of 6 FG's here LY, long of 38 in 2nd half of yr, 21 of 21 on xp's. Phil Cunningham (6-2 205 Jr).*

DE Paul Strabavy Jr. 6-1 237 *PS#111LB. 9 tkls in 2Y. Brad Hess (6-3 219 So) 7 tkls as rFr, PS#375. Martin Ferrill (6-3 232 So) PS#289DL. Tom Kellar is PS#134DL.*

DT GREG PAGNARD JR. 6-1 277 *PS#226LB. 5 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY, 55 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl, 4 QBH. Conrad Slaughter (6-3 250 So) 15 tkls as true, PS#470. Nick Graymire (6-3 255 rFr) PS#347.*

DT Keith Anderson So. 6-2 249 *PS#376LB. 8 tkls as rFr, +19 lbs. Jerome Tillmon (6-2 285 So) PS#188. Patrick Neils (6-4 280 rFr) PS#287. Mark Miekczynski (6-3 270 rFr) PS#315.*

DE Jonas Williams Sr. 6-0 252 *PS#228LB. 8 tkls in 1999, 9 tkls in 2000. 1 start last year, 12 tkls, 1 pbu. Blair Kramer (6-4 250 rFr) **PS#198DL**. Mike Miller (6-5 225 rFr).*

WLB LORENZO SCOTT JR. 6-2 210 *L/7 sts as **true. #1** w/96 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu, 5 tfl. 11 sts LY, 124 tkls, 13 tfl, 7 QBH. Andrico Spates (6-2 210 Fr) PS#179. Andy Stark (6-2 215 rFr) PS#326.*

MLB Donta Smith rFr. 6-1 205 ***PS#110RB**. Def Scout Tm Award LY. Shannon Donaldson (6-0 222 So). Listed as #1 MLB in spring. Andrew Metzler (6-0 228 Sr) PS#207DL.*

HAWK JUSTIN BERIAULT SO. 6-3 190 *PS#222DB. 11 sts as rFr, 117 tkls, 1 int, 2 tfl, 3 pbu, added 20 lbs. Mike Brizendine (5-8 195 Sr) 9 tkls LY. Vincent Davis is PS#211DL.*

CB JESSE AVANT JR 5-8 179 ***PS#67RB**. 11 sts, 34 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu as rFr. 11 sts LY, 46 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. Tommy Schembra (6-0 185 So) PS#318. Jeremy Coleman (5-9 177 Sr).*

CB STEVE MONSON SR. 5-8 168 *PS#307. L/5 sts as **true**, 35 tkls, 4 pbu. 10 sts in 2000, 24 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. 11 sts LY, 2 int, 9 pbu, 29 tkls. Quentin Manley (6-0 185 Jr) 45 tkls, 3 pbu LY.*

ROV Justin Riley Jr. 6-3 240 *45 tkls as **true**, 3 sks, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Travis Mikalauskas (6-3 227 rFr) PS#209DL. Donald Crumpton (6-1 208 Sr) PS#345, 6 tkls in 2 years.*

FS Jade Winchell Sr. 5-10 196 *PS#113QB. 4.5 spd, 360 bench. 10 sts, 91 tkls in '99. 11 sts in 2000, 72 tkls, 5 pbu. 4 sts LY (inj) 28 tkls. Charles Avant (5-9 181 Sr) PS#170, 16 tkls LY.*

P REGGIE HODGES JR. 6-1 221 *PS#76. 64 punts as true, 36.3 avg, net of 27.9. 14 inside the 20. 60 punts LY, 41.3 avg (#5 sch history) **net of 36.1!** Michael Williams (6-0 178 So).*

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL	Tom Kellar 6-3 250 PS#134
DB	Erik Keys 5-10 203 PS#153
RB	Brad Seiss 6-0 195 PS#156
DL	Justin Schweighardt 6-1 265 PS#222
LB	Andrico Spates 6-2 210 PS#178
DB	Eric McClurg 6-1 192 PS#204
OL	Mike Brown 6-4 300 PS#230
RB	Larry Bostic 5-7 175 PS#188
LB	Vincent Davis 6-3 200 PS#210
OL	Kris Anastopoulos 6-5 304 PS#272
WR	Derek Broussard 6-1 190 PS#206
WR	Dante Ridgeway 6-1 183 PS#304
QB	Todd Racine 6-4 220 PS#240
DB	Aaron Matthews 5-10 190 PS#380

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BALL ST CARDINALS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31								
Sep. 7	at Missouri	G						The Cardinals are 0-15 SU and 4-11 ATS their L/15 September contests. Ball St is 7-3 ATS the last 10 years in their season opener.
Sep. 14	Indiana St	G						BSU is 8-3 in non-lined games since 1990, but 0-2 in NL games L2Y. ISU Sycamores went 3-8 LY as a member of the Gateway Athletic Conf.
Sep. 21	at Clemson	G						Last meeting was the '92 season opener. CU won 24-10, but BSU covered as a 25' pt dog. Pending the opener, BSU is 22-39 ATS as an underdog the last 8 years.
Sep. 28	at Connecticut	G						Ball St is 11-18-1 ATS as a favorite since 1994 and 1-4 ATS since 1997. Cardinals have outscored UConn 39-5 the last 2 years.
Oct. 5	N Illinois	G						The Cardinals are 2-3 SU and 1-4 ATS the last 5 vs N Illinois. BSU is 12-26 ATS (32%) vs conference foes the last 5 years.
Oct. 12	at Toledo	A						Pending last week: Ball St is 5-14 ATS in October the last 5 years. Twice in the L5Y BSU has beaten a ranked UT team, ending their unbeaten season.
Oct. 19	E Michigan (HC)	G						Ball St is 2-1 SU and 3-0 ATS vs EMU the last 3 years. Could apply: Cardinals are 16-28 ATS off a SU loss the last 8 years.
Oct. 26	at Bowling Green	G						BSU is 4-11 ATS in sandwiched road games since 1996. Cardinals are 4-0 ATS at home vs Bowling Green, but 1-3 ATS away.
Nov. 2	W Michigan	G						Ball St has covered 12 of their last 19 November games. Cardinals are 3-8 SU but 6-5 ATS vs W Michigan since 1990.
Nov. 9								
Nov. 16	at C Michigan	A						Pending 10/12: Ball St was 5-12 ATS on artificial turf the L4Y, but 3-0 LY. Cardinals are 8-2 SU but C Michigan has covered 5 straight in the series.
Nov. 23	Buffalo	G						BSU won 44-35 as a 10' pt road favorite in the most recent meeting. BSU is 7-5 SU and ATS in lined home finales since 1990.
Nov. 30	at Marshall	A						The Cardinals are 0-2 SU and ATS vs the Herd in this short series. Ball St is 6-2 SU and 5-3 ATS in their season finales since 1994.

BILL LYNCH (Career 67-59-3)

8th Year at Ball St

Lynch's records AT BALL ST

31-47	Straight Up	6-8	Home Favorite
30-41-1	Vs The Spread	5-9	Home Underdog
16-24	Off A S/U Loss	4-5-1	Away Favorite
22-31-1	Vs Conference	15-19	Away Underdog
		8-10	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,20,2)
Lost: 21 (11,9,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,881

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	5-6	1-10	0-11	5-6	5-6	31-46
ATS	5-4-1	6-4	3-7	4-7	2-9	5-5	5-5	30-41-1
Home Fav	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-0	2-0	0-2	6-8
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-4	0-2	1-1	5-9
Away Fav	0-1-1	3-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	4-5-1
Away Dog	2-2	2-1	1-4	2-5	2-5	3-1	3-1	15-19
Favorite	2-2-1	4-2	1-2	0-2	0-0	2-2	1-3	10-13-1
Dog	3-2	2-2	2-5	4-5	2-9	3-3	4-2	20-28
Grass	4-3-1	3-3	3-4	4-3	1-6	4-3	2-5	21-27-1
Artificial	1-1	3-1	0-3	0-4	1-3	1-2	3-0	9-14
vs Conf	5-2-1	5-3	2-6	2-6	1-7	3-4	4-3	22-31-1
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	8-10
Off SU Win	1-3-1	5-2	2-2	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-3	10-14-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-1	1-4	3-6	1-9	3-2	4-1	16-24

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Merriweather	**268**	**1300**	**56**	**1244**	**12**	**4.6**
Jason Teeters	48	249	5	244	2	5.1
Scott Blair	**53**	**231**	**23**	**208**	**2**	**3.9**
Talmadge Hill	**98**	**318**	**239**	**79**	**1**	**0.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Talmadge Hill	**301**	**159**	**52.8**	**1953**	**13**	**15**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Billy Lynch	40	419	10.5	2	38
Sean Schembra	**34**	**432**	**12.7**	**3**	**78**
Jamar Cottee	24	319	13.3	3	57
Jon Eckert	**17**	**217**	**12.8**	**1**	**34**
Corey Parchman	12	194	16.2	1	41
Tim Streit	**10**	**131**	**13.1**	**1**	**32**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Reggie Hodges	**60**	**2481**	**41.3**	**–**	**36.1**	**2**	**12**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Langford	**3-3**	**3-3**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**6-6**	**38**
Thomas Pucke	0-2	2-4	1-2	0-0	3-8	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lorenzo Scott	**124**	**3**	**10**	**4**	**0**
Justin Beriault	**117**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Shaka Johnson	66	2	4	0	0
Evan Triggs	60	8	2	2	0
Rachman Crable	56	3	10	0	0
Greg Pagnard	**55**	**4**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Jesse Avant	**46**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**2**
Justin Riley	**45**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Quentin Manley	**45**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Alger Boswell	45	0	0	3	1
Mark Zackery	40	1	5	0	0
Vernard Alsberry	32	1	2	3	0
Steve Monson	**29**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**2**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Billy Lynch	14	68	4.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sean Schembra	**17**	**326**	**19.2**	**0**
Corey Parchman	15	465	31.0	2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Las Vegas	+2	Utah St	33-42	L
96	Las Vegas	+6'	Nevada	15-18	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BALL ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	24.4	20	165	3.6	178	52.1	14.0	-8	2001	10	26.9	19	153	4.3	210	53.0	13.5
7*	19.3	19	165	3.4	155	57.1	16.6	-14	2000	7	31.7	18	170	4.4	200	47.3	11.6
4*	14.3	16	98	2.6	161	59.1	18.1	-8	1999	8	32.8	21	235	4.8	169	58.0	12.3
8*	13.6	16	143	3.5	139	48.2	20.7	-4	1998	3	31.2	21	211	4.8	220	64.2	13.8
3	21.7	17	169	3.7	150	48.7	14.7	-5	1997	4	23.6	19	132	3.5	239	60.9	15.7
3	24.7	17	175	3.7	158	55.8	13.5	+4	1996	4	17.5	18	124	3.4	218	56.7	19.6

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Auburn	5	34-60	1.8	5-17	32	3	18	37-142	3.8	19-33	243	1	-1
at Kentucky	27	51-257	5.0	19-35	170	4	17	28-146	5.2	15-22	215	0	+1
N Iowa	34	56-235	4.2	20-32	271	4	19	32-124	3.9	15-26	213	1	-1
Miami (Oh)	16	40-170	4.3	13-29	108	5	19	42-212	5.0	15-24	122	4	0
at E Michigan	18	53-217	4.1	8-23	95	3	17	34-160	4.7	19-41	193	2	+1
Toledo	19	34-44	1.3	20-35	222	2	21	29-70	2.4	27-44	270	2	0
at Connecticut	14	45-147	3.3	10-16	101	1	17	27-52	1.9	22-39	189	1	0
C Michigan	19	43-189	4.4	13-27	303	0	27	47-254	5.4	22-51	279	6	-1
Kent St	22	58-219	3.8	12-23	93	3	17	37-309	8.4	5-14	95	1	-4
at N Illinois	26	42-173	4.1	25-44	274	5	18	40-124	3.1	14-26	217	4	-2
at W Michigan	20	45-100	2.2	14-24	284	2	21	36-88	2.4	19-42	274	5	-1
TOTALS	220	501-1811	3.6	159-305	1953	32	211	389-1681	4.3	192-362	2310	27	-8
AVERAGES	20.0	46-165	3.6	14-28	178	2.9	19.2	35-153	4.3	17-33	210	2.5	-0.8

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Miami (Oh)	+7	10-27	L
James Madison	NL	24-6	–
at Indiana	+13'	6-33	L
at Purdue	+16	14-28	W
Marshall	+14	16-42	L
at W Michigan	+1'	13-21	L
at E Michigan	+2'	32-38	L
C Michigan	-11	37-34	L
at N Illinois	-9'	21-14	L
Akron	-9'	31-14	W
Toledo	+11'	35-3	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+20	20-38	W
E Michigan	-9	7-13	L
at Iowa St	+12	0-38	L
at Akron	+7'	14-52	L
N Illinois	-12	18-13	L
at Toledo	+19'	6-27	L
Miami (Oh)	+19	17-28	W
at Marshall	+30	10-42	L
W Michigan	+10	23-24	W
at UCF	+31	14-37	W
at C Michigan	+7'	21-31	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Indiana	+24	9-21	W
at Wisconsin	+36	10-50	L
Toledo	+6'	10-23	L
at Army	+9'	21-41	L
Akron	+1	9-31	L
at N Illinois	+9	17-37	L
at W Michigan	+18	0-28	L
Ohio U	+7'	25-37	L
at E Michigan	+11	21-31	W
at Bowling Green	+15'	14-35	L
C Michigan	+2'	21-27	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+45	19-40	W
W Illinois	NL	14-24	–
at Kansas St	+46	0-76	L
N Illinois	+11	14-43	L
at Miami (Oh)	+28	15-10	W
E Michigan	-6	33-14	W
at Buffalo	-10'	44-35	L
at C Michigan	-5	38-34	L
W Michigan	+22	3-42	L
at Toledo	+32	3-31	W
Connecticut	-16'	29-0	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	+21	0-30	L
at Kentucky	+11	20-28	W
N Iowa	NL	39-42	–
Miami (Oh)	+6'	20-28	L
at E Michigan	-9	35-14	W
Toledo (HC)	+23'	24-20	W
at UConn	-10'	10-5	L
C Michigan	-11'	38-34	L
Kent St	-6'	18-31	L
at N Illinois	+10'	29-33	W
at W Michigan	+10	35-31	W

W MICHIGAN BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Tim Lester wrapped up his WM career in 1999 with 17 school records and was fourth in the NCAA in career passing yards. Four QB's battled for the job and Jeff Welsh (PS#91) was the winner being very productive in his two seasons as the starter, leaving as the school's #4 career leader in passing yardage and with the top career completion percentage. The unit appeared to be in great shape last year as Welsh returned for his second year as a starter and tied a school record with 5 TD passes in the opening game against Illinois St. He set single game records against Michigan with 36 completions and 58 attempts. Welsh was injured in the 1Q vs E Mich and backup Jonathan Drach (PS#61) gained the first extensive PT of his career, hitting 16-26 for 137 yards. Welsh was re-injured in practice 2 weeks later and did not travel to N Illinois and Drach tossed 4 int's, losing in his first collegiate start. Welsh returned vs Toledo but broke his collarbone and was lost for the rest of the year. Welsh finished with 1,702 yards (62.9%) and a super 15-4 ratio. Drach completed just 48.2% while throwing for 988 yards but did improve as the season went along with a 6-1 ratio in his last 3 games to help him finish with a 7-7 ratio. He returns but Darnell said the job is wide open. Blayne Baggett (6-2 205 rFr) was PS#300 and Div III transfer Jim Kirby (6-1 200 Sr) was a 2 year starter at St Xavier. Mitch John (6-3 182 rFr) threw for 3,738 yards in his high school career but completed just 44.8%. This year they also bring in 2 JUCO's who could play right away. Chad Munson had 3,300 yards and 32 TD's at JC last year while Robbie Haas (6-2 190 So) had 2,487 yards (57.2%) with a super 30-5 ratio. I expect Drach to have a much better season should he hang on to the job, but Welsh was around for 7 of the games last year and it will be tough to match his production.

RUNNING BACKS - Seven of the top 8 rushers returned last year. Unfortunately they had to replace both starters including super RB Robert Sanford, who topped 1,000 yards 3 times in his career and rushed for 1,571 yards (5.4) with 18 TD's as a senior and was the MAC Offensive POY. The projected starter was Charles Woods who is smaller than Sanford, but faster. Woods broke his hand and in an injury plagued season he finished with 323 yards (3.4), but elected not to return this year, even after being the #1 RB out of spring. Philip Reed filled in for Woods when he was injured and had a big 154 yard game against C Mich but was lost in the 2H of that game and missed the season finale. Reed ended up leading the team with 539 yards (4.4). Benny Clark started the season finale and finished the year with 141 yards (4.0). I list the 2 deep below. KT Robinson (5-11 199 Sr) was PS#175 and has played just two games in an injury plagued career. Tony Gioutsos (6-1 210 rFr) was PS#111 and redshirted as did Daniel Marks (6-0 207, PS#309) and Trovon Riley (5-11 190). True frosh Ameer Ismail (PS#157) will also contend, and he would have been rated higher if not for missing most of his senior year with injury. This group actually has more experience and should be healthier, so I'll call it solidly improved.

RECEIVERS - Last year WM had to replace the all-time leading receiver in MAC history in Steve Neal as well as another starting WR. They did return 1st Team MAC TE Mobolaji Afariogun but he was not 100% for much of the season and his rec fell from 32 in 2000 to 24 last year. He still was still voted 2nd Team MAC. This year the team must replace WR Joshua Bush who had 48 rec (12.9) as well as Darnell Jennings (32, 9.7), Marco Wolverton (17, 14.7) and Micah Zuhl (15, 16.1). I list the 2 deep below and the 3 players listed as starting receivers all had over 20 rec's last year and are over 6'3" so this is a very tall receiving corps, and even the backups have good height. Not listed below is Chris Chestnut (6-0 191 Jr) who had 24 rec's at JC last season. Darnell feels that it will be yet another outstanding group of receivers and even though they lose their top 2 WR's, 4 of the top 6 are back and if Lewis adapts quickly to the offense, this unit could be stronger than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 WM had a veteran O-line with 4 players who started 8 or more games returning and they paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace their top 2 OL's but did have 4 players returning with 7 or more starts including 2 full-time starters. Those 4 were able to start the majority of the year but the other projected starter, CR Moultry, broke his ankle and missed the season. Overall, WM only rushed for 3.1 ypc last year and allowed 36 sacks. This year they must replace 3 starters in RG Adam Cones (2 yr st'r), LT Jeff Hinson (3 yr st'r) and RT Matt Stover (3 yr st'r). I list the 2 deep below and Moultry is back to reclaim his LT spot. They get a couple of JC transfers and 7 of the top 10 are back. This year's group is less experienced than it was heading into last season, but could put up stronger numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Broncos believe in speed over size on the defensive front and have had some success with this philosophy. In 2000 they allowed just 2.7 ypc while recording 27 sacks. Last year they had 3 starters back on the DL including 2 that earned All MAC honors and led the MAC in sacks with 31 and were #2 in the MAC in scoring defense, allowing 24.2, but they did allow 4.0 ypc rushing. Overall one full-time starter and two part-time starters had to be replaced last year. This year their only loss is DT Bryan Pinder (11 sts, 31 tkls, 5 tfl) and 7 of the top 8 are back. I list the 2 deep below. I look for dramatic improvement in the rush defense and this looks to be one of the MAC's most formidable defensive fronts with 3 players earning All MAC honors in the past.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 this group returned 5 of their top 6 LB's and the defense was outstanding. Last year they had to replace all 3 starters including the top 2 tacklers but they moved Jermaine Lewis to SS which is a position that I'm counting as an OLB so they did at least have one player with starting experience. Bryan Lape led the team in tackles and was voted the TEAM MVP in his first year as a starter. Jason Malloy, the other starter, played most of the season with a shoulder injury and should be more effective. This year they move Lewis (2nd Tm MAC, 77 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu) to WR and also lose backup LB Blair Eklund (5 tkls, 1 tfl) but 4 of the top 6 are back and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below is Josh Behrens (6-2 250 rFr) who is PS#149. They get a boost with the return of Carlos Smith who had 6 starts and at least 24 tackles in each year from 1998 to 2000 and began last year as the starter then was injured but granted a redshirt. They are much more experienced at the ILB position than they were heading into last season so I'll call this group stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The last 2 years WM has fielded a veteran secondary. After finishing #95 in my pass D rankings in 1999 they moved up to #79 in 2000 and last year with all 4 starters returning they led the MAC in ypg pass defense and finished #86 in my rankings, allowing just 179.8 ypg (57.7%) with a 14-8 ratio. This year the losses are much heavier. They lose CB Ronald Rogers who is #1 all-time in pbu here (1st Tm MAC, 41 tkls, 8 pbu) along with 2 other starters, CB Joe Ballard (11 sts, 53 tkls, 11 pbu), FS Brandon Brown (11 sts, 71 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu) and backups CB Rashad McDade (5 tkls) and FS Wes Dodson (40 tkls, 1 pbu). Overall 5 of the top 8 depart and I list the 2 deep below. Darnell went heavy on the JUCO's and I have plugged them into the lineup below. Depending on how quickly the JUCO's adapt to IA play, this unit does have some potential but clearly they are a lot less experienced and I'll call them weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 WM finished #26 in my special teams rankings despite breaking in a new punter. In 2000 I called for them to finish in the top 20 and they did just that, finishing at #20. PR Joshua Bush averaged 15.0 (#14 in the NCAA) and they returned both their KR and punter. They did have to replace a solid kicker in Brad Selent who had a booming leg. Last year Robert Menchinger, (PS#39), who holds the national high school records for points and PAT's in a career and has an accurate and strong leg, took over the duties after winning a tight contest in the fall. Darnell had said his main concern coming into the year, despite the loss of their all-time leading WR and RB, was the kicking area. Punter Matt Steffen (longer leg, better distance and more experience) was not able to hang on to his job. He averaged 40.4 as a true frosh but just 38.5 in 2000 and 34.6 last year. Adam Anderson (quick release and good hang time) handled the majority of the punting and averaged 37.9. Josh Bush did not have the year expected in PR's (6.3) but Ron Rogers did average 23.3 on KR's with 1 TD. Both must be replaced. Greg Jennings (PS#133WR) who excelled on the scout team last year, could be the top KR and will battle Kendrick Mosley for the PR job. With a pair of freshmen handling the kicking duties last year, that part of the team should be improved and they did allow just 17.7 per KR. This area has been a strength under Darnell. Lots of things happen when the Broncos' special teams are on the field. As an example: last year WM blocked 3 punts but also had 2 blocked and had a KR for a TD. Finding new returnmen will be the key as to whether they can improve upon last year's #57 ranking and Bush leaves here as the all-time leader in PR yards.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Darnell has done a great job here and now enters his 6th season. He flirted with the Okla St, Rutgers, Missouri and N Carolina jobs during last offseason but did not land a job and got a 5 year contract extension here. WM joined the MAC in 1948 but its only MAC Titles were won in 1966 and 1988. Since 1990, however, the team has had just 2 losing seasons, but unfortunately one of them was last year and it was the first for Darnell. They have possibly the best weight room in the league and a new $25 million athletic center. When Darnell got here the team averaged 10,000 fans per game but now are over 22,000. Darnell has upset teams from the Big 10, Big East and SEC and finished #27 in the final polls in 2000. That 2000 version, which won the MAC West, recorded 3 shutouts and allowed just 2.7 ypc and 11.6 ppg. Last year's team had 16 seniors on it and prior to the season Darnell said "this is the fastest, most durable team I've had and one of the highest conditioned." Fifty to 60 players stayed in Kalamazoo over the summer. Last year WM appeared poised for another MAC West Title, winning their first 3 MAC games but then lost QB Welsh to injury vs N Illinois and the season went south as they would win just 1 of their 5 remaining games. The defense was still respectable, allowing 366 ypg, but that was 103 more than 2000 and even though they had 7 starters returning they allowed more than double the points, up to 24.2. Offensively, even with Welsh's injury, they still managed 25.2 ppg but that was their lowest amount in the last 5 years. For the 2nd straight year, WM returns 37 lettermen and must replace 17. They have 1 less starter coming back than they did last year with only 4 back on offense and 7 on defense. I look for much better production out of QB Drach (PS#61) this year if he holds on to his job over the 2 JUCO signees. Also look for WR Jermaine Lewis to have an impact, but they have just 2 starters back on the offensive line. Defensively they look stronger up front and if the JUCO transfers in the secondary come through, they should be solidly improved on that side of the ball. In Darnell's 5 years the team is 21-4 SU at Waldo Stadium and last year they installed NeXturf on the field. The Broncos had gone 24 straight weeks leading the MAC West until they fell out of first last year. WMU's home advantage will be very important in the MAC West standings as they host Toledo, N Illinois and UCF, three of the MAC's top teams, and have some tough road games as well. With early season games against Michigan, Purdue and Virg Tech the schedule is not easy but Gary Darnell is very capable of getting this team back on the plus side of the ledger although it will be a struggle.

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OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Jonathan Drach Jr. 6-4 215 *5 sts as rFr, 988 yds (48.2%), 7-7 ratio, 269 rush. **Chad Munson** (6-3 210 Jr) 2800 yds, 28 TD at JC LY. **Robbie Haas** 2487 yds 30-5 ratio at JC.*

RB PHILIP REED JR. 5-10 200 *PS#218. 539 yds (4.4). 12 rec (7.5) LY. Tony Gioutsos (6-1 210 rFr) PS#111. Daniel Marks (6-0 207 rFr) PS#309, 91 yds rush in spg game.*

WR Brandon Johnson Sr. 6-3 201 *PS#155. Basketball tm in '99. 11 gms LY & #3 w/27 rec (11.6). Greg Jennings (6-1 190 rFr) PS#133. Patrick Graham (6-0 180 rFr) PS#184.*

WR JERMAINE LEWIS SR. 6-4 202 *Size & WM's **top sprinter** in 2000. **2nd Tm MAC** on def, 2 straight yrs. 77 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Antonio Thomas (6-4 203 Jr) PS#217, #6 w/22 rec (14.0).*

WR Kendrick Mosley Sr. 6-3 185 *PS#280. 1 st as **true**, 19 rec (10.1). Inj in 2000. #4 LY w/26 rec (11.6). Tyrone Walker (6-3 190 So) Scout Tm Off MVP. Osborn Curtis (6-1 175 rFr) PS#188.*

TE MOBOLAJI AFARIOGUN SR. 6-4 238 *4 sts as rFr, 10 rec. **1st Tm MAC** in 2000, 32 rec (11.4). Inj'd LY, 24 rec (9.5). Anthony Kiner (6-5 244 Jr) 4 rec. Ross Farren (6-4 245 rFr) PS#153TE.*

C JAKE GASAWAY SR. 6-3 278 *Def Scout Tm POY in '98. 4 tkls in '99 & 2000, also LS. 11 sts at C LY. Brandon Boone (6-4 282 So) 2nd string C until inj. DJ Lockhart (6-4 263 rFr) PS#375.*

RG Jon Garcia Jr. 6-5 334 *PS#675. 12 gms as rFr. 11 games, 2nd string in 2001, 2 letters. Chris Montgomery (6-4 269 Sr) PS#445JC LY, 2nd string here last year.*

LG KEVIN KRAMER SR. 6-4 289 ***PS#119OL**. 4 gms as rFr. 7 sts in 2000. 11 sts LY. Jason Grigsby (6-3 325 Jr) PS#454JC. Kyle Ras (6-6 281 So) PS#317, 2nd string LY.*

RT Mark Ottney rFr. 6-5 270 ***PS#106**, brother Brian is at Michigan St. **Mike McCord** (6-7 288 So.) Added 28 lbs last year & 2nd string as rFr. Shawn Wiza (6-7 293 rFr).*

LT Fred McCants Jr. 6-6 344 *PS#363JC, 2nd string LY but redshirted. CR Moultry (6-6 330 JR) 2nd string as rFr & lettered. Projected starter in 2001 but was injured.*

K ROBERT MENCHINGER SO. 5-10 150 *PS#39K. Handled KO's & FG's as rFr. Hit 8 of 11 FG's but long of 35. 0 of 2 from 40+, 1 miss from 50+. Anthony Apa (5-7 185 Jr) is bkup P and PK.*

DE CHRIS BROWNING SR. 6-2 235 *PS#244. L/6 sts in 2000, **2nd Tm MAC**, 33 tkls, 5 sks. 11 sts LY, 56 tkls, 5 sks. **Jason Babin** (6-4 255 Jr) 1 st as true. 56 tkls, 7 sks LY, **2nd Tm MAC.***

DT Jake Gitler So. 6-2 245 *PS#233DL. 26 tkls, 2 sks as **true**. Chad Wangerin (6-4 298 Jr) PS#369. 5 tkls as rFr, injured in 2001. Joe Alvarez (6-2 240 rFr) PS#197.*

DT JEFF WESTGATE SR. 6-5 267 *PS#145TE. 11 tkls, 1 sk in 2000. 11 starts LY, 39 tkls, 4 tfl. Ryan Iorillo (6-3 285 Sr) 20 sks, 2 years at JC. 9 tkls, 2 tfl here LY, 24 years old.*

DE ANTHONY ALLSBURY SR. 6-2 253 *41 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in 2000, 40 tkls, 8 sks. 11 sts LY, 54 tkls, 6 sks. **1st Tm MAC, 2Y.** Nick Melcher (6-3 228 So) 6 tkls. Hausia Faleofa (6-1 250 Jr) PS#382JC.*

ILB JASON MALLOY SR. 6-1 238 *PS#209. 13 tkls in '99 & 2000. 11 sts LY, 75 tkls, 7 tfl despite shoulder inj. Jo Jo Mesa (5-11 238 Sr) PS#76JC, 19 tkls, 2 sks LY. Willie Miller (6-2 228 So).*

ILB BRYAN LAPE SR. 6-3 220 *Def Scout MVP in '99. 31 tkls in 2000. 11 sts LY, **Tm MVP**, 122 tkls, 12 tfl, 8 pbu. Erik Oleson (6-3 235 So) PS#196. Scout Tm MVP in 2000. 4 tkls LY.*

SS Carlos Smith Sr. 6-4 220 *48 tkls, 3 pbu in '98-'99. 30 tkls, 3 pbu in 2000. Inj LY. Jermaine Foreste (5-10 199 Sr) 3 sts, 36 tkls, 1 int, 3Y. Kevin Coleman (5-10 190 Sr) 12 career tkls.*

CB Willie Pope So. 6-2 185 *PS#293JUCO, in for spring, 3 int at JUCO last year. Tony Carr (6-1 180 So) 2nd string half of LY. Mike Johnson (5-9 164 Sr) 8 tkls, 8 gms in 2 yrs.*

CB Eugene Childs Jr. 6-0 193 *PS#201JUCO. **PS#59** and orig at **BYU!** Sam Reynolds (6-2 187 Sr) 28 tkls, 22 games, in 2 years. Clay Powell (6-0 183 So) PS#298.*

WS JASON FELDPAUSCH JR. 5-9 178 *9 tkls in 2000. Started last 5 in 2001, 55 tkls, 6 tfl, 6 pbu, Sp Tms MVP. Kevin Ford (5-11 185 rFr) PS#214. Maurice Hart (6-0 204 Jr) PS#176JC.*

FS Christian Hodges Jr. 6-2 195 *PS#393JUCO, in for spring. Stephen Gubernick (5-11 174 Jr) 3 tkls, 12 gms in 2000. 7 tkls, 11 gms. Steve Dick (6-3 205 rFr) Scout Tm Def POY.*

P ADAM ANDERSON SO. 6-0 188 *44 punts as rFr, 37.9 avg, quick release. Matt Steffen (6-1 197 Sr) 46 punts as true, **40.4 avg, 36.7 net.** 45 punts in 2000, 38.5 avg, 36.7 net.*

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DB	Maurice Hart 6-0 204 PS#176JC	Get my 2002 Frosh Report Just $15.00 1-800-654-3448
QB	Chad Munson 6-3 210 PS#199JC	
WR	Eugene Childs 6-0 193 PS#201JC	
RB	Ameer Ismail 6-2 235 PS#157	
DB	Jonathan Hall 6-1 185 PS#194	
DB	Willie Pope 6-2 185 PS#293JC	
WR	Justin LeMay 6-0 175 PS#208	
DT	Andy Endermann 6-2 284 PS#340JC	
WR	Christopher Chestnut 6-0 191 PS#341JC	
DL	Hausia Faleofa 6-1 250 PS#382JC	
DL	Dominic Moran 6-5 275 PS#295	
DB	Christian Hodges 6-2 195 PS#393JC	
WR	Joseph Chapple 6-0 180 PS#277	
DT	Jonathan Jones 6-1 294 PS#455	

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Aug. 29	Indiana St (Thur)	A					
Sep. 7	at Michigan	G					
Sep. 14	at Purdue	G					
Sep. 21							
Sep. 28	Virginia Tech	A					
Oct. 5	at Buffalo	G					
Oct. 12	UCF (HC)	A					
Oct. 19	at Bowling Green	G					
Oct. 26	N Illinois	A					
Nov. 2	at Ball St	G					
Nov. 9	E Michigan	A					
Nov. 16	Toledo	A					
Nov. 23	at C Michigan	A					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Broncos are 6-1 SU but 3-4 ATS their last 7 vs Akron.
WMU is 22-31 ATS the last 9 years as a favorite.
Broncos lead the Kent St series 30-18-1 SU.

WMU has won their L/3 non-lined games by a combined score of 150-35.
ISU went 3-8 last year as a member of the Gateway Athletic Conference.

Broncos are 1-6 SU, but 4-3 ATS vs Big 10 foes since 1993.
WMU is 11-20 ATS in August and September the last 8 years.

Pending LW: Broncos are 26-16 ATS as dogs the last 9 years.
Broncos are 6-1 ATS the week prior to a bye.

Bonus: WMU came into 2002 15-6 ATS in their last 21 non-MAC games.

WMU met the Hokies last year and lost 31-0 as 15 pt away dogs.
Broncos are 4-2 ATS (3-1 L/4) as a home dog under Darnell.

The Broncos are 7-17 ATS as away chalk since 1993.
W Michigan is 17-7 ATS in October their last 24 gms.

The Broncos are a perfect 3-0 SU & ATS in their L/3 Homecoming games.
This will be a start of a rivalry as the Knights join the MAC this year.

WMU is 3-0 ATS and 2-0-1 SU their last 3 trips to Doyt L. Perry.
Broncos are 5-1-1 SU and 6-1 ATS vs Bowling Green.

W Michigan is 20-7 SU in the N Illinois series.
Broncos are 5-1 SU, but 2-4 ATS their last 6 vs the Huskies.

LY BSU beat WMU 35-31, but since 1997 WMU is 4-1 SU and 3-2 ATS.
W Michigan leads the all-time series 18-10 SU.

WMU is 11-3 SU and 8-6 ATS at home in November, but 1-3 ATS L/3.
Broncos are 8-2 SU, but 3-7 ATS in this series since 1992.

WMU is 4-1 SU and ATS in their 2nd straight home game since 1995.
W Michigan is 2-8 SU and 4-6 ATS vs the Rockets since 1992.

Broncos are 3-7 ATS vs the Chippewas since 1992.
W Michigan is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 season finales.

Bonus: WMU is 0-6 SU and 0-5-1 ATS their last 6 trips to Central Michigan.

GARY DARNELL (Career 39-26)
6th Year at W Michigan
Darnell's records AT W MICHIGAN

36-21	Straight Up	10-6	Home Favorite
28-26	Vs The Spread	4-2	Home Dog
8-9	Off A S/U Loss	4-9	Away Favorite
21-21	Vs Conference	10-9	Away Dog
		7-5	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,19,3)
Lost: 17 (10,7,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,396

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	2-9	8-3	7-4	7-5	9-3	5-6	45-34
ATS	7-4	5-5	6-5	5-6	5-6	9-2	3-7	40-35
Home Fav	2-3	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-2	13-10
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	4-4
Away Fav	3-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2	2-2	0-2	7-10
Away Dog	2-1	4-1	3-2	1-2	2-2	3-0	1-3	16-11
Favorite	5-3	1-2	2-2	2-4	3-3	5-2	2-4	20-20
Dog	2-1	4-3	4-3	3-2	2-3	4-0	1-3	20-15
Grass	5-4	3-3	5-3	3-4	3-3	6-0	0-3	25-20
Artificial	2-0	2-2	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-2	3-4	15-15
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-5	7-2	3-5	29-29
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-1	1-1	2-0	0-2	11-6
Off SU Win	5-1	1-0	4-3	2-4	3-4	6-2	2-3	23-17
Off SU Loss	2-2	4-5	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-4	14-16

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Philip Reed	122	563	24	539	2	4.4
Charles Woods	94	342	19	323	4	3.4
Benny Clark	35	144	3	141	0	4.0
Jon Drach	55	269	145	124	0	2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Welsh	213	134	62.9	1702	15	4
Jon Drach	191	92	48.2	988	7	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Josh Bush	48	617	12.9	1	65
Darnell Jennings	32	311	9.7	2	25
Brandon Johnson	27	312	11.6	4	26
Kendrick Mosley	26	301	11.6	2	35
Mobolaji Afariogun	24	228	9.5	1	24
Antonio Thomas	22	307	14.0	3	57

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Anderson	44	1668	37.9	–	33.2	1	9

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Robert Menchinger	2-3	6-6	0-1	0-1	8-11	35

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bryan Lape	122	3	9	8	0
Jermaine Lewis	77	2	3	5	2
Jason Malloy	75	2	5	1	0
Brandon Brown	71	0	4	2	0
Jason Babin	56	7	6	0	0
Chris Browning	56	5	4	0	0
Jason Feldpausch	55	2	4	6	1
Anthony Allsbury	54	6	3	2	1
Joe Ballard	53	0	1	11	1
Ron Rogers	41	0	1	8	2
Wes Dodson	40	0	0	1	0
Jeff Westgate	39	0	4	1	0
Bryan Pinder	31	1	4	0	0
Jack Gitler	26	2	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Bush	25	158	6.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ron Rogers	25	583	23.3	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
61	Aviation	NL	New Mexico	12-28	–
88	Raisin	NL	Fresno St	30-35	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	25.2	19	100	3.1	258	56.5	14.2	-1	2001	7	24.2	20	186	4.0	180	57.7	15.1
8	29.9	22	169	4.1	232	58.1	13.4	-4	2000	5	11.6	16	105	2.7	178	51.9	24.4
9*	31.1	22	102	3.4	312	59.9	13.3	-9	1999	8	28.5	23	181	4.2	228	58.8	14.4
9*	32.7	25	158	4.1	310	58.2	14.3	-5	1998	6	28.4	21	146	3.4	236	57.4	13.4
6*	27.4	19	139	0.8	254	58.3	14.4	-5	1997	7	24.1	21	153	3.7	201	49.2	14.7
5	18.9	19	99	2.7	235	53.7	17.0	-8	1996	4	27.6	19	175	4.1	215	57.0	14.5

	OFFENSE				2001 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Illinois St	29	29 - 151	5.2	31 - 43	462	2	14	37 - 92	2.5	17 - 30	139	5	-2
at Virginia Tech	7	23 - 34	1.5	15 - 31	132	2	27	58 - 271	4.7	14 - 26	156	1	+1
at Michigan	24	25 - 13	0.5	36 - 58	374	7	23	39 - 188	4.8	18 - 30	284	1	-2
at E Michigan	18	36 - 158	4.4	21 - 35	205	2	14	38 - 146	3.8	16 - 29	93	4	0
Akron	26	31 - 140	4.5	26 - 42	353	2	20	53 - 241	4.5	13 - 27	114	2	-1
Bowling Green	27	32 - 58	1.8	28 - 42	333	3	24	43 - 217	5.0	20 - 33	202	2	+4
at N Illinois	11	30 - 105	3.5	15 - 32	170	3	16	56 - 171	3.1	10 - 18	147	4	-2
at Miami (Oh)	9	34 - 93	2.7	9 - 32	75	4	18	42 - 154	3.7	18 - 29	215	8	+1
at Toledo	21	33 - 89	2.7	24 - 35	291	3	24	47 - 273	5.8	17 - 25	217	1	-2
C Michigan	19	43 - 170	4.0	14 - 29	167	2	21	50 - 198	4.0	16 - 29	127	1	+1
Ball St	21	36 - 88	2.4	19 - 42	274	6	20	45 - 100	2.2	14 - 24	284	2	+1
TOTALS	212	352 - 1099	3.1	238 - 421	2836	36	221	508 - 2051	4.0	173 - 300	1978	31	-1
AVERAGES	19.3	32 - 100	3.1	22 - 38	258	3.3	20.1	46 - 186	4.0	16 - 27	180	2.8	-0.1

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	+2'	34-14	W
at Michigan St	+27	10-42	L
at N Illinois	-13	21-13	L
Toledo	+2'	13-23	L
at Ohio U	+14'	7-31	L
Ball St	-1'	21-13	W
at Bowling Green	+4	34-21	W
Kent St	-15'	50-27	W
at E Michigan	+1	41-38	W
C Michigan	-15	38-24	L
at NE Louisiana	+1'	32-19	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-18	37-23	L
at Indiana	+4'	30-45	L
at Toledo	+8	7-35	L
Ohio U	+3'	35-37	W
NE Louisiana	-6'	27-14	W
at Vanderbilt	+5	27-24	W
E Michigan	-10'	45-35	L
at C Michigan	-4	24-26	L
at Kent St	-16'	48-23	W
at Ball St	-10	24-23	L
Bowling Green	+2'	56-27	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+35'	26-55	W
Youngstown St	NL	46-28	–
at Missouri	+12'	34-48	L
at N Illinois	-8'	24-21	L
C Michigan	-14	38-16	W
at E Michigan (OT)	-8'	40-37	L
Buffalo	-33	45-17	L
Ball St	-18	28-0	W
at Akron	-1	24-10	W
Marshall	+11'	17-31	L
at Toledo	+3'	21-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+33	7-19	W
at Iowa	+7'	27-21	W
Indiana St	NL	56-0	–
Toledo	+2	21-14	W
Ohio U	-5'	23-10	W
at Marshall	+6'	30-10	W
N Illinois	-5'	52-22	W
at Kent St	-24	42-0	W
at Ball St	-22	42-3	W
at C Michigan	-35'	17-21	L
E Michigan	-26	28-0	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	48-7	–
at Virginia Tech	+15	0-31	L
at Michigan	+14	21-38	L
at E Michigan	-26	31-10	L
Akron	-10	31-14	W
Bowling Green	-8	37-28	W
at N Illinois	-5	12-20	L
at Miami (Oh)	+3	11-25	L
at Toledo	+11	35-41	W
C Michigan	-17'	20-17	L
Ball St	-10	31-35	L

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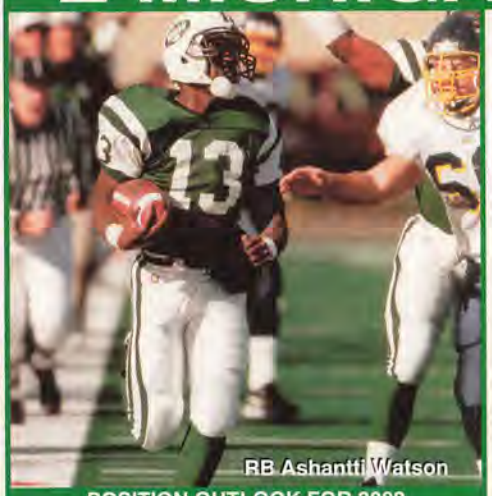
RB Ashantti Watson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - The Eagles have produced some outstanding QB's including Charlie Batch who was a 2nd round DC of DET in 1998 and then Walt Church who took over and simply broke most of Batch's school records. Last year for the first time in six years E Michigan had a QB battle in the spring. Troy Edwards (6-2 210 Sr) was PS#147 and the heir apparent. He played in 7 games in 2 years, throwing for 470 yards (61%) with a 2-2 ratio including one start. They brought in JUCO transfer Jeff Crooks, who with a strong arm and mobility, threw for 2,293 yards in 2000 which was the most of any California JUCO QB. A surprise in the spring was Collin Carey who has a very strong arm and had a mistake free spring. He was one of the trio contending for the starting job heading into the fall. Crooks, who had a little bit of problem picking up the system in the spring, ended up winning the starting job but he injured his shoulder in practice prior to the opener which attributed to him hitting just 5 of 14 and was replaced by Edwards. Crooks was not able to play the next week and Edwards started. Edwards hit just 10 of 22 for 69 yards before bruising his tailbone vs Maryland then Carey came off the bench to hit 5 of 7 for 31 but the team generated little offense. Crooks was healthy enough to start in Week 3 and hit 16 of 33 for 179 yards but the shoulder would put him out for the rest of the year and he opted for the medical redshirt. They originally wanted to redshirt mobile true frosh Kainoa Akina who had the strongest arm on the team. However, Akina came out of nowhere to start the 4th game and hit 15 of 26 for 91 yards but fumbled twice, setting up a pair of TD's, and also threw an int. Akina ended up starting 7 of the last 8 games and had some impressive outings. He suffered a sprained knee and burst the bursa sac on his elbow against CM but still threw for 288 yards. He sat out the next week against Toledo and Edwards started, but Akina was back vs Akron and threw for 392 yards with 6 TD's. Akina finished throwing 1,504 yards (52.4%) with a 14-11 ratio while also rushing for 332 yards and should do better with a year's worth of seasoning. Crooks and Edwards are also back along with Chinedu Okoro (6-1 204 So) who was PS#250. This unit has a ton more experience than it did heading into last season and I look for vastly improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 EMU had all of its top rushers returning but they ended up all missing the season for a myriad of reasons and ex-WR John White led the team in rushing with 561 yards (3.6). Last year 3 of the top 4 rushers departed and the leading returning rusher Ashantti Watson (353 yds, 4.2 in 2000), ended up getting in just 15 carries before being lost for the season with a foot injury in the second game. Gary Stanford earned the 2nd string spot in the spring but was not on the roster in the fall. Eric Powell rolled up 583 yards rushing in 1999 and was expected to contribute last year, but could not make grades. Ime Akpan, a transfer from Youngstown St, tore his ACL in the spring game and missed the first seven. That meant that true frosh Chris R. Roberson handled the bulk of the duties and he had four 100 yard rushing outings including 101 in the opener vs SE Missouri St and 113 vs W Mich. After missing the majority of the UConn and Ball St games due to injury (11 yards) he had 154 yards vs Buffalo and 173 vs C Michigan to end up leading the team with 755 yards and a solid 4.5 ypc. When Roberson was injured another true frosh, Aaron Walker, got in 3 starts and rushed for 141 yards (3.0) but he is no longer with the team. Akpan returned for the final 4 games and rushed for 98 yards (3.9) including an acrobatic TD vs Toledo. Roberson, Watson and Akpan return, and they also add an HT soph who could contend for starting honors in Kaliym Hazel (5-9 180 So) who was PS#91 last year but DNQ. This year almost everyone is back and naturally this group is more experienced and should be less injury prone.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 EMU had to replace their top 2 receivers but Kenny Christian and Kevin Walter stepped up and simply were the 4th most productive receiving tandem in the NCAA. Christian led the MAC in rec's with 78 and Walter added 55. Last year the Eagles did add Cincinnati transfer Chris Archie (6-4 207) but Christian lost his appeal for a 6th season which was a big loss. Erik Ibom was one of the fastest players on the team but had just 13 rec's (10.2) last year. They also had to replace two TE's who combined for 14 starts. This year they lose WR Archie (3 sts, 22 rec, 9.4), WR Jamal Stevens (8 sts, 27 rec, 10.4) and WR Terrance Lloyd (2 sts, #2 with 31 rec) and they were the #2, #3 and #4 receivers. The team was hit hard at TE last year with Brett Wells and true frosh Tom Kaleita both having season ending injuries after earning starts. Kaleita moves to the OL this year. This is one unit where I expect some true frosh to play and they are actually a little more experienced than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Eagles actually had to replace a 1st round NFL DC at this position in LJ Shelton. In 2000 Woodruff inherited a veteran unit with 4 starters returning but it was not deep and they played just 6 OL's on a regular basis. The unit paved the way for 3.0 ypc rushing while allowing 17 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 3 full-time starters back and 5 overall that had starting experience. That veteran group opened the holes for 3.2 ypc rushing but the sack total increased to 32. This year they have some big losses as gone are C Cory Annett (11 sts, 4 yr st'r), RT Rich Chorak (10 sts, 4 yr st'r, #3 overall selection in the CFL), LT John Grabowski (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and RG Chuck Butkowski (10 sts) as well as backup OT Jonas Jackson. Four players do return with starting experience but only one can be classified as a returning starter and that is LG Dan Davis who started the first 6 last year until injury. While last year's offensive front was far from dominating, this year's is clearly less experienced and I will classify them as being in a rebuilding mode along the front wall.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Eagles had a solid rush defense in 1998-'99, allowing just 3.7 and 3.6 ypc. They switched to the 4-3 in 2000 and had to replace 2 starters due to graduation but did have 4 players back with starting experience. Surprisingly the team allowed 4.5 ypc and the defense as a whole recorded just 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but once again had 4 players back with starting experience. True frosh DE Matt Kudu ended up at one of the starting spots and in fact, three true frosh were in the 2 deep. This year the only losses are DT James Turner (11 sts, 41 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Antone Hines (5 sts, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl) and DE Elliott Daniels (2 sts, 3 tkls). Overall the Eagles defense allowed an improved 4.0 ypc rushing but the team's sack total dropped to 15. I project 3 seniors as starters on the wall and they do get some added talent like Minnesota transfer Jerry Barnes (6-6 230 So) and possibly James Booker who was PS#97LB last year but DNQ. I think this year's defensive front will continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - EMU has featured a veteran LB corps the last few years but that will not be the case this season. Their outstanding LB combo of MLB Scott Russell (11 sts, 115 tkls, 16 tfl, 4 yr st'r) and SLB Ken Philpot (10 sts, 112 tkls, 29 tfl, 3 yr st'r) were together for the bulk of the last 4 years and they both depart. Also gone this year is LB Fred Bateman (7 sts, 61 tkls, 2 pbu). Russell and Philpot will clearly be tough to replace. I list the 2 deep below and there are some HT's in the group but clearly this unit is a lot less experienced and will be weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - EMU finished #91 in my pass D rankings in 1999 but even having to replace 3 starters in 2000 and then having their lone returning starter and another projected starter go down to injuries for the season they still moved up to #88. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups due to graduation but did bring in a top-notch JUCO in Marvin Harris who started all 11 games. Starting SS David Huff did not play and starting CB Andre Brooks lost his starting job and by year's end two true frosh were starters and another frosh was a backup. This year they must replace FS Harris (11 sts, 77 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu), SS Terrance Dills (3 sts, 28 tkls, 1 tfl), CB Brooks (4 sts, 45 tkls, 8 pbu) and FS London Lindsey (2 sts, 25 tkls, 2 tfl). Basically 3 full-time starters are back and those true frosh are now soph's, plus they bring in another top-notch JUCO. EMU was #92 in my pass D rankings last season, allowing 54.6% with a 13-6 ratio and I look for them to improve upon that number.

SPECIAL TEAMS - EMU was just #108 in my special teams rankings in 1998, #74 in 1999 and in Woodruff's first year they finished #98. Kicker Toller Starnes (PS#30) set an EMU record with 17 FG's in 1999 and hit 11 of 14 in 2000. He was bothered by a strained knee last year so Ohio St transfer Eric Klaban handled the bulk of the duties. Starnes hit 5 of 8 with a long of 33 but Klaban, showing his strong leg, hit 7 of 10 with a long of 48 and one of his misses was from 50+. JUCO transfer David Rysko took over the punting duties and averaged only 35.8 with a net of 32.8 but should improve. Their top PR, Terrance Lloyd, averaged a poor 3.8 and the team averaged just 18.0 on KR's with Roberson (23.1), Lloyd (17.3) and frosh WB Chrish Talley (16.5) each getting 12 returns. The team allowed 23.8 on KO returns which was a big drop off from the 17.0 they allowed in 2000. In the Woodruff years they have been -5 and -2 in the TD/Blk category. EMU finished almost dead last in this category last year at #115 out of #117 and I look for significant improvement in the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Jeff Woodruff was brought in as head coach in 2000 after being the RB coach at Arizona and the OC at Washington from 1992-'94. He inherited just 63 scholarship players and said they had guys who could only bench 200 lbs trying to block guys benching 400 lbs. They tried to play smashmouth football with players recruited for a finesse offense. They went from a 4-7 record to a 3-8 record in his first year and were outscored by an average of 12.8 ppg. Last year they had to replace 22 lettermen, the second most in the conference, and the record slipped again, this time to 2-9, and they were outscored by 14.5 ppg. They did play 11 true frosh last year and they were picked to finish last in the West and that is exactly where they ended up with just 1 MAC victory, and that was over Buffalo. They also lost to a IAA team and were shut out by UConn. The offense was very poor at the start of the year but did get better down the stretch. In strictly MAC games, EMU finished 10th in the league in offense (13th if you include all games) and were a surprising #8 defensively although they gave up the most points at 36.3 ppg in conference play. Once again EMU loses a large amount of lettermen (21) and only have 29 returning. That 58% lettermen returning is the lowest mark in the MAC. They were -7 in turnovers last year and new coaches usually hit their stride in the 3rd year when the bulk of the players become their own recruits. I like the skill players on offense led by QB Akina, RB Roberson and WR Walter but those players need the O-line (1 starter returning), to gel quickly. Defensively, 6 starters are back and the team has allowed more points in 4 consecutive years and may finally end that trend. Overall this has the makings of another rebuilding season for EMU as the MAC is a much improved conference and escaping the West basement would be an accomplishment.

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OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KAINOA AKINA SO. 5-11 192 *PS#149. 7 sts as **true**, 1504 yds (52.4%), 14-11 ratio, 332 rush. Jeff Crooks (6-2 206 Jr) 2293 yds pass, 504 rush at JC in 2000. 2 sts here LY, inj. RS.*

RB CHRIS R. ROBERSON SO. 5-10 185 *PS#403. 10 sts as **true**, 755 yds (4.5) incl four 100 yd gms. Ashantti Watson (5-10 202 Jr) 353 yds (4.2) in 2000. **Kaliym Hazel** (5-9 180 So).*

WR Dan Fugate Fr. 6-3 200 *PS#444, long jumper on EMU track team. Adam Jacobs (6-2 205 So) 1 start as rFr. James Stanford (6-2 193 So) PS#232DB in 2001.*

WR KEVIN WALTER SR. 6-3 220 *PS#370. 10 sts, 55 rec (13.1) in 2000. 11 sts LY, 62 rec (12.1). **HM MAC**. Alonzo Harris (6-2 195 So) ran relays on track tm in high school.*

WR Erik Ibom Sr. 6-2 196 *13 rec (9.1) as true. 6 sts LY, 13 rec (10.2). Chris Talley (5-11 174 So) PS#240, 1 rec, 198 ret yds as **true**. Trumaine Riley is PS#369RB.*

TE KEVIN ZUREKI JR. 6-2 251 *PS#214LB. 4 sts as rFr, 12 rec (9.3), 7 sts in 2001, 10 rec (11.1). Brett Wells (6-2 252 Jr) 3 sts in 2000, 2 sts LY until inj. 4 rec (16.0) 2 years.*

C Scott Golem So. 6-5 282 *PS#235OL. 4 sts (2 at LG, 2 at RG) as **true** in 2001. Lloyd Wilson (6-3 290 Jr) 2 year starter at JUCO. Brian Harper (6-0 284 rFr).*

RG Derrick Swanigan Jr. 6-3 361 *PS#435, **361 lbs**! PQ in 2000. 2nd string LY. Brian Booth (6-3 295 rFr). Steven Godbold (6-1 280 So). Paul Rapien (6-3 243 rFr) PS#472.*

LG DAN DAVIS SO. 6-4 270 *PS#285DL. 2nd string RT as true but RS. First 6 starts last year as rFr until inj. Germayle Cowser (6-2 260 rFr). Michael Romeli is PS#188.*

RT Tom Kaleita So. 6-5 275 *1 start at TE LY, 4 games until injury. Moves to OT. Mario Tucker (6-3 320 So) PS#435OL. Sam Estes (6-5 342 rFr) PS#473OL.*

LT Michael Johnson Jr. 6-3 300 *PS#323OL. 1 game as rFr. 3 sts at RT in 2001, lettered. Brad Kegebein (6-6 252 rFr) PS#440DL. Robert Seehase (6-7 273 Fr).*

K Eric Klaban Sr. 5-10 171 ***Ohio St transfer**. Hit 7 of 10 FG's here last year with long of 48. 4 of 5 from 40-49, 1 miss from 50+! Brian Klaban (5-7 190 rFr).*

DE MATT KUDU SO. 6-3 272 *PS#364. Canadian. 7 sts as **true**. 41 tkls, 2 sk, 2 tfl. Oliver Gagnon-Gordillo (6-2 243 rFr) PS#419, Canadian. Jerry Barnes orig @ **Minnesota** (PS#318).*

DT JARI BROWN SR. 6-4 265 *PS#81. L/5 sts as rFr, 25 tkls, 7 tfl. 7 sts in 2000, 28 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, 30 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 pbu. Brian Jenkins (6-1 240 Jr) PS#299LB, 8 tkls, 3 tfl LY.*

DT Hammond Russell Sr. 6-3 279 *3 tkls as rFR. 1 tkl in 2000. 14 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Eric Pettway (6-2 270 So) 12 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl as **true**. Sean Simms (6-5 275 Fr) from Canada.*

DE CHRIS J. ROBERSON SR. 6-1 240 *Former walk-on. 8 sts, 11 games in 2001, 15 tkls, 2 tfl. Matt Lisek (6-2 245 rFr) PS#249OL. James Booker (6-5 235 So) PS#97LB DNQ LY.*

SLB Kevin Harrison So. 6-1 225 *PS#250QB. Nagging inj's L2Y. Mike Salvatori (6-2 216 Jr) PS#326LB. 1 st, 14 tkls as rFr. 9 tkls in 2001. Lucian Nichols (6-1 235 So) PS#236.*

MLB David Lusky Jr. 6-2 230 *PS#361LB. 16 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 2 sts, 34 tkls, 4 tfl LY. **Steve Bednarik** (6-1 220 rFr) PS#276LB. **Jamar White** (6-3 235 Fr) is PS#100LB.*

WLB Keyvon Barbee So. 5-10 225 *PS#315LB. 2 starts as **true**, 11 tackles, 10 games. **John Wester** (6-0 241 rFr) PS#169LB. Chris Whittington (6-0 228 Sr) 360 bench.*

CB ERICK MIDDLETON SR. 5-10 175 *PS#299DB. 1 start, 3 tkls as **true**. 1 st, 8 tackles in 2000. 11 sts last year. 56 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 int, 7 pbu. Steven Lewis (5-8 155 So).*

CB MICHAEL WOODS SO. 5-10 166 *PS#439. 6 sts as **true**, 22 tkls, 2 tfl, 6 pbu. Nate Brooks (5-8 168 So) 8 tkls as rFr, PS#450RB. Jereme Perry (6-0 192 Jr) PS#450WR.*

SS JERRY GAINES SO. 6-2 180 *PS#388DB. 8 starts as **true**, 33 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu, 10 games. Corey Parker (6-1 195 So). Rontrell Woodruff (5-11 185 So) PS#252DB.*

FS Jamie Manor Jr. 6-0 200 *Played as true at Weber St. 92 tackles at JUCO LY. PS#401JC, in for spring. Mark Carter (5-11 190 So). Corey Edwards (5-10 185 So).*

P DAVID RYSKO JR. 6-1 197 *JUCO in 1999. RS here in 2000. 88 punts in 2001, 35.8 average and net of **32.8** last year. Eric Klaban is an Ohio St transfer.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Jamar White 6-3 235 PS#100
DB	Manesse Zephir 6-0 205 PS#203
LB	Mike Romeli 6-3 290 PS#188
LB	Zach Harris 6-0 245 PS#292
DB	Jamie Manor 6-0 200 PS#402JC
DL	Reggie Woods 6-3 275 PS#351
RB	Trumaine Riley 5-9 165 PS#372
LB	Martez Ivery 6-1 215 PS#424
WR	Courtney Evans 6-4 190 PS#388
OL	Jason Siepka 6-5 285 PS#568
TE	Kevin Howe 6-3 240 PS#150
DB	Oscar Caywood 5-11 170 PS#542
WR	Dan Fugate 6-3 200 PS#450
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Sep. 21	at Maryland	G						
Sep. 28	S Illinois (HC)	A						
Oct. 5	Akron	A						
Oct. 12	at Ohio U	G						
Oct. 19	at Ball St	G						
Oct. 26								
Nov. 2	C Michigan	A						
Nov. 9	at W Michigan	A						
Nov. 16	N Illinois	A						
Nov. 23	at Bowling Green	G						
Nov. 30								

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

E Michigan is 1-8 SU and 3-6 ATS vs Miami (Oh).
Eagles are 6-2 SU and ATS vs Kent St.
E Michigan is 2-10 ATS in their first lined game of the season.

EMU is 0-9 SU & 2-6-1 ATS vs current Big 10 tms, being outscored 396-52 in that span.
E Michigan is 2-15 ATS the last 8 years vs non-conference opponents.

Eagles are 32-23-1 ATS vs conference opponents the L7Y, 6-1 ATS LY.
EMU is 12-36 SU and 18-22-1 ATS in September since 1990.

The Eagles beat the Indians last year 16-12 in the season opener.
The Indians went 4-7 as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

EMU is 3-11 ATS on grass the last 5 years.
Eagles are 6-15 ATS off a SU win the last 7 years.

Won't apply: Since NL, but EMU is 1-4 ATS the L5Y in their Homecoming game.
S Illinois Salukis were 1-10 LY as a member of the Div IAA Gateway Athletic Conf.

E Michigan is 7-11-1 ATS in their last 19 October games.
Eagles are 5-2 SU and 6-1 ATS vs the Zips since 1994.

EMU is 2-8 SU, but 7-3 ATS in their L/10 meetings played in the state of OH.
The Eagles are 6-4 SU but 1-7-2 ATS vs Ohio U.

EMU is 5-7 SU and ATS vs the Cardinals since 1990.
E Michigan is 0-3 SU and ATS in games prior to a bye since 1998.

EMU is 2-5 SU, but 6-1 ATS in November the last 2 years.
Eagles are 4-7-1 SU and 10-2 ATS vs C Michigan since 1990.

The home team is 3-0 ATS in this series the last 3 years.
Eagles are 3-9 SU but 8-4 ATS vs W Michigan (6-2 ATS at Rynearson).

EMU is 2-3 SU, but 3-2 ATS vs the Huskies in this short series.
The Eagles are 7-5 SU, but 4-8 ATS in home finales since 1990.

EMU is 2-6 SU, but 5-2 ATS in away finales since 1994.
Eagles are 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS vs the Falcons since 1990.

JEFF WOODRUFF (Career 5-17)

3rd Year at E Michigan

Woodruff's records AT E MICHIGAN

5-17	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
9-11	Vs The Spread	2-4	Home Dog
7-7	Off A S/U Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
8-6	Vs Conference	5-5	Away Dog
		1-5	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 5* DEFENSE: 6

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STADIUM: RYNEARSON (30,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	4-7	3-8	4-7	3-8	2-9	25-52
ATS	5-5	5-6	5-5	6-4	4-6-1	3-8	6-3	34-37-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	0-1-1	1-1	1-0	6-8-1
Home Dog	0-1	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	1-3	1-1	7-9
Away Fav	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	4-2
Away Dog	2-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	2-4	1-4	4-1	17-18
Favorite	3-1	1-1	3-2	1-2	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	10-10-1
Dog	2-4	4-5	2-3	5-2	4-4	2-7	5-2	24-27
Grass	2-1	1-1	0-1	2-2	1-2	0-4	0-2	6-13
Artificial	3-4	4-5	5-4	4-2	3-4-1	3-4	6-1	28-24-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	5-4	6-3	4-3-1	2-5	6-1	32-23-1
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-3	0-2	2-14
Off SU Win	2-3	0-2	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	1-1	6-15
Off SU Loss	2-2	5-3	4-2	6-2	3-2-1	2-5	5-2	27-18-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
C.R. Roberson	**167**	**844**	**89**	**755**	**3**	**4.5**
Kainoa Akina	**84**	**332**	**155**	**177**	**0**	**2.1**
Aaron Walker	47	162	21	141	1	3.0
Ime Akpan	**25**	**100**	**2**	**98**	**4**	**3.9**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kainoa Akina	**267**	**140**	**52.4**	**1504**	**14**	**11**
Troy Edwards	**75**	**34**	**45.3**	**320**	**0**	**3**
Jeff Crooks	**47**	**21**	**44.7**	**221**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kevin Walter	**62**	**748**	**12.1**	**6**	**65**
Terrance Lloyd	31	393	12.7	2	52
Jamal Stevens	27	280	10.4	2	26
C.R. Roberson	**23**	**91**	**4.0**	**1**	**25**
Chris Archie	22	207	9.4	2	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
David Rysko	**88**	**3152**	**35.8**	**–**	**32.8**	**1**	**13**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Eric Klaban	**2-3**	**1-1**	**4-5**	**0-1**	**7-10**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Scott Russell	115	2	14	3	0
Kenny Philpot	113	5	24	2	0
Marvin Harris	77	0	2	6	1
Fred Bateman	61	0	0	2	0
Erick Middleton	**56**	**0**	**2**	**7**	**3**
Andrae Brooks	45	1	5	8	1
James Turner	41	3	2	0	0
Matt Kudu	**41**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Antone Hines	36	2	6	1	1
David Lusky	**34**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Jerry Gaines	**33**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Jari Brown	**30**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ashantti Watson	**9**	**73**	**8.1**	**0**
Terrance Lloyd	13	50	3.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
C.R. Roberson	**12**	**277**	**23.1**	**0**
Terrance Lloyd	12	208	17.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pioneer	NL	Louisiana Tech	3-14	–
87	Las Vegas	NL	San Jose St	30-27	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	17.9	17	109	3.2	192	50.0	16.8	-7	2001	6	32.4	20	178	4.0	198	54.6	11.6
6*	19.0	17	95	3.0	219	59.3	16.5	+1	2000	6	31.8	21	194	4.5	211	56.1	12.7
7*	21.7	16	83	2.6	227	54.8	14.2	0	1999	7	30.7	20	157	3.6	229	56.3	12.6
4	19.6	19	89	2.6	274	57.7	18.4	-1	1998	3	28.1	23	166	3.7	225	59.2	13.9
8*	29.9	24	125	3.7	301	57.0	14.3	-2	1997	7	32.0	24	236	5.2	227	53.7	14.5
8*	19.1	20	104	2.9	243	51.2	18.1	-10	1996	7	25.8	18	184	3.8	161	49.3	13.4

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
SE Missouri St	18	37 - 159	4.3	16 - 38	191	1	19	39 - 105	2.7	17 - 35	222	5	-1
at Maryland	9	29 - 24	0.8	15 - 30	100	5	27	52 - 280	5.4	16 - 25	196	0	-1
Indiana St	15	31 - 89	2.9	16 - 33	179	3	19	49 - 168	3.4	9 - 17	101	3	+1
W Michigan	14	38 - 146	3.8	16 - 29	93	4	18	36 - 158	4.4	21 - 35	205	2	0
at Connecticut	12	28 - 31	1.1	20 - 40	160	1	17	40 - 108	2.7	14 - 32	180	0	-3
Ball St	17	34 - 160	4.7	19 - 41	193	2	18	53 - 217	4.1	8 - 23	95	2	-1
Buffalo	22	43 - 225	5.2	16 - 25	155	2	21	34 - 110	3.2	20 - 46	242	1	-1
at N Illinois	19	33 - 58	1.8	21 - 38	225	4	14	38 - 133	3.5	15 - 28	205	0	-3
at C Michigan	25	41 - 187	4.6	23 - 50	321	3	16	40 - 266	6.7	14 - 23	185	0	+3
at Toledo	8	23 - 8	0.3	13 - 30	102	3	23	47 - 189	4.0	23 - 29	236	0	+1
at Akron	26	36 - 111	3.1	27 - 50	392	4	27	58 - 219	3.8	21 - 33	313	2	-2
TOTALS	185	373 - 1198	3.2	202 - 404	2111	32	219	486 - 1953	4.0	178 - 326	2180	15	-7
AVERAGES	16.8	34 - 109	3.2	18 - 37	192	2.9	19.9	44 - 178	4.0	16 - 30	198	1.4	-0.6

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+16	24-44	L
at Toledo	+7	35-38	W
Kent St	-21	38-41	L
at C Michigan	+3	31-24	W
Ohio U	+8	7-47	L
Ball St	-2'	38-32	W
Akron	-9	45-0	W
at Marshall	+21	25-48	L
W Michigan	-1	38-41	L
at N Illinois	-7'	34-10	W
at UCF	NL	10-27	–

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	10-13	–
at Ball St	+9	13-7	W
at Michigan	+35	20-59	L
Marshall	+14'	23-26	W
at Kent St	-8'	26-17	W
C Michigan (OT)	-3'	23-36	L
at W Michigan	+10'	35-45	W
N Illinois	-10'	14-26	L
at Ohio U	+13'	21-49	L
at Akron	+8	21-24	W
Toledo	+12	10-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+32	7-51	L
at Miami (Oh)	+24'	14-35	W
Akron	+1	38-17	W
at Louisville	+23	10-45	L
W Michigan (OT)	+8'	37-40	W
Ohio U	-1	27-26	T
at Toledo	+10'	20-13	W
at UCF	+8	6-31	L
Ball St	-11	31-21	L
at C Michigan	-3'	26-29	L
at N Illinois	+4'	23-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-20	32-25	L
Miami (Oh)	+10	17-34	L
at S Carolina	+23	6-41	L
at Temple	+14'	40-49	W
UCF	+5'	10-31	L
Toledo	+17'	14-42	L
at Ball St	+6	14-33	L
at Bowling Green	+9'	6-20	L
C Michigan	-9	31-15	W
N Illinois	+14'	39-32	W
at W Michigan	+26	0-28	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SE Missouri St	NL	16-12	–
at Maryland	+25	3-50	L
Indiana St	NL	14-21	–
W Michigan	+26	10-31	W
at Connecticut	-1'	0-19	L
Ball St	+9	14-35	L
Buffalo	-3	24-20	W
at N Illinois	+24	17-40	W
at C Michigan	+13	30-35	W
at Toledo	+33	7-28	W
at Akron	+17	62-65	W

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 SUN BELT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Brian Lindgren, Idaho	Jon Von Cleave, UL-Lft	Scott Hall, N Texas
RB	Dwone Hicks, MTSU	Jerome Coleman, UL-Lft	Walter Taylor, N Mex St
RB	Kevin Galbreath, N Texas	Blair Lewis, Idaho	Reshard Lee, MTSU
WR	Tyrone Calico, MTSU	Chris Belser, Idaho	George Marshall, N Texas
WR	Fred Stamps, UL-Lft	Kerry Wright, Mid Tenn	P.J. Winston, N Mex St
WR	Nick Dugas, UL-Lft	TE Jeff Muenchow, N Texas	TE Quan Domineck, MTSU
C	B.J. Van Briesen, N Mex St	Matt Martinez, Idaho	Glen Elarbee, MTSUn
G	John Crossley, Ark St	Nick Zuniga, N Texas	Robert Mitchell, Idaho
G	Shalimar Jackson, N Mex St	Kevin Pascoe, MTSU	Shane Luna, ULM
T	Steve Mascorro, N Mex St	Steven Gibbs, Ark St	Julius Gant, MTSU
T	Garry Johnson, Ark St	Brandon Westbrook, MTSU	J.R. Randle, N Texas
DL	Jonathan Bradley, Ark St	John Thompson, ULM	Brandon Kania, Idaho
DL	Brandon Kennedy, N Texas	Brian Rucker, Ark St	Corey Williams, Ark St
DL	Jeff Littlejohn, MTSU	Joe Olivo, N Mex St	Chris McIver, N Texas
DL	Walter Sampson, UL-Lft	Daniel Giles, Ark St	Derace James, UL-Lft
LB	Cody Spencer, N Texas	Blake Morris, MTSU	Eddie Walker, Ark St
LB	Reginald Everett, Ark St	Ross Brupbacher, UL-Lft	Marrious Berry, UL-Lft
LB	Maurice Sonnier, ULM	Koryee Wyatt, N Texas	Alvin Fite, MTSU
CB	Robert Candidate, N Mex St	Ed Rankin, Idaho	Seneca Lee, ULM
CB	Charles Tillman, UL-Lft	Cash Mouton, ULM	Atiba Dauzart, UL-Lft
SS	Siddeeq Shabazz, N Mex St	Craig Jones, N Texas	Sergio Robleto, Idaho
FS	Jonas Buckles, N Texas	Ty Gifford, N Mex St	Nate Nichols, Idaho
K	Brian Kelly, MTSU	Jonathon Knott, UL-Lft	Eric Neihouse, Ark St
P	Robert Billings, MTSU	Mike Alexander, Ark St	Brian Copple, N Mex St
KR	Kerry Wright, MTSU	Jamie Hickenbotham, Ark St	Cedric Thompson, Idaho
PR	Nick Dugas, UL-Lft	Ty Jackson, N Texas	Mikkal Henry, ULM

Louisiana-Lft
WR Nick Dugas

Mid Tenn St
RB Dwone Hicks

PHIL STEELE'S 2002 SUN BELT FORECAST

1. MID TENN ST - The Blue Raiders were the best team talent-wise last year in the Sun Belt but only managed a share of the Title and did not get to the New Orleans Bowl. This year they have the second fewest starters returning in the conference (15) and tie for the most lettermen lost (20). Still, this is a loaded team that has my #1 rated offense in the league and #4 rated defense. Provided their new QB does a good job this year, when they do host N Texas St it will be for the League Title. The Blue Raiders should enjoy being in the "Big Easy" this year.

2. N TEXAS - What a year 2001 was for N Texas. After an 0-5 start it looked like the head coach, Darrell Dickey, would not be around but they simply won 5 of 6 in league play thanks, in good part, to a +9 in turnovers. They may not have as much good fortune this year, but they are a more talented team. They return 19 starters, the most of any team that went to a bowl last year and also the most of any team in this conference. They also have a big advantage over the rest of their Sun Belt opponents because they got in extra bowl practices, which helped the backups gain experience. This is clearly a stronger team than what they fielded last year which makes them a direct threat to repeat as the Sun Belt Champs. They do have to travel to Murfreesboro (MTSU) in the probable league deciding game and that will make repeating a chore, but still very possible.

3. LOUISIANA-LFT - The Ragin' Cajuns did not catch a lot of breaks last year leading N Mexico St 38-20, outfirstdowning MTSU 24-17 and yet coming up short on the scoreboard in both. In league play, ULL had the 3rd best offense, averaging 424 ypg and the 2nd best defense, allowing just 363.8. Despite their 2-4 league record, they outgained opponents by 60.2 ypg. This year they have 16 starters back and one of the key games to their season could be October 26th when they host N Texas St, as a victory there will have them fighting for the League Title. Rickey Bustle benefits from inheriting a team that Jerry Baldwin had built to be a contender this year and it looks like they will be just that.

4. IDAHO - I thought Idaho would be a league contender last season, but they finished 1-10 because their defense was annihilated on a weekly basis. They had the most potent offense and in fact, despite their 1-5 record in league play, Idaho outgained foes by a 549.7-472.3 average. The defense can only be better than last year's and QB Lindgren passed for over 637 yards against MTSU, so you know he is capable of big things this year. The Vandals have 15 starters back and after turning out a -16 in the turnovers last year, that could mean they are headed for big things this season. Can Idaho go from last place to first place in one year? The potential is there.

5. N MEXICO ST - I really like the job Tony Samuel is doing here, building the program to be a lot like Nebraska, even down to running the exact same offense. This year he has by far the most inexperienced unit in the Sun Belt with just 9 starters returning with the next lowest team having 15. That will make moving up in the standings a difficult chore. Also last year NMS, which finished 4-2 in league play, only outgained foes by 14 ypg and had the 5th best defense in the league. Never count Samuel out and last year they could have easily beaten Louisville as they outgained them mightily, however with the schedule and inexperience, this may be a rebuilding year for the Aggies.

6. UL MONROE - Bobby Keasler says that his last 2 contingents have been very young and that youth has been a problem, but it will not be a problem this year. The team is keeping him on for a 4th season even though they were just 2-9 last year. They get to host Arkansas St, which should clearly keep them out of the basement, and need just an upset or two to move past that. They have a veteran team with 54 returning lettermen and this is definitely a make or break year for Keasler.

7. ARKANSAS ST - I think Joe Hollis was building towards this year. Last year Arkansas St was the least experienced team in the league with just 9 returning starters and only had 51% of its lettermen back, among the lowest in the NCAA. This year they are a vastly more experienced team with 16 starters back and 54 lettermen as well. They do have a new head coach, new systems to learn and the schedule is not easy, including a pivotal game against ULM on the road. While all of the teams in the Sun Belt do appear stronger this year, I have to pick somebody for last and that's where the power ratings put the Indians this year.

Idaho's Offensive Line

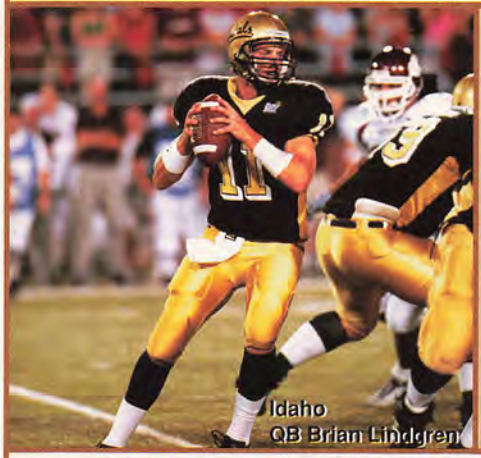
Sun Belt Notes: Due to the fact that this league has a lot of teams new to 1A and money is tight in their athletic budgets because of low home attendance, the league teams are forced to play a lot of money games. A money game is when they travel to take on a major college team in order to land a fat paycheck from the trip. The result of these money games saw the leagues 7 teams win a grand total of THREE non-conference games and two of those were by Middle Tennessee St. The Sun Belt was actually 1-4 SU vs 1AA teams last year!!!!! Then to add to the commissioners nightmare, the League Champ ended up being 5-6 North Texas instead of Mid Tenn St, which beat an SEC school and was 8-3 on the year. All in all, it was not the type of inaugural season they wanted. However, they still got a team into a bowl game thanks to their ties to the New Orleans Bowl. They look like a much improved league this year and should fare better in the non-conference games. N Texas is stronger this year and will give Mid Tenn St a run for the money and a trip to New Orleans will be a nice prize for this year's champ.

2001 SUN BELT VS SUN BELT OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
24	Mid Tenn St	41.3	1	469.7	2	216.3	2	5.1	1	253.3	70.4	1	11.4	14	13
58	Idaho	39.0	2	549.7	1	116.7	6	3.7	4	433.0	66.1	2	14.1	22	17
82	N Mexico St	34.8	3	421.8	4	242.8	1	5.1	2	179.0	58.5	4	12.1	13	4
109	N Texas	33.3	4	345.8	5	198.5	3	4.2	3	147.3	55.8	5	10.4	10	11
110	Louisiana-Lft	27.2	5	424.0	3	122.7	5	3.7	5	301.3	62.7	3	15.6	12	10
114	Arkansas St	15.0	7	258.0	7	136.2	4	3.3	6	121.8	44.4	7	17.2	12	16
117	UL Monroe	17.5	6	279.3	6	81.2	7	2.7	7	198.2	55.4	6	16.0	8	15

2001 SUN BELT VS SUN BELT DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
72	N Texas	17.3	1	361.3	1	116.0	1	3.50	2	245.3	58.8	3	20.8	20	12
93	Mid Tenn St	25.3	2	394.8	5	135.5	2	3.58	3	259.3	59.5	4	15.6	13	11
96	UL Monroe	25.3	2	374.7	3	143.0	3	3.46	1	231.7	66.7	7	14.8	13	15
98	Louisiana-Lft	32.0	5	363.8	2	192.8	6	4.45	6	171.0	50.7	1	11.4	12	12
100	N Mexico St	27.2	4	407.8	6	160.3	4	4.33	5	247.5	57.9	2	15.0	17	15
113	Arkansas St	32.3	6	376.2	4	162.7	5	4.24	4	213.5	63.6	5	11.6	10	6
117	Idaho	48.7	7	472.3	7	206.7	7	4.77	7	265.7	64.4	6	9.7	7	10

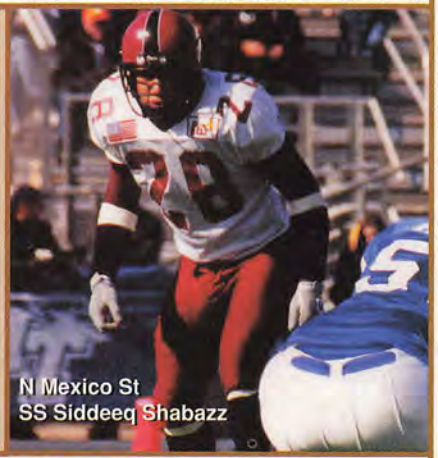

Idaho
QB Brian Lindgren

2001 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
North Texas	5	1	200	104	5	7	275	293
Mid Tenn St	5	1	248	152	8	3	408	286
N Mexico St	4	2	209	163	5	7	286	400
Louisiana-Lft	2	4	163	192	3	8	234	365
UL Monroe	2	4	105	152	2	9	148	351
Arkansas St	2	4	90	194	2	9	177	357
Idaho	1	5	234	292	1	10	313	495

2000 SUN BELT TEAM RECORDS

	W	L	PF	PA		W	L	PF	PA
Mid Tenn St	6	5	350	316	N Texas	3	8	162	300
Idaho	5	6	321	377	Arkansas St	1	10	247	410
N Mexico St	3	8	295	357	Louisiana Lft	1	10	171	355
					UL Monroe	1	10	96	415


N Mexico St
SS Siddeeq Shabazz

2001 TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks Vs
24	Mid Tenn St	37.1	1	481.5	1	237.7	1	5.6	1	243.7	69.0	1	13.0	21	16
58	Idaho	28.5	2	464.8	2	117.0	5	3.4	5	347.8	62.2	2	16.3	29	42
82	N Mexico St	23.8	3	360.3	3	207.8	2	4.5	2	152.6	51.6	4	15.1	28	13
109	Louisiana-Lft	21.3	5	337.6	4	93.4	6	3.0	6	244.2	54.6	3	15.9	23	27
110	N Texas	23.2	4	302.2	5	160.4	3	3.7	4	141.8	50.7	5	13.0	24	21
114	UL Monroe	13.5	7	244.7	7	73.6	7	2.6	7	171.1	50.4	6	18.2	24	26
117	Arkansas St	16.1	6	283.2	6	146.4	4	3.8	3	136.8	45.5	7	17.6	25	24

2001 TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

Phil's 2001 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	%	Conf Rank	YPP	TO	Sks By
72	N Texas	22.6	1	354.2	1	127.4	1	3.7	2	226.8	62.8	5	15.7	28	18
93	Mid Tenn St	26.0	2	394.2	3	139.6	3	3.8	3	254.6	58.8	3	15.2	17	27
96	UL Monroe	31.9	3	402.2	4	137.3	2	3.5	1	264.9	65.6	7	12.6	22	25
98	Louisiana-Lft	33.2	5	374.3	2	183.4	6	4.3	5	210.0	52.7	1	11.3	23	27
100	N Mexico St	33.3	6	417.2	6	177.4	4	4.4	6	239.8	57.1	2	12.5	23	22
113	Arkansas St	32.5	4	402.7	5	182.3	5	4.1	4	220.5	61.7	4	12.4	20	8
117	Idaho	45.0	7	478.6	7	200.3	7	4.8	7	278.3	64.1	6	10.6	13	17

2001 SUN BELT LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Chris Lacy, Idaho	11	65	1045	8	95.0	5.9	16.1
Kendall Newson, MTSU	11	65	796	7	72.4	5.9	12.3
Chris Belser, Idaho	**10**	**44**	**603**	**4**	**60.3**	**4.4**	**13.7**
Fred Stamps, ULL	**11**	**43**	**663**	**4**	**60.3**	**3.9**	**15.4**
Nick Dugus, ULL	**11**	**60**	**616**	**3**	**56.0**	**5.5**	**10.3**
Mack Vincent, ULM	**11**	**47**	**619**	**2**	**56.3**	**4.3**	**13.2**
Tyrone Calico, MTSU	**11**	**37**	**583**	**5**	**53.0**	**3.4**	**15.8**
George Marshall, NTexas	**11**	**32**	**546**	**11**	**49.6**	**2.9**	**17.1**
PJ Winston, NMSU	**12**	**46**	**570**	**1**	**47.5**	**3.8**	**12.4**
Alvin Powell, ASU	11	36	507	6	46.1	3.3	14.1
Rossi Martin, Idaho	11	32	421	8	38.3	2.9	13.2

RUSHING

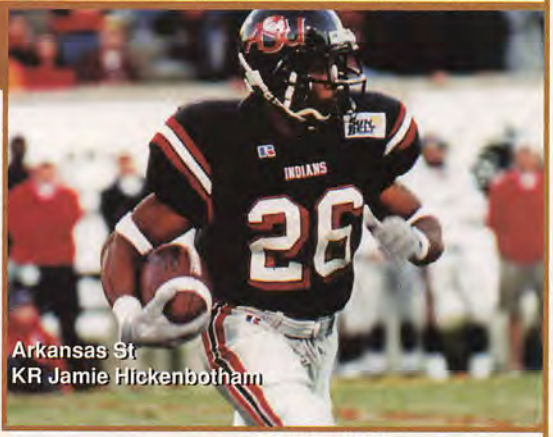
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Dwone Hicks, MTSU	**11**	**191**	**1143**	**6.0**	**20**	**103.9**
Kevin Galbreath, NTexas	**11**	**264**	**1119**	**4.2**	**4**	**101.7**
Jonathan Adams, ASU	11	233	1004	4.3	5	91.3
Kenton Keith, NMSU	11	184	839	4.6	11	76.3
Reshard Lee, MTSU	**11**	**108**	**790**	**7.3**	**4**	**71.8**
Jerome Coleman, ULL	**10**	**162**	**625**	**3.9**	**10**	**62.5**
Keeon Johnson, NMSU	11	106	566	5.3	8	51.5
Anthony Tenner, Idaho	10	111	462	4.2	10	46.2
Patrick Cobbs, NTexas	**11**	**93**	**399**	**4.3**	**3**	**36.3**
Zach Gerstner, Idaho	**10**	**82**	**339**	**4.1**	**2**	**33.9**

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Wes Counts, MTSU	259	188	72.6	4	2327	9.0	17	166.6
John Welsh, Idaho	284	183	64.4	5	2215	7.8	18	147.4
Scott Hall, NTexas	**194**	**102**	**52.6**	**11**	**1453**	**7.5**	**17**	**133.1**
Brian Lindgren, Idaho	**213**	**126**	**59.2**	**10**	**1611**	**7.6**	**10**	**128.8**
Jon Van Cleave, ULL	**407**	**224**	**55.0**	**10**	**2499**	**6.1**	**14**	**113.1**
KC Enzminger, NMSU	235	122	51.9	8	1612	6.8	6	111.2
Andy Chance, ULM	196	103	52.6	6	1054	5.4	4	98.3
Andre Vige, ULM	149	73	49.0	8	817	5.5	3	91.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	CAR	NET	PASSING ATT	YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	YDSPG
John Welsh, Idaho	9	48	-61	284	2215	2154	239.3
Jon Van Cleave, ULL	**11**	**58**	**-26**	**407**	**2499**	**2473**	**224.8**
Wes Counts, MTSU	11	67	144	259	2327	2471	224.6
KC Enzminger, NMSU	12	83	331	236	1612	1943	161.9
Andy Chance, ULM	9	61	109	196	1054	1163	158.7
Scott Hall, NTexas	**11**	**86**	**143**	**194**	**1453**	**1596**	**145.1**
Brian Lindgren, Idaho	**10**	**18**	**-24**	**213**	**1611**	**1587**	**144.3**
Dwone Hicks, MTSU	**11**	**191**	**1143**	**0**	**0**	**1144**	**103.9**
Kevin Galbreath, NTex	**11**	**264**	**1119**	**1**	**0**	**1119**	**101.7**
Jonathan Adams, ASU	11	233	1004	1	0	1004	91.3
Keith Kenton, NMSU	11	181	839	0	0	839	76.3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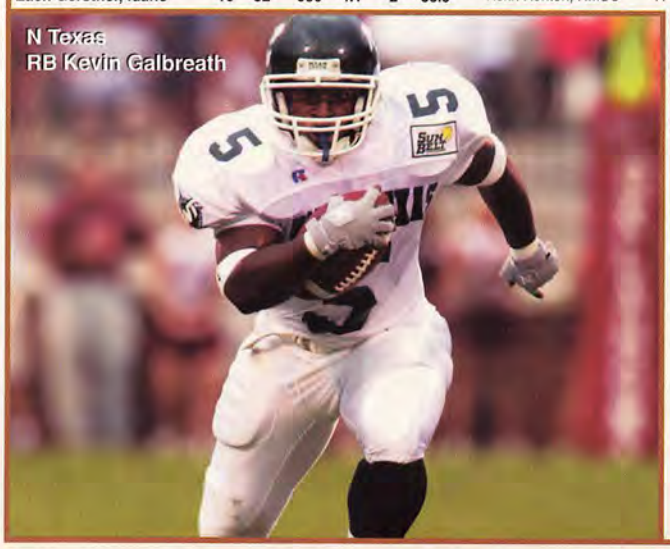
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RB Kevin Galbreath

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Ryan Downes, Idaho	**11**	**46**	**1805**	**39.2**
Jason Ball, NTexas	11	66	2553	38.7
Mike Alexander, ASU	**11**	**68**	**2572**	**37.8**
Brian Copple, NMSU	**12**	**58**	**2172**	**37.5**
Jonathon Knott, ULL	**11**	**66**	**2408**	**36.5**
Andy Chance, ULM	9	43	1441	33.5

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Nick Dugas, ULL	**22**	**196**	**0**	**8.9**
Corey Paul, NMSU	15	128	0	8.5
Ty Jackson, NTexas	**22**	**177**	**1**	**8.0**
Mikkal Henry, ULM	**15**	**101**	**1**	**6.7**
James Hickenbotham, ASU	**11**	**72**	**0**	**6.5**
Orlando Winston, Idaho	**22**	**134**	**0**	**6.1**
Hansford Johnson, MTSU	14	48	0	3.4

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Kerry Wright, MTSU	**16**	**398**	**1**	**24.9**
Chris Lacy, Idaho	22	530	0	24.1
Tony Lukins, NMSU	31	735	2	23.7
James Hickenbotham, ASU	**23**	**538**	**1**	**23.4**
Marcus Wilridge, ULL	21	479	0	22.8
Ja'Mel Branch, NTexas	**23**	**516**	**0**	**22.4**
Bryant Jacobs, ULM	**19**	**425**	**1**	**22.4**
Patric Cobbs, NTexas	**13**	**249**	**0**	**19.2**
HJ Adams, ULM	**11**	**207**	**0**	**18.8**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Siddeeq Shabazz, NMSU	**12**	**58**	**49**	**107**	**8.9**
D'Wayne Taylor, NMSU	12	49	58	107	8.9
Brad Rice, Idaho	11	54	52	106	9.6
Cody Spencer, NTexas	**11**	**56**	**49**	**105**	**9.5**
Brad Kassell, NTexas	11	39	54	93	8.5
Tyrone Gifford, NMSU	12	54	30	84	7.0
Kyries Hebert, ULL	11	43	40	83	7.5
Craig Jones, NTexas	**11**	**43**	**39**	**82**	**7.5**
Michael Woods, MTSU	**11**	**44**	**36**	**80**	**7.3**
Ross Brupbacher, ULL	**11**	**50**	**28**	**78**	**7.1**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Brandon Kania, Idaho	**7**	**33**
Scotty Brown, MTSU	6	37
Maurice Sonnier, ULM	**5**	**36**
Walter Sampson, ULL	**5**	**28**
Ross Brupbacher, ULL	**5**	**25**
Joe Olivo, NMSU	**4**	**30**
Marbrae Wilson, ULM	**4**	**29**
Derrick Marshall, ULL	4	28
Terrence Johnson, NMSU	4	27
Brian Howard, Idaho	**4**	**24**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Ross Brupbacher, ULL	**12**	**34**
Brad Kassell, NTexas	12	29
Brandon Kania, Idaho	**10**	**43**
Joe Olivo, NMSU	**10**	**41**
Wil Beck, Idaho	10	32
John Winchester, ULM	**10**	**26**
Maurice Sonnier, ULM	**9**	**37**
Marrious Berry, ULL	**9**	**32**
Scotty Brown, MTSU	8	44
Terrence Johnson, NMSU	8	41

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Tyler Kuecker, ULM	**11**	**5**	**5**	**100.0**	**39**
Dario Aguiniga, NMSU	**12**	**8**	**11**	**72.7**	**43**
Jonathon Knott, ULL	**11**	**10**	**15**	**66.7**	**48**
Brian Kelly, MTSU	**11**	**6**	**9**	**66.7**	**47**
Jason Ball, NTexas	11	9	14	64.3	57
Andy McPherson, ASU	11	7	11	63.6	49
Keith Stamps, Idaho	**11**	**5**	**8**	**62.5**	**49**
Daniel Francis, ULM	9	3	6	50.0	34

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

RB Dwone Hicks

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Wes Counts was not very big (6-1 185), not very mobile and did not have a powerful arm. Early in his career he earned most of his statistics vs IAA teams. In 2000 he split the job the entire season with Jason Johnson with Counts getting in 218 attempts (58.3%) and throwing for 1,536 yards while the more prototypical Johnson had 144 attempts, throwing for 1,006 yards (61.1%). It was expected to be a dueling QB combo again last year but Counts took command. Counts simply led the NCAA in completion percentage by hitting an amazing 72.6% for 2,327 yards with a super 17-4 ratio. His 6 TD's vs Idaho set a school record as did his 15 consecutive pass completions. Counts surpassed Kelly Holcomb as the all-time career passing leader here and was the Sun Belt Conf POY. Counts (30 yds, 1st 10), gained 122 on the ground vs Connecticut, the first QB here to top 100 yards rushing since 1987. It was surprising that McCollum, while not giving Johnson much action, did not end up redshirting him. Johnson's biggest effort was vs Mississippi where he handled all but one series, hitting 11 of 25 for 115 yards, allowing Counts to get healthy for the final 4 games. Johnson threw for 322 yards (49%) with a 3-2 ratio. Both depart. There are numerous candidates to be this year's starter. Andrico Hines was a JUCO transfer last year who redshirted. He signaled in the plays from the bench to get some experience in the games. Andre Green (6-1 212 rFr) possesses 4.43 speed and was used to simulate the option for the scout team prior to N Mex St. Some of this year's signees may also contend including Sam Williams (PS#40) and Josh Harris (PS#72). It will be very tough to duplicate the statistics that Counts put up, and he was a grizzled veteran, so naturally this unit is much weaker in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - Dwone Hicks is the type of athlete I like as he worked hard following the 2000 season, increasing his bench to 360 and lowering his forty to 4.5. After rushing for 182 yards in 1999 as a backup as a true frosh, Hicks inherited the starting job in 2000 when the original starter was injured, rushing for 1,277 yards (6.9) and hauling in 19 rec's (9.5). Last year, despite suffering a hamstring injury that limited him for 3 games, Hicks still rushed for 1,143 yards (6.0) and was named Sun Belt Off POY. He has also played well vs the best with 579 yds (6.4) in the last 5 vs SEC. McCollum correctly stated that he got his biggest recruit when Hicks opted to stay for his senior season, turning down the NFL. The rest of the RB corps was banged up as well in 2001 as FB Jason Spray and TB's Jamison Palmer and Don Calloway were all injured and lost during the season. Calloway (5-7 174 Jr, PS#155) had 172 yards rushing (4.9) before breaking his ankle in mid October. He has 4.45 speed and was the second fastest player on the team last year. Reshard Lee (5-10 219 So, PS#81) stepped in and rushed for 790 yards and an amazing 7.3 ypc and was named 2nd Team SBC. They easily have the best set of RB's in the SBC and as long as Hicks stays healthy all year, they should even top last year's outstanding numbers.

RECEIVERS - The last 2 years MTSU has returned practically everyone to their receiving corps but this year they suffer a couple of losses. Gone are Kendall Newson (#7DC of JAX, the school's **all-time leading receiver**) and Hansford Johnson (7 sts, 19, 11.8). Johnson was the 3rd fastest player on the team last year. The fastest was Kerry Wright (PS#34) who had just 3 starts and 7 rec's. Speaking of big, Tyrone Calico (6-4 224) has had 65, 47 and 37 rec's in 30 starts the last 3 years and is the school's #2 receiver all-time. Calico had 2 TD's against star CB Fred Smoot vs Miss St in 2000. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Seven of the top 9 are back. This is still a very talented group but with the loss of their top guy, I'll call them down a notch or two.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Blue Raiders had all 5 starters returning and the line paved the way for 5.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3.5 starters with the only full-time returnee being LT Brandon Westbrook. HC McCollum said "We're bigger, more athletic up front but it remains to be seen if we will be as cohesive a unit." The unit performed remarkably well as they had their most explosive offense in school history and averaged 5.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 17 sacks. Center Glen Elarbee increased his weight to 275 over the summer, earning one of the "Best Conditioned Athlete" awards. The good news this year is that the entire 2 deep returns intact and includes 6 seniors. Not listed below are Bill Brasch (6-4 298 Jr) who was PS#329JC and played in 10 games last year as 2nd string, Preston Portley (6-4 302 Jr, PS#318JC) who redshirted, Brett Trott (6-5 290 rFr) who was PS#66 and originally committed to Michigan, and Gary Sanders (6-4 312 Jr). While it will be tough to top last year's numbers, this is clearly one of the best OL's in the Sun Belt.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the team changed schemes for the third time in 4 years, switching to a 3-5-3 look. The DL had to replace 2 full-time starters and 3 part-time starters. Overall, MTSU went from allowing 4.2 ypc down to 3.8 and the team accounted for 28 sacks. This year they must replace their star, DE Tanaka Scott (11 sts, 1st Tm SBC), as well as DE Wes Stephens (5 sts, 14 tkls, 4 sks) and DE Hood (5 sts, 10 tkls, 2 sks). Keep an eye on DE Samuel Smith who was a JUCO transfer last year (4.7 speed) and got in 1 start. In his 1st year playing DE (converted TE) at JUCO he had 8.5 sacks and 16 tfl. The biggest addition is Jeff Littlejohn who is a VHT (PS#14DL) who originally signed at Miami, Fla and could be the best DL in the Sun Belt this year. There are 3 players who could contribute that are not listed below. Demetrios Walker (6-3 232 Jr) had 10 sacks at JC in 2000 and 9 tkls and 2 tfl here last year. Bobby Payne is PS#116 this year while Doug Waller is PS#258JC and redshirted at S Miss in 1999. I like the talent that is here as the unit goes 3 deep at all positions and despite the loss of their star, this group has about as much experience. If Littlejohn has the impact expected, they could have their best DL of the McCollum era.

LINEBACKERS - I mentioned above that last year MTSU changed to a 3-5-3 scheme. Usually, the 3-5-3 and 3-3-5 sets are very similar with only terminology different. That is not the case here. Interestingly, Steve Davis, who took over as DC here last year, calls 5 players LB's and says that the OLB's are hybrid LB/CB's as opposed to the normal terminology of LB/Safety. However I will go the traditional route, so to create a 4 man secondary I list one of the OLB positions as SS. This year they must replace RLB Scotty Brown (10 sts, 77 tkls, 6 sks, 1st Tm SBC) but everyone else returns. They also get a couple of solid additions in true frosh Dennis Burke (PS#206) and JUCO's Kenny Edwards and Charlie Myles. Also, last year 2 true frosh, Blake Morris (PS#139) and Alvin Fite (PS#129), played and should be much stronger. One of last year's returning starters, Chris Gatlin, lost his job but he provides excellent depth. I list the 2 deep below and once again the LB corps looks to be solidly upgraded.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 MTSU had a very young unit that started 9 different players and ranked #107 in my pass D rankings. In 2000 six players returned with starting experience and they moved up to #91. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 1 backup and finished #93, allowing 254.6 ypg (58.8%) with a 20-10 ratio. Coach McCollum bemoaned the fact that the team needed more speed and athleticism in the secondary. This year they must replace their top player, CB Jykine Bradley (11 sts, 1st Tm SBC, 53 tkls, 4 int, 18 pbu) and CB Wardell Alsup (5 sts) who moves to WR, as well as backup SS Jonathan Shaw (12 tkls) and CB Rod Higgins (2 sts, 12 tkls). This year they bring in players like Will Martin who originally signed with Kan St, JUCO Aaron Pitts (8 int at JC LY), true frosh Tyrone Hicks (PS#104) and Tony Sutton (PS#451JC). McCollum thinks the overall talent has been upgraded and I will concur.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 MTSU finished #75 in my special teams rankings, were #74 in 2000 and #70 last year. A little misleading is the fact that their KR defense went from 18.3 in 2000 to 22.4 last year. In 2000 they were forced to use a sky kick which actually gave opponents better field position than the 18.3 indicated. They actually improved on the KO distance last year with Brad Cooper. Hansford Johnson was one of the premiere PR's in the NCAA in '99 (13) and 2000, but was amazingly held to just 3.4 ypr last season. KR Kerry Wright took advantage of his blazing speed and averaged 24.9. Brian Kelly hit 11 of 13 FG's in 2000, He only had 9 attempts last year, hitting six, while 2 were blocked. Punter Robert Billings averaged an outstanding 42.3 per punt (36.9 net). He returns for his third season after making dramatic strides in leg strength last year. The team has blocked a punt in each of the last two years and last season had 2 TD's offensively (Wright and Jamison Palmer on KR's). The biggest loss is long snapper Chris Matusek who handled those duties for the last four years and was almost perfect. I see solid improvement in the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Blue Raiders had just 58 scholarship players in the spring of 1999, their first year of IA ball, and after going just 9-11 in their last 2 years of IAA ball and 3-8 in 1999, they have improved to 14-8 over the last 2 years. McCollum keeps bringing in bigger, stronger and faster athletes. They didn't defeat a Div IA foe in 1999, but won 4 Div IA games in 2000, and last year all 8 victories were vs IA foes including an upset of Vanderbilt from the SEC. Last year the Blue Raiders were the clear-cut favorite for the inaugural Sun Belt Title and while they did tie for conference honors, their outright loss to N Texas cost them a berth in the New Orleans Bowl. In conference play, MTSU averaged 41.3 ppg while allowing 25.3. The offense set a school record for total offense in a season with 5,295 yards. While they had the #5 ranked offense in the NCAA's rankings, mine (which take into account strength of schedule) had them at #24. The team did benefit from the biggest comeback in school history as they trailed N Mex St by 24. MTSU has an 11 game home winning streak. The offense will be potent again now that Dwone Hicks turned down the NFL and the Sun Belt Off POY will look to repeat those honors. They do have capable candidates but are very inexperienced at the QB position. As long as a QB emerges, since they have 8 offensive starters back, they should once again be potent, but will find it tough to match last year's 37.1 ppg. Defensively they have 6 starters back plus some solid additions like DT Jeff Littlejohn (PS#14), so they should cut down on the 394 ypg allowed last year. The schedule sets them up for the Sun Belt Title as the toughest game, N Texas, is at home. A road trip to Idaho could be dangerous but I see MTSU as the preseason favorite to win the Sun Belt outright. With 4 SEC games on the docket, they even have a shot at winning 1 or 2 of those and could even improve upon last year's record.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Andrico Hines Jr. 6-3 221 1319 yds (64%). 15-4 ratio at JC in 2000. Andre Green (6-2 212 rFr) PS#121, fast & elusive. Sam Williams is PS#40. Josh Harris is PS#72.
RB DWONE HICKS SR. 5-11 225 9 sts in 2000, 1277 yds (6.9). 10 sts LY, 1143 yds (6.0), 18 rec (12.8). **Sun Belt Off POY.** Reshard Lee (5-10 219 So) #5 in SBC w/790 yds (7.3).
WR DAVID YOUELL SR. 5-11 178 6 sts, 30 rec (8.4) in 2000. 5 sts LY, 37 rec (9.7). Hashem Joyner (5-10 152 So) PS#91, 3 rec LY, Chris Henry (5-9 163 rFr) PS#284.
WR TYRONE CALICO SR. 6-4 224 PS#193. 9 sts in '99, 65 rec (10.7). 10 sts in 2000, 47 rec (16.0). 11 sts LY 37 rec (15.8). Fast. Michael Watkins is PS#63. Sean Waller is PS#219.
WR Kerry Wright So. 5-9 172 **PS#34.** PQ in 2000. **4.38 spd.** 7 rec (20.6) in 2001, 3 sts. Wardell Alsup (5-10 161 Jr) PS#241DB, 5 sts at CB LY, 13 tkls, 1 int. Moved to WR.
TE LUCAS FROST SR. 6-3 267 3 sts in 2000. 4 sts LY, 2 rec, solid blk'r. One of best conditioned here. **Quan Domineck** (6-5 240 So) **PS#9**, 2 rec as true. Brett Bucher (6-5 239 Jr).
C GLEN ELARBEE SR. 6-2 269 7 gms in '99, 5 in 2000. **2nd Tm Sun Belt**, 11 sts LY, 767 snaps, **92.5 KD's**. Joe Moos (6-2 285 Jr) 1 tfl at DL in 2000. 3 gms at C LY, 435 bench.
RG KEVIN PASCOE SR. 6-3 288 1 st as rFr, 31 snaps per gm. 4 sts at LG in 2000, 333 plays. 10 sts LY, 59.5 Kd's, 435 bench. Josh Willoughby (6-4 338 Jr) PS#249, 1 st, 142 snaps LY.
LG DAVID COY SR. 6-4 288 PS#450JC. 1 st at LG, 162 plays, 20 Kd's. 8 sts LY, 46.5 Kd's. Jonathan Barry (6-2 320 Sr) PS#310. 2 sts LY (inj). Shavaskey Brown (6-2 332 rFr) PS#216.
RT JULIUS GANT SO. 6-4 288 PS#251DL in 2000. 8 sts as rFr, 11 gms, NFL potential. Brandon Parker (6-7 322 Sr) PS#291JC, played in short ydg and goal line situations LY.
LT BRANDON WESTBROOK JR. 6-6 288 Top OL here in 2000 & LY, 10 sts as rFr, 583 plays, 85 KD's. 11 sts LY, **1st Tm Sun Belt**, 65.5 KD's. Jonathan Proby (6-3 285 Sr) 4 sts LY, 330 snaps.
K BRIAN KELLY JR. 6-0 172 23 of 29 FG's in HS, 3 from 50+. Hit 11 of 13 here as true, long of 46. 6 of 9 FG's in 2001 (2 blocked), 3 of 4 from 40-49 and a long of 47.

LLB SHELDON DURHAM SR. 6-2 223 JC. 9 sts here LY, 39 tkls, 3 tfl. Chris Hough (6-1 200 So), 27 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 st as rFr, 4.7 spd. Joey Montalbano (5-9 203 Jr) 14 tkls LY, **lifter of yr.**
DE CURTIS DANIELY SR. 6-5 288 2 sts, 21 tkls, 4 tfl in '99-00. 5 sts LY, 29 tkls, 3 sks. Dominic Jones (6-4 275 Jr) PS#441JC, in for spg. Jonathan Callahan (6-4 230 rFr) impressive spg.
DT Jeff Littlejohn So. 6-3 282 **PS#14DL**, Miami, FL transfer! Thomas Johnson (6-3 286 So) PS#242. 4 sts, 19 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Kai Zeigler (6-4 285 Sr) PS#377JC, 6 tkls, 1 sk LY.
DE Samuel Smith Sr. 6-4 258 4.7 spd. 8.5 sks at JC in 2000 (1st yr on defense). 1 st here LY, 12 tkls. Jerry Vanderpool (6-3 285 So) PS#218. 1 st as rFr, 12 tkls, 2 tfl.
RLB Blake Morris So. 6-3 213 PS#139. 1 st as true, 20 tkls, 2 tfl. **Louis Kemp** (5-8 210 Sr). 2 sts in 2000, 27 tkls. 6 sts LY, 35 tkls, 4 tfl. Kenny Edwards is PS#795JUCO.
OLB RANDY ARNOLD JR. 5-11 222 Last 9 sts LY, 50 tkls, 2 tfl. Charlie Myles (6-1 240 Jr) 97 tkls at JC LY. **Chris Gatlin** (6-1 223 Sr) **8 sts**, 43 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 1 st, 7 tkls LY.
OLB KAREEM BLAND SR. 6-1 194 9 starts in 2000, 66 tkls, 4 pbu. 6 starts in 2001, 46 tkls, 3 tfl. **Alvin Fite** (6-0 213 So) PS#129RB, 1 tkl, 8 games as true until injury.
CB Shawn Allen So. 6-1 186 Good size & 4.4 speed. Chris Johnson (5-10 180 Sr) 11 career sts, 72 tkls, 5 tfl, PS#306DB. Aaron Pitts (6-0 175 Jr) 8 int's at JUCO LY.
CB Muhammad Rashada Jr. 5-11 175 PS#169WR. 17 tkls in 2000. 2 sts LY, 28 tkls. Tony Sutton (6-0 193 Jr), 4.4 spd, PS#451JUCO. **Tyrone Hicks** is PS#104, Dwone's brother.
SS BRANDON LYNCH JR. 6-0 177 PS#380. 16 tkls as true. 10 starts, 54 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Dennis Burke is PS#206LB. Fletcher Williams (6-0 218 rFr). Amon Binkley (6-1 195 rFr).
FS MICHAEL WOODS JR. 6-2 203 4.35. 13 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 80 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. **Will Martin** (6-1 200 Jr) PS#92QB & orig signed at **Kansas St**. QB at JC LY.
P ROBERT BILLINGS JR. 6-0 200 52 punts (37.5) as rFr. Dramatic improvement in offseason LY to leg strength. 35 punts (9 inside the 20) 42.3 avg, net of 36.9, **2nd Tm Sun Belt**.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

WR	Michael Watkins 6-2 175 PS#63
QB	Sam Williams 6-2 180 PS#40
OL	John Henry 6-6 305 PS#89
QB	Josh Harris 6-3 180 PS#72
DL	Bobby Payne 6-4 268 PS#116
DB	Tyrone Hicks 5-10 175 PS#104
RB	Kelvin German 5-11 190 PS#155
DL	Doug Waller 6-4 290 PS#258JC
LB	Dennis Burke 6-2 215 PS#206
OL	Paul Cantrell 6-4 316 PS#251
DB	Justin Rainey 6-1 185 PS#260
QB	Clint Marks 6-2 180 PS#168
WR	Sean Waller 5-10 160 PS#219
WR	Vernon Jones 6-4 205 PS#274

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MTSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								MTSU is 5-1 vs non-lined foes, outscoring them 266-148 last 3 years. Blue Raiders are 6-3 ATS their last 9 as an away dog. Mid Tenn St is 5-1 SU but 2-4 ATS in the Sun Belt Conference.
Aug. 31	at Alabama	G						The Blue Raiders are 1-6 SU, but 4-2 ATS vs SEC foes the last 7 meetings. MTSU is 3-0 ATS in away openers the last 3 years.
Sep. 7	at Tennessee	G						Raiders are 6-3 ATS in September since 1999. Blue Raiders are 1-2 SU, but 3-0 ATS in games prior to a bye.
Sep. 14								
Sep. 21	at Kentucky	G						MTSU is 2-1 SU, but 1-2 ATS in games after a bye. Coming into the 2002 season SEC foes had outscored MTSU 287-102.
Sep. 28	SE Missouri	A						Middle Tennessee St leads the all-time SU series 9-1. SEM was 4-7 in 2001 and this is their 4th straight road game in 2002.
Oct. 5	at Arkansas St	G						Pending opener: MTSU is 1-5 SU, but 3-3 ATS in the 1st of B2B AG's. Blue Raiders are 5-6 ATS in October, going 0-4 ATS last year.
Oct. 12	at Vanderbilt	G						Pending 9/7: MTSU is 1-5 SU, but 4-2 ATS in the 2nd of B2B AG's L3Y. Blue Raiders beat Vandy 37-28 as a 7' pt away dog last year.
Oct. 19	Louisiana-Lft	A						MTSU is 2-1 SU, but 1-2 ATS vs ULL & the road team has covered the L2Y. Blue Raiders are 5-6 ATS on artificial turf, going 2-4 last year.
Oct. 26	at Idaho	A						LY's game was more like a basketball score with MTSU winning 70-58. There was 1,445 total yards between the 2 teams.
Nov. 2	at New Mexico St	G						MTSU is 7-2 SU, 3-3 ATS in November games since 1999. I had a ★ rated Small College Winner on New Mexico St in LY's meeting.
Nov. 9								
Nov. 16	UL Monroe (HC)	A						MTSU is 2-1 SU, 1-2 ATS vs Monroe, outscoring them 66-30. Oct 14, 2000 vs Monroe was the 1st time ever MTSU was a fav, winning 28-0.
Nov. 23	N Texas	A						MTSU lost SU to N Texas last year despite being a double digit favorite. That was the first ever series meeting.
Nov. 30	Utah St	A						Blue Raiders are 0-3 ATS their final lined home game the last 3 years. This will be the latest grn in a season for MTSU since hosting App St in '92 playoffs.

ANDY MCCOLLUM (Career 17-16)

4th Year AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

McCollum's records AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

17-16	Straight Up	3-4	Home Favorite
15-12	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Dog
5-6	Off A S/U Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
6-8	Vs Conference	9-5	Away Dog
		9-4	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (8-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (25,19,2)
Lost: 20 (9,9,2)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,857

SUN BELT

WR David Youell

STADIUM: JOHNNY "RED" FLOYD (30,788)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	4-6	5-5	3-8	6-5	8-3	39-36
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	7-2	5-6	15-12
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	3-4
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-2
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-1	2-1	9-5
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3-5	5-6
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	5-1	2-1	10-6
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-1	3-2	10-6
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	2-4	5-6
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	3-1	2-4	6-8
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	4-1	3-2	9-4
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-1	4-3	7-6
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	3-1	0-3	5-6

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwone Hicks	**191**	**1168**	**25**	**1143**	**20**	**6.0**
Reshard Lee	**108**	**798**	**8**	**790**	**4**	**7.3**
Don Calloway	**35**	**174**	**2**	**172**	**2**	**4.9**
Wes Counts	67	310	166	144	3	2.1
Jamison Palmer	21	121	3	118	2	5.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Wes Counts	259	188	72.6	2327	17	4
Jason Johnson	49	24	49.0	322	3	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kendall Newson	65	796	12.2	7	64
Tyrone Calico	**37**	**583**	**15.8**	**5**	**56**
David Youell	**37**	**358**	**9.7**	**1**	**34**
Hansford Johnson	19	225	11.8	0	39
Dwone Hicks	**18**	**230**	**12.8**	**4**	**55**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Robert Billings	**35**	**1481**	**42.3**	**–**	**36.9**	**0**	**9**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brian Kelly	**3-4**	**0-1**	**3-4**	**0-0**	**6-9**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Woods	**80**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**2**
Scotty Brown	77	6	2	2	1
Brandon Lynch	**54**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Jykine Bradley	53	0	2	18	4
Randy Arnold	**50**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Joe McClendon	48	0	3	2	0
Kareem Bland	**46**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Tanaka Scott	44	2	2	1	0
Sheldon Durham	**39**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Louis Kemp	**35**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**0**
Curtis Daniely	**29**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Muhammad Rashada	**28**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Chris Hough	**27**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hansford Johnson	14	48	3.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kerry Wright	**16**	**398**	**24.9**	**1**
Reshard Lee	**13**	**184**	**14.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 4 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	37.1	26	238	5.5	244	69.0	13.0	-4	2001	6	26.0	22	140	3.8	255	58.8	15.2
10*	31.8	22	194	5.3	239	59.6	13.6	+1	2000	8	28.7	22	151	4.2	236	62.0	13.5
5*	24.7	20	111	3.5	246	63.9	14.5	-5	1999	6	34.5	22	212	4.9	233	62.2	12.9
8	25.0	18	155	3.9	180	65.2	13.4	+10	1998	10	25.6	19	156	4.2	225	58.6	14.9

	OFFENSE				2001 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Vanderbilt	37	52-300	5.8	27-36	308	2	17	28-177	6.3	13-32	300	0	-1
Troy St	29	55-313	5.7	20-28	328	0	22	27-61	2.3	25-42	268	6	0
at UL Monroe	31	48-186	3.9	30-37	323	1	23	23-84	3.7	23-41	283	1	-1
at Louisiana-Lft	17	43-289	6.7	5-17	53	1	24	37-105	2.8	26-42	241	4	+1
Idaho	28	39-226	5.8	23-28	459	3	39	28-123	4.4	49-71	637	0	+1
at N Texas	23	36-123	3.4	19-26	171	4	17	58-216	3.7	8-19	117	0	-2
at Mississippi	16	30-199	6.6	13-29	129	0	27	50-221	4.4	25-31	257	2	-1
New Mexico St	29	37-173	4.7	31-42	383	3	19	44-183	4.2	14-24	206	2	-2
Arkansas St	25	50-301	6.0	11-19	131	1	10	37-102	2.8	11-23	72	4	+2
at LSU	20	29-177	6.1	22-30	195	2	23	32-145	4.5	26-37	318	1	-1
Connecticut	26	52-327	6.3	13-18	201	0	18	42-118	2.8	11-31	102	8	0
TOTALS	281	471-2614	5.5	214-310	2681	17	239	406-1535	3.8	231-393	2801	28	-4
AVERAGES	25.5	43-238	5.5	19-28	244	1.5	21.7	37-140	3.8	21-36	255	2.5	-0.4

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennesee St	NL	16-25	–
at Tenn-Chatt	NL	24-33	–
Murray St	NL	17-35	–
Jacksonville St	NL	27-16	–
at Tenn-Martin	NL	37-24	–
at E Illinois	NL	17-30	–
SE Missouri	NL	55-6	–
Austin Peay	NL	59-10	–
at E Kentucky	NL	20-35	–
at Tennessee Tech	NL	20-30	–

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tennessee St	NL	28-27	–
at Illinois	NL	20-48	–
at Jacksonville	NL	7-10	–
E Kentucky	NL	24-28	–
at Tennessee Tech	NL	19-16	–
Murray St	NL	35-14	–
E Illinois	NL	32-35	–
at SE Missouri	NL	21-19	–
at Tenn- Martin	NL	47-33	–
at UAB	NL	17-26	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+35'	7-40	W
at Arizona	+44	19-34	W
Wofford	NL	52-42	–
at SW Louisiana	+2	31-45	L
Troy St	NL	31-48	–
at Arkansas	+36	6-58	L
at Louisiana Tech	+30	18-42	W
at NE Louisiana	+6	0-10	L
Tenn-Martin	NL	70-14	–
UCF	+14	14-39	L
E Tennessee	NL	24-7	–

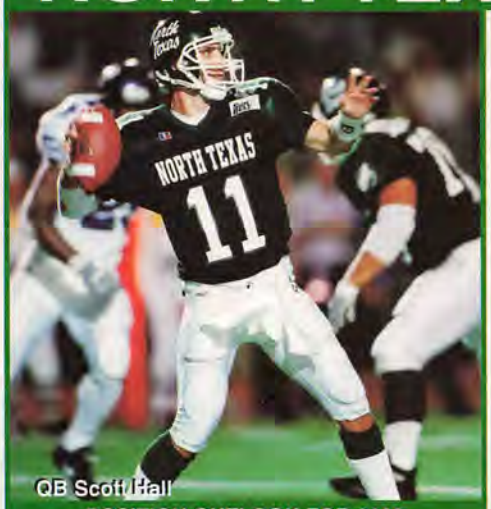
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Illinois	+33'	6-35	W
at Florida	+39'	0-55	L
Murray St	NL	44-28	–
at Maryland	+20	27-45	W
Louisiana Tech	+2	49-21	W
UL Monroe	-18	28-0	W
at UAB	+10	9-14	W
at Mississippi St	+27'	35-61	W
at Connecticut	-10'	66-10	W
S Florida	NL	45-9	–
Louisiana-Lft (OT)	-26'	41-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	+7'	37-28	W
Troy St	-14	54-17	W
at UL Monroe	-20'	38-20	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-16	26-9	W
Idaho	-19'	70-58	L
at N Texas	-14	21-24	L
at Mississippi	+12	17-45	L
New Mexico St	-7'	39-35	L
Arkansas St	-22	54-6	W
at LSU	+17	14-30	W
Connecticut	-26'	38-14	L

NORTH TEXAS EAGLES



QB Scott Hall

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - This is one unit that really has struggled in recent years (43% in '98, 40% in '99, 110 ypg). In 2000 Richard Bridges began the year as the starter. He had started the last 6 in 1999 but threw for just 198 yards (47%) in 2000. True frosh Scott Hall compiled a 38-3 record as a starting QB in HS. While he was recruited as a DB by most schools, he was given the chance to play QB here and led the team to a TD on his first drive vs Baylor in 2000. He struggled at times but over his last 4 starts completed 54% for 527 yards although for the year he hit just 48.7%. Hall started 11 games last year and led the team to its first bowl game since 1959. He threw for 1,638 yards (51.3%) with a 19-12 ratio. After rushing for 364 yards in 2000, he rushed for 340 last year, while playing the last 4 games with a torn ACL that required post season surgery and should be 100% this year. Bridges got in one start vs Texas Tech after Hall suffered a calf inj, but completed just 12 of 31 for 106 yards with a 2-3 ratio for the year. No other QB saw action. Bridges (PS#95) departs. Andrew Smith threw for 2,281 yards and 23 TD's in his senior year of HS. Hall did miss all of spring and Smith took the majority of the snaps with the 1st string, hitting 5 of 16 for 67 yards in the spring game. The backups are walk-on's Randy McQuitson (6-3 225 So) and Hiram Gonzalez (6-1 204 So) plus this year's true frosh signee Cullen Mills (6-3 227). Hall should continue to improve and now has a bowl start under his belt, making him clearly one of the most experienced QB's in the conference.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Mean Green had to replace Ja'Quay Wilburn who left as the school's all-time leading rusher. Michael Hickmon (5-10 208 Sr) who has 4.56 speed came in with 558 career yards rushing in 2 injury plagued years. He unexpectedly quit the team in the spring of 2001 but changed his mind and rejoined in the fall. He reported out of shape and was singled out by Dickey for continuously finishing last among his group in wind sprints. He had just 5 rush attempts for 58 yards. Last year I called for JUCO Kevin Galbreath to win the starting job and despite being limited in the spring, he had a great year. He tied a N Texas record with 5 consecutive 100 yard games and was the first NT player ever to top 100 yards in his first game. He accomplished that feat in the opener against a TCU defense that had not yielded a 100 yard rusher the entire 2000 season. Galbreath broke the magical 1,000 yard barrier with 1,225 yards and a solid 4.3 ypc and set an NT record for attempts (286). He probably would have had 7 straight 100 yard games but was banged up in the final 2. True frosh Patrick Cobbs rushed for 112 yards in their crucial bowl clinching win over Idaho. He was also their #4 receiver with 9 grabs and 18.8 ypc, and finished the year with 449 yards rushing (4.5). Roy Bishop (6-2 207 rFr) was PS#181 and had over 2,000 total yards as a senior in HS. FB Dustin Dean was a solid blocker. I list the FB's below. As long as Galbreath stays healthy, this group should be even stronger.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their top 2 WR's but did have their top 2 TE's returning. Injuries hurt them in the spring and in August as they were able to build little continuity between the WR's and QB Hall due to injuries. Dickey planned to play 2 TE's often but Randy Gardner had 2 knee surgeries in the preseason and missed most of the first half of the season. The lone returning TE starter was Jeff Muenchow who started 7 games but snagged just 8 rec's (10.5) and was banged up the 2nd half of the year. Gardner, despite playing in just six games, had 7 rec's (13.6) and should be a bigger factor. Also in the mix are Rusty Beck (6-4 220 So) and Matt Bradshaw (6-4 246 So). At WR George Marshall is back after earning 13 starts the last 2 years and he led the team in rec's last year with 36 and a super 16.6 ypc. He led the SBC and was 9th in the NCAA with 11 TD rec's. They moved CB/RB Ja'Mel Branch (PS#130WR) to WR after the second game. Branch finished with 34 grabs (12.7). Their fastest receiver is Kevin Howard who was #3 with 22 (11.9). Corie Massey had 1 rec in the opener but was injured and missed the rest of the season, but was granted a medical RS. JUCO transfer Michael Thrash would have been a much bigger factor if not injured and could have a super year in 2002 as he is 6-2 187 with sub-4.5 speed and had 32 rec's (18.3) as a JUCO in 2000. This group is much more experienced and should be healthier.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 they had to replace 2 starters to graduation and then 2 backups quit the team prior to the year and one of the two returning starters quit after just 4 games. That line gave up 22 sacks while paving the way for 3.4 ypc. Last year 4 starters were expected back, but C Ian Hobbs was suspended so only 3 starters actually returned. Just like the rest of the team, this unit improved as the season went on and opened holes for 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks. This year they basically have 6 full-time starters returning as Hobbs is back. The only loss from the 2 deep is G Mark Molamphy who started the first 5 games and then was injured, so Jonah Bense ended up starting the last 7. This is one of the most experienced offensive fronts in the country and if Hobbs beats out Brewster, as I project, the line gets much bigger with an average of 300.4 lbs per man.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It's been a long time since Mean Joe Green played DT at N Texas and a long time since they've had a DL of that caliber. In 2000 they had a very young defensive front and had to replace all 4 starters and the unit averaged just 242 lbs. The group did get bigger when Brandon Kennedy (325 lbs) started the final 6 games. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 10 starts and 8 tfl while 7 players were back with starting experience. Overall the defense went from allowing 4.4 ypc to 3.9 and after recording just 14 sacks in 2000 the defense as a whole had 18 last year. This is another experienced front this season and the only losses are DE Ron Paris (12 sts, 2nd Tm SBC, 32 tkls, 4 tfl), NT Alex Pahulu (20 tkls, 2 sks, 2nd Tm SBC despite not starting) and Gabe Haro (2 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and 6 players are back with starting experience plus Darrell Daniels who led the team last year with 3 sacks as a backup. This should be one of the better defensive fronts in the Sun Belt and will improve on their numbers this season.

LINEBACKERS - In both 1999 and 2000 NT returned all 3 starting LB's but last year 2 departed as well as a backup who was the #6 tackler. They did return their top LB in Brad Kassell who simply won Sun Belt Def POY in 2001. This year they lose the big guy as Kassell departs as the 3rd leading tackler in NT history (100 tkls with 14 tfl). Also departing is backup LB Cougar McBride (22 tkls, 2 tfl). Four of the top 6 return including 2 full-time starters and they also have 2 outstanding additions in true frosh Shawn Early and JUCO Koryee Wyatt who are both expected to contend for starting roles. Also back this year is Cody Spencer who was the team's #1 tackler in 2001 and moves to the middle. It's unusual when you lose a player of Kassell's caliber to say the unit could be better, but overall the unit has more experience and could be just that.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NT finished #75 in my overall pass defense rankings in 2000 and last year had to replace 2 starters but had 6 of the top 8 back including VHT Jonas Buckles. Buckles missed 2 games due to a broken hand but recorded 6 interceptions to lead the Sun Belt and finished 5th in the NCAA in interceptions per game. While he was out, Markeith Knowlton had 10 tackles vs Oklahoma and 8 more vs Texas Tech. This year the entire secondary returns and they get an interesting addition in Jeremy Pearl who was the backup QB last year but moved to DB during bowl practices and had 3 tackles in the bowl game. Not listed below is Nathan Roberts (6-1 201 Jr), Robert Conrad (6-1 205 Sr) who had 3 starts, 29 tackles and 1 tfl in 2000, Montrell Parks (6-2 224 So) and Remon Williams (5-10 173 rFr). NT finished #79 in my pass D rankings, allowing 62.1% with a 15-14 ratio and should move up significantly this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 they had to replace their P and dropped all the way to #114. Special teams mistakes cost them the game vs Ark St that year. Jason Ball has handled the punting, kickoff and PK duties over the past two seasons and he departs. Ball hit 9 of 14 FG's including 4 of 4 from 40+ with a long of 57 last year. His FG kicking will clearly be missed. He averaged 38.4 on punting with a net of 35.0. Their top KR, Ja'Mel Branch, had been compared to Eric Metcalf at the start of the year. He had 27 KR's for a 21.7 average with a long of 50. Patrick Cobbs had 13 KR's (19.2) as a true frosh. Their top PR was Ty Jackson (8.0). Overall last year NT ranked a respectable #54 in my special teams rankings. The replacement P and K figures to be Brad Kadlubar (see his stats below). He should be a capable replacement for Ball, but overall I expect the unit to drop a notch or two with less experience.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Believe it or not, NT is the 4th largest university in the state of Texas. After finishing their IAA schedule in 1994 with a solid 7-4-1 record, they had just 2, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 3 wins in their first 6 years of IA ball. Coach Dickey appeared on his way out last year when they started 0-5 and AD Rick Villarreal would not give him a vote of confidence. Newspaper reports speculated that he was finished. NT rebounded and excelled in Sun Belt play, winning 5 of 6 games, tying for the conference crown and their upset of MTSU put them in the New Orleans Bowl which ended a 42 year bowl drought, the longest in the NCAA. Last year they were only the 3rd team in NCAA history to go bowling with a losing record. Dickey was rewarded with a 3 year contract extension after the season. Out of the 47 players on the 2 deep last year, only 8 were seniors and NT has 47 lettermen returning this year. Out of all the teams that went to a bowl last year, NT has the most starters returning (19). They have another edge over their conference foes because they had additional practice time for the bowl which naturally none of the other Sun Belt members did. Last year's Conference Title was their first IA Title since winning the Missouri Valley Conference in 1973. While NT averaged 22.9 ppg for the season, they averaged 33.3 in conference play, although they only gained 346 ypg in conference play. Their defense, which yielded 361 ypg vs Sun Belt teams, only allowed 17.3 ppg, a ypp of 20.85. NT will be the most confident group in the Sun Belt due to last season's success and are stronger both offensively and defensively. This is a team clearly capable of repeating in the Sun Belt, and this time finishing with a winning record.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB SCOTT HALL JR. 6-1 211 *PS#168DB. 9 starts as* ***true****, 937 yds (49%), 6-6 ratio. 11 starts LY, 1638 yds (51%) 19-12 ratio, 340 rush. Andrew Smith (6-0 180 rFr).*

RB KEVIN GALBREATH SR. 5-9 190 *JC trans, 12 sts here, 1225 yds (4.3),* ***1st Tm SBC****. Patrick Cobbs (5-9 189 So) PS#386. 449 yds (4.5) as* ***true****. Roy Bishop (6-2 207 rFr)* ***PS#181.***

FB Andy Blount So. 6-4 215 *PS#423WR. 8 gms, 3 rec @ HB as true.* ***Michael Hickmon*** *(5-10 208 Sr) 616 career yds (4.3). Troy Miller (6-2 227 So). Chad Boyd (6-0 200 So).*

WR KEVIN HOWARD JR. 5-8 174 *PS#210. Fastest WR here. 12 sts, 22 rec (11.9) as soph.* ***Ja'Mel Branch*** *(5-7 170 So) PS#130. CB moved to WR Wk 2, 34 rec (12.7) LY.*

WR GEORGE MARSHALL SR. 6-1 190 *4.56 spd. 1 st, 17 rec (15.9) in '99 & 2000. 12 sts LY, 36 rec (16.6),* ***2nd Tm SBC****. Michael Thrash (6-2 187 Jr). 32 rec at JC in 2000, RS inj'd LY.*

TE JEFF MUENCHOW SR. 6-4 240 *6 sts as true, 10 rec (10.5). 10 sts in 2000, 6 rec (14.7). 7 sts LY,* ***1st Tm SBC****, 8 rec (10.5).* ***Randy Gardner*** *(6-4 245 Jr) PS#100, 6 sts, 13 rec, 2Y.*

C IAN HOBBS JR. 6-4 279 *PS#449. 11 sts @ C as rFr. Susp in 2001.* ***Andy Brewster*** *(6-2 247 So) 2nd string as true.* ***12 sts LY****. Chris Miller (6-1 265 rFr) PS#269DL.*

RG NICK ZUNIGA JR. 6-3 319 *PS#275OL. 10 starts as* ***true, 2nd Tm Big West****. 12 sts LY,* ***1st Tm Sun Belt****. Jason May (6-4 270 rFr) PS#267. Cory Hall (6-0 278 So).*

LG JONAH BENSE SR. 6-4 320 *PS#249OL in 1999. PS#178JUCO last year. Started last 7 at LG. Jonathan Jusiewicz (6-4 255 So) PS#435OL. Tim Randle (6-1 294 So).*

RT J.R. RANDLE SR. 6-5 294 *PS#420. 9 sts at RT as rFr. 11 sts in 2000, HM Big West in '99 & 2000. 12 sts LY,* ***1st Team SBC****.* ***Brandon Hooks*** *(6-3 298 Jr) PS#198JC.*

LT MATT TURNEY SR. 6-3 290 *4 tkls, 5 gms as* ***true*** *DL. 10 sts at LT in 2000. 12 sts at LT LY,* ***2nd Team SBC****. James Thaggard (6-4 270 rFr). Paul Cuington (6-2 284 So).*

K Brad Kadlubar So. 5-11 205 *PS#75K. Hit 12 FG's as Sr in high school. 5 from 40+ including 52 & 50 yarders. Nick Bazaldua (5-10 164 Fr) 12 of 18 FG's in HS last year.*

DEFENSE

DE ADRAIN AWASOM SO. 6-3 233 *2 sts as* ***true****, 9 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl.* ***Eric Bridges*** *(6-2 226 Sr) 5 tkls at WY as true. 9 sts, 30 tkls, 8 tfl here, L/2Y. Tommy Harrison (6-3 225 So) PS#438LB.*

DT BRANDON KENNEDY JR. 5-10 325 *PS#223. L/6 sts as true, 33 tkls, 10 tfl. 12 sts LY, 43 tkls, 6 tfl.* ***1st Tm SBC****. Joey Harrison (6-2 267 So) PS#357, Evan Cardwell (6-3 260 So).*

NT CHRIS McIVER SR. 6-1 254 *405 bench, 10 tkls as true. 8 sts in 2000, 17 tkls, 4 tfl,* ***2nd Tm Big West****. 12 sts LY, 39 tkls, 2 sks, 6 fl. John Ryan (6-3 270 Sr) 8 tkls, 2 tfl LY.*

DE Darrell Daniels Sr. 6-5 230 *8 sks at JC in 2000. 17 tkls, 3 sks here LY. Luke Conder (6-3 257 Jr) 4 sts, 45 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 yrs. Trey Davis (6-1 235 Jr) 2 sts, 18 tkls, 6 tfl LY.*

WLB Koryee Wyatt Jr. 6-1 216 *PS#98JUCO. Led JC tm in tkls, 2 yrs. Justin Claborn (6-2 242 Jr) PS#337LB. 15 tkls, 1 tfl in 2001. Donovan Wright (6-1 250 Sr) 9 tkls, 3 yrs.*

MLB CODY SPENCER JR. 6-3 230 *PS#177DL. 5 tkls as true. 12 sts @ OLB LY, #1 with 114 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int,* ***2nd Tm SBC****. Shawn Early (6-0 210 Fr)* ***PS#147****. Lee Clay (6-3 205 rFr).*

SLB TAYLOR CASEY JR. 6-3 210 *PS#93TE. 1 st, 29 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts LY, 73 tkls, 7 tfl, 4 pbu, 1 QBH. Chris Hurd (6-1 220 Jr) 14 tkls, 3 tfl as* ***true****. 25 tkls, 1 tfl LY.*

CB DON McGEE SR. 5-11 190 *11 sts in 2000, 35 tkls, 4 int. Long jumper on track tm. 12 sts LY, 41 tkls, 3 int, 4 tfl, 8 pbu. Ty Jackson (5-7 172 Sr) PS#257WR, 11 tkls LY, 22 PR (8.0).*

CB WALTER PRIESTLEY SO. 5-10 178 *PS#380. 12 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. Jeremy Pearl (6-3 190 Jr) #3 QB, 3 tkls LY. Dominique Mackey (6-1 192 So) PS#319. 2 tkls LY.*

SS CRAIG JONES JR. 6-0 211 *8 starts as rFr, 73 tkls, 1 tfl. 12 starts, 87 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu,* ***2nd Team Sun Belt****. Ben Miller (6-0 194 Jr) PS#434RB, 11 tkls last 2 years.*

FS JONAS BUCKLES SO. 5-11 213 ***PS#47DB****. 10 sts LY as rFr, 53 tkls, 6 int, 3 pbu, 3 tfl,* ***1st Tm SBC****. Markeith Knowlton (6-0 195 So) 2 sts as true, 10 tkls vs Okla & 8 vs TTech.*

P Brad Kadlubar So. 5-11 205 *PS#75K. Avg 40 yards per punt as senior in high school, All-District punter. Nick Bazaldua (5-10 164 Fr). Dustin Finley (6-1 216 Fr).*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Koryee Wyatt	6-1 216 PS#98JC
LB	Shawn Early	6-0 210 PS#147
OL	Brandon Hooks	6-3 300 PS#198JC
RB	Philip Graves	6-2 205 PS#264
RB	Ricardo Smith	6-1 190 PS#360
OL	Dylan Lineberry	6-3 310 PS#494
OL	Jesse Brown	6-3 270 PS#523
RB	Kevin Moore	5-9 195 PS#430
WR	Johnny Quinn	6-0 181 PS#410
DL	Kurk Francis	5-11 287 PS#466
OL	Steve Ingram	6-2 270 PS#863
OL	David Blevins	6-7 290 PS#864
DB	Cass Starks	6-1 198 PS#806
DB	LeMario Hollis	6-0 170 PS#807

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NORTH TEXAS EAGLES

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NT	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 31	at Texas	G					
Sep. 7	Nicholls St	A					
Sep. 14	at Alabama	G					
Sep. 21	at TCU	G					
Sep. 28	at Arizona	G					
Oct. 5	S Florida	A					
Oct. 12							
Oct. 19	at Arkansas St	G					
Oct. 26	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Nov. 2	UL Monroe (HC)	A					
Nov. 9	Idaho	A					
Nov. 16	New Mexico St	A					
No.v 23	at Mid Tenn St	A					
Nov. 30							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

Last season the magic number was 21, as NT was 5-0 SU and ATS when scoring 21(+) but 0-6 SU (3-3 ATS) when racking up 20 or less.
NT was 5-1 SU LY when leading after the 3Q, but 1-4 SU when trailing at halftime.

Eagles are 0-6 SU but 3-3 ATS their last 6 vs Big 12 foes.
NT is 0-6 SU, 1-5 ATS in lined season openers.

Eagles are 3-4 SU in non-lined games since 1995, but 3-0 since 1996.
Nicholls St went 3-8 last year as a member of the Southland Conference.

Last meeting was in '95. Bama won 38-19 but NT covered as a 33 pt road dog.
Eagles are 0-5 SU, 2-3 ATS & have been outscored 187-45 the L/5 vs SEC opp.

NT is 0-2 SU, 1-1 ATS & have been outscored 46-8 the L/2 vs TCU.
Eagles are 0-7 SU, 2-4 ATS vs current CUSA foes since 1995.

NT is 1-7 SU, 2-4 ATS in their third straight road game since 1994.
Eagles are 1-3 SU, but 2-2 ATS vs Pac 10 foes since 1995.

LY's 28-10 USF victory as a 12 pt home favorite was the 1st series meeting.
Eagles are 1-6 SU, but 4-3 ATS vs current Independent schools.

NT is 1-2 SU & ATS but have outscored Ark St 83-67 the L/3 contests.
Eagles were 5-1 ATS last year in Sun Belt play.

NT is 3-8 SU, but 7-4 ATS in their 2nd of B2B AG's, pending 9/21 result.
Eagles are 2-0 SU & ATS in this short series outscoring ULL 55-17 the L/2.

North Texas is 5-1 ATS in November games the last 2 years.
Could apply: Eagles are 3-0 as home favorites since 1998.

NT is 3-3 SU, but 4-2 ATS when schools from the state of Idaho come to Denton.
Eagles are 2-4 SU, 4-2 ATS in their last 6 vs the Vandals.

NT is 8-4 ATS in the last 2 games of the season since 1996.
Eagles are 5-1 SU and ATS the last 6 battles vs New Mexico St.

This is only the 2nd contest vs MTSU w/NT winning LY 24-21 & covering as a DD dog.
Eagles are 4-2 SU, 5-1 ATS since 1996 in their season finales.

Darrell Dickey (Career 13-32)

5th Year at N Texas

DICKEY's records AT N TEXAS

13-32	Straight Up	3-0	Home Favorite
23-20	Vs The Spread	6-9	Home Dog
15-13	Off A S/U Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
11-9	Vs Conference	13-10	Away Dog
		12-11	Vs Non-Conf

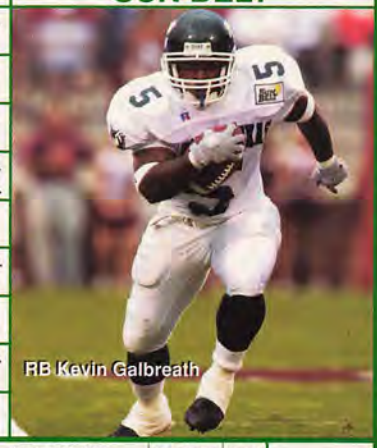
2001 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (26,20,1)
Lost: 12 (5,6,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,769

SUN BELT


RB Kevin Galbreath

STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	5-6	4-7	3-8	2-9	3-8	5-6	24-53
ATS	4-4	7-2	4-6	7-4	3-8	5-5	8-3	38-32
Home Fav	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	4-1
Home Dog	3-0	3-0	1-0	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-1	13-9
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-1
Away Dog	1-4	2-2	2-5	5-1	2-5	3-3	3-1	18-21
Favorite	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	7-2
Dog	4-4	5-2	3-5	6-4	3-8	5-5	5-2	31-30
Grass	1-3	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-6	2-2	3-2	11-16
Artificial	3-1	6-1	3-5	4-3	3-2	3-3	5-1	27-16
vs Conf	1-0	4-0	2-3	2-1	2-4	2-3	5-1	18-12
vs Non-Conf	3-4	3-2	2-3	5-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	20-20
Off SU Win	0-2	2-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	5-0	11-8
Off SU Loss	3-1	4-1	2-4	6-2	3-5	4-3	2-3	24-19

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin Galbreath	286	1286	61	1225	4	4.3
Patrick Cobbs	100	472	23	449	3	4.5
Scott Hall	93	340	196	144	4	1.5
Richard Bridges	16	24	60	-36	0	-2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Scott Hall	224	115	51.3	1638	19	12
Richard Bridges	31	12	38.7	106	2	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
George Marshall	36	599	16.6	11	65
Ja'Mel Branch	34	433	12.7	4	58
Kevin Howard	22	261	11.9	0	32
Patrick Cobbs	9	169	18.8	0	60
Jeff Muenchow	8	84	10.5	1	25
Randy Gardner	7	95	13.6	2	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Jason Ball	70	2689	38.4	–	35.0	0	16

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Ball	3-6	2-4	3-3	1-1	9-14	57

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cody Spencer	114	0	4	1	1
Brad Kassell	100	2	12	5	2
Craig Jones	87	0	2	5	2
Taylor Casey	73	1	6	4	0
Jonas Buckles	53	0	3	3	6
Brandon Kennedy	43	1	5	0	0
Don McGee	41	0	4	8	3
Chris McIver	39	2	6	1	0
Walter Priestley	38	0	4	4	0
Ron Paris	32	1	3	1	0
Chris Hurd	25	0	1	2	0
Alex Pahulu	20	2	0	0	0
Cougar McBride	22	1	1	1	0
Markeith Knowlton	20	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ty Jackson	22	177	8.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ja'Mel Branch	27	587	21.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	New Orleans	+11	Colorado St	20-45	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NORTH TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	22.9	16	158	3.7	146	49.8	13.3	+6	2001	6	24.4	19	137	3.9	219	62.1	14.6
7*	14.7	11	134	3.4	107	46.9	16.4	+4	2000	5	27.3	20	183	4.4	197	61.3	13.9
5*	10.7	12	136	3.6	110	40.4	22.9	+2	1999	8	26.5	20	217	4.8	184	61.3	15.1
8	15.7	13	142	3.5	117	43.4	16.4	+4	1998	6	27.0	22	215	4.8	202	60.3	15.4
9*	21.1	16	133	3.6	176	48.2	14.6	-16	1997	6	30.1	22	196	4.2	227	59.1	14.1
8*	14.6	12	101	2.8	117	41.0	14.9	0	1996	8	26.6	21	159	3.5	231	55.8	14.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
TCU	7	34 - 106	3.1	3 - 12	23	2	15	45 - 106	2.4	10 - 16	92	1	+1
at Oklahoma	11	39 - 117	3.0	12 - 26	180	1	24	29 - 190	6.6	29 - 42	353	1	0
Texas Tech	15	38 - 160	4.2	14 - 32	125	4	23	27 - 121	4.5	35 - 46	286	1	-4
at S Florida	14	37 - 118	3.2	18 - 33	203	1	15	40 - 128	3.2	15 - 24	206	0	0
at UL Monroe	13	30 - 136	4.5	11 - 18	148	1	15	44 - 138	3.1	18 - 24	181	2	-1
Mid Tenn St	17	58 - 216	3.7	8 - 19	117	0	23	36 - 123	3.4	19 - 26	171	4	+2
Arkansas St	15	49 - 134	2.7	6 - 10	143	1	9	32 - 67	2.1	9 - 21	90	2	+2
at New Mexico St	18	47 - 195	4.1	13 - 27	189	5	23	36 - 170	4.7	16 - 29	214	0	+3
Louisiana-Lft	22	52 - 256	4.9	7 - 11	139	1	21	20 - 100	5.0	35 - 67	344	0	+1
at Idaho	22	46 - 254	5.5	13 - 19	148	3	27	31 - 98	3.2	33 - 54	472	4	+3
at Troy St	13	43 - 72	1.7	9 - 18	145	5	17	40 - 162	4.1	14 - 22	86	2	-2
†Colorado St	19	41 - 133	3.2	15 - 34	196	6	20	45 - 246	5.5	8 - 17	129	1	+1
TOTALS	186	514 - 1897	3.7	129 - 259	1756	30	232	425 - 1649	3.9	241 - 388	2624	18	+6
AVERAGES	15.5	43 - 158	3.7	11 - 22	146	2.5	19.3	35 - 137	3.9	20 - 32	219	1.5	0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	+13	12-29	L
at Oregon St	+12'	7-33	L
Indiana St	NL	41-6	–
at Texas Tech	+33	30-27	W
† Texas A&M	+31'	10-36	W
at Idaho	+9'	17-30	L
Boise St	-11	14-17	L
at Nevada	+17	10-65	L
at New Mexico St	-3	26-15	W
at Army	+6'	14-25	L
Utah St	+13	51-48	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+18	9-37	L
Texas Tech	+22	0-30	L
at Arizona St	+37	15-34	W
at Texas A&M	+35	9-38	W
at Boise St	+7'	21-13	W
Nevada	+1	27-21	W
Houston	+3'	9-31	L
Idaho	+3	23-41	L
at Kansas	+15	14-23	W
at Utah St	+7'	27-28	W
New Mexico St	-2'	19-11	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	+2	3-26	L
at LSU	+34	0-52	L
at Texas Tech	+31	21-14	W
at Baylor	+11'	10-23	L
at Idaho	+20	10-28	W
Boise St	+7	17-10	W
Arkansas St	+1/2/E	10-14	L
at Nevada	+11	28-41	L
at TCU	+22	3-27	L
at New Mexico St	+12	9-22	L
Utah St	+4	7-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	+6	7-20	L
at Texas Tech	+30'	7-13	W
at UNLV	+16'	0-38	L
at Kansas St	+51'	10-55	W
Samford	NL	41-6	–
Utah St	+1	12-17	L
at Boise St	+27	0-59	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+4'	13-0	W
Idaho	+13'	14-16	W
at Arkansas St	+7'	28-53	L
New Mexico St	+11	30-23	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	+17	5-19	W
at Oklahoma	+41	10-37	W
Texas Tech	+18	14-42	L
at S Florida	+12	10-28	L
at UL Monroe	-6	17-19	L
Mid Tenn St	+14	24-21	W
Arkansas St	-6'	45-0	W
at N Mexico St	+9	22-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-10	42-17	W
at Idaho	-3	50-27	W
at Troy St	+6	16-18	W

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Cajuns had a returning starter in Derek Dyer who started the first two games but then stunningly quit the team after throwing for 211 yards (43.5%) with a 1-2 ratio. Jon Van Cleave (PS#51) took 25 snaps vs Texas and Dyer must have seen the writing on the wall. Van Cleave started the next 5 games but finished the year throwing for just 687 yards (45.5%) with a 1-5 ratio. Van Cleave has a powerful arm and was much more confident in 2001 in his second year of the system. He set school records for attempts (66) and completions (34) against N Texas and vs Idaho he set school records for pass completion percentage (77%) and yards passing (407). Overall ULL ranked #43 in the NCAA in passing offense as Van Cleave threw for 2,499 yards (55%) with a positive 14-10 ratio and had 166 gross yards rushing despite missing the final 3Q's of the last game due to injury. In that game Matt Lane (PS#250) saw his most significant action of the year. Lane had just 10 pass attempts coming in but threw 32 times for 138 yards vs UCF. For the year he completed 50% with an 0-1 ratio. Van Cleave led the Sun Belt with 298.5 ypg in 6 conference games last year. New coaches like their own recruits and Bustle brought in 2 players who could compete for time. Eric Rekieta (6-3 230 Jr) threw for 3,067 yards (48.8%) and 26 TD's last year at JUCO while Jerry Babb is PS#139. There was some talk of possible academic problems and a possible transfer for Van Cleave in January but he returned. As long as he stays eligible and at the school, he is probably the Sun Belt's best QB and should have an improved junior season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the team had to replace their career record holder for rushing yards by an RB in Darren Brister as well as their #3 rusher. Jerome Coleman was a PQ in 1999 and had 416 yards (3.6) in 2000. He is a powerback (only has 4.6 speed) and was probably the most complete back the team had last year. Coleman was not 100% in the first two games and was also injured in the final 3 games having just 4 carries for 5 yards in those. He still led the team in rushing with 625 (3.9). Trikeith Miller had the best speed (4.47) of last year's backs but only got in 8 games, gaining just 35 yards (1.6). Walk-on Ivan Taylor was very impressive last spring then really emerged down the stretch leading the team in rushing the last 3 games by averaging 71 ypg. For the season he had 323 yards (4.6). New coach Bustle moved Taylor to CB in the spring. The third leading rusher was WR Marcus Wilridge (46 yds). The team ranked just #111 overall in the NCAA, averaging 93.4 ypg rushing last year. Bustle is switching to a 2 back offense this year and I list the 2 deep below including the FB's. Not listed below are Wendall Williams (6-2 209 So), FB Elliott Temple (6-0 242 So), Dontrell Davis (5-6 170 Jr) and FB Freddrick Highsmith (6-0 262 So). You can expect this year's true frosh signees to contend for time immediately. With Coleman back this unit is stronger and more experienced.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had their top 2 receivers back and got the solid addition of Nick Dugas (PS#30) as a full-time WR after he had played QB & WR in 2000. There was question as to whether Dugas would play WR or RB in 2001 and I projected that if he moved into the WR corps, he could become the feature WR. That turned out to be the case as Dugas had 60 rec's (10.3). The two leading returnees from 2000 were Marcus Wilridge and Andre George who combined for 62 rec's that year. They were only the #3 and #4 receivers last year, combining for 60 rec's. Fred Stamps (PS#67) who started 3 games as a true frosh and had 21 rec's, emerged with 43 rec's (15.4). Stamps and Dugas are unusual HT recruits for this school. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are Kellen Wright (5-9 174 Jr) who is PS#140, BJ Crist (6-2 177 So) who had 7 rec's, Eric Bartel (5-8 170 Jr), Cory Scott (6-3 207 Sr) who has 4 starts and 30 rec's in 3 years, James Stewart (6-0 188 Sr) who had 3 starts in 1999, Billy Howard (6-1 210 Jr), TE Robert Lundy (6-5 242 Jr). The only loss this year is Wilridge and with practically everyone back I think this unit is even stronger in 2002 and looks like one of the Sun Belt's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 ULL had an experienced front that averaged 3.2 ypc rushing and allowed 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 40 starts and had just 1 returning starter. By the end of the season, ULL was starting 2 juniors, 2 sophs and a frosh and after allowing 15 sacks in the first 5 games they gave up just 12 in the last 6, showing improvement. Overall ULL averaged only 3.0 ypc rushing. This year they are in great shape. The only loss from the 2 deep is C Garrett Charkalis (5 sts) and there are even some HT's in the 2 deep that I list below and a VHT in Ron Thomas who may make an impact. This unit is much more experienced and I look for vastly improved numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Ragin' Cajuns D-line made strides in 2000, after allowing 5.1 ypc in '99 they trimmed it to 4.2 and increased their sack total to 29. Last year they appeared to be in great shape as all 4 starters returned plus they added LSU transfer Derace James to the unit. DT Walter Sampson (who had 7 starts in 2000) was banged up last year and limited and surprisingly they allowed 4.3 ypc while recording 27 sacks, slightly weaker numbers than 2000. This year they must replace DE Derrick Marshall (11 sts, 29 tkls, 4 sks), NG Chris Gistorb (9 sts, 33 tkls, 6 tfl) and backup DT Darrell Cottonham (16 tkls). They actually have 4 HT's in this group which is a good number for the Sun Belt conference. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Charles Phillips (6-3 240 rFr), Justin Taylor (6-2 268 So), DeShawn Jones (6-4 315 So), and Tenel Curtis (6-2 251 So). Despite the losses, the defensive front looks to be in solid shape and should improve on last year's numbers.

LB Ross Brupbacher

LINEBACKERS - Ricky Bustle is bringing in the 4–4–3 defense that they run at Virg Tech and for simplicity's sake, I will list one of the OLB spots with the DB's as that position is a hybrid LB/S spot. Last year ULL had to replace 3 players who combined for 10 starts and then lost returning starting OLB Ricky Calais to a season ending knee injury after 4 games. This year they are in much better shape. Basically everyone returns plus Calais is back and the team has a couple of JUCO's from last year who should contribute. They also add true frosh Rashon Brown (PS#72) and since new coaches like their own recruits, it wouldn't surprise me to see Brown emerge as a starter. Not listed below are Shawn Henderson (6-0 208 Sr), Dallas Charles (6-0 230 Jr, 9 games LY), Mike McGilvray (5-11 236 rFr) and David Kirkley (5-11 221 Jr). Trey Randall (6-0 225 Jr) had 9 tackles and 1 sack last year but tore his Achilles' tendon in the spring and is out 4-6 months. This unit is so deep that an HT, Stanley Smith, (PS#134) who started 5 games as a true frosh is listed as 2nd string. I list an experienced 2 deep below and provided they catch on to the new schemes quickly, they should be much improved with everyone back.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULL finished #96 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and had everyone back last season plus had some added talent. Three of last year's starters in the secondary received attention from NFL scouts: CB Charles Tillman, FS Kyries Hebert and CB Brad Franklin. As expected ULL rose up to #80 in the pass D rankings, allowing just 50.6% with an 18-10 ratio. They actually finished 31st in the NCAA in pass yards yielded at 190.9. This year they must replace 5 players who combined for 32 starts. Gone are CB Franklin (#7DC of CAR, 11 sts, 27 tkls, 3 pbu), Hebert (83 tkls, 2nd Tm SBC, 1 int), SS Peter Villia (5 sts, 18 tkls, 2 int), SS Matt Cieslak (6 sts, 39 tkls, 2 pbu) and CB Darien King (9 tkls, 1 tfl). I do like the CB combination of Charles Tillman and Ivan Taylor as Taylor moves over from RB and is a top-notch athlete. They also have some HT's in the mix including Jerome Bias who was PS#137WR and has missed most of the last 2 seasons with a broken leg, Atiba Dauzart (PS#82) who originally signed at Arkansas in 1998, as well as Leman Anderson (PS#100) who I project as the starting FS. I like the talent of this group and despite the losses, I think they can improve upon last year's rankings.

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SPECIAL TEAMS - Jerry Baldwin was the DL and special teams coach at LSU so I expected him to pay close attention to this unit throughout his career. In his first season at ULL the unit surprisingly fell from #79 to #103 and then dropped to #112 in 2000 and were just #110 last year. They actually had 3 blocks vs them and 4 TD's allowed (2 on punt blocks) in 2000 but kept that number to one block vs and one TD allowed last year. The big news last offseason was the signing of Lucas Murphy (PS#77) who had nailed a 59 yard FG in HS and averaged 42.1 ypp. He was expected to take over one of, if not both of, the starting spots, but redshirted. Baldwin also brought in JUCO Jonathon Knott (PS#229JC) and Knott ended up winning both spots and did a solid job. In 2000 the team hit just 3 of 8 FG's with a long of 27. Knott improved the FG accuracy, hitting 10 of 15 with a long of 48. He also beat out returning punter Grant Autrey while improving the net punting from a 30.0 to 32.7. His KO's were simply average as they only had 4 touchbacks on 50 KO's and their KR team was also poor, averaging just 17.9 which was #102 in the NCAA (last in the Sun Belt). Murphy had 36 touchbacks in HS and if he wins the KO job as a rFr, should improve on their overall KO's. The top PR man, Nick Dugas, was back and after averaging 14.5 in 2000, his average dropped to 8.9. Marcus Wilridge, who averaged 20.9 on KR's in 2000, increased to 22.8, but does depart. Overall with two talented kickers and Nick Dugas, this unit has the potential to take a big jump in the overall rankings this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Ragin' Cajuns had 3 straight winning seasons under Nelson Stokley from '93-'95 but have now had 6 straight losing seasons. HC Jerry Baldwin, who inherited a team that lost 9 games in '98 by an average of 30 ppg with just 49 scholarship players, had the team make strides in each of his seasons. Last year ULL had its best win total under Baldwin with 3 and he was clearly pointing toward his 4th year as the one in which they would emerge. He did not catch many breaks last year as they had a 380-229 yard edge vs Ark St but lost on a 54 yard fumble return. They led New Mexico St 38-20 in the 3Q and against MTSU, finished with a 24-17 FD edge. The team had 13 seniors last year. This season they have 10 starters back on offense and 6 on defense and could be the most balanced team in the Sun Belt. Overall I rate them #3 on offense and #2 on defense in the league. QB Jon Van Cleave, a top-notch receiving corps, and OL should have them scoring well above last year's 21.3 average. The team averaged just 338 ypg last year but in Sun Belt play averaged 424, the 3rd best in the conference. Defensively, ULL had the 2nd best unit, allowing just 363.8 ypg which was only 2.5 yards behind N Texas in the Sun Belt in total defense. I think Jerry Baldwin had this team set up for a contention in the Sun Belt and Rickey Bustle will be the guy who benefits. Bustle, the former OC at Virginia Tech, led VT's offense in 7 of their top 8 scoring seasons. Facing MTSU on the road, it may be tough for ULL to contend for the Sun Belt championship but they do host N Texas as well as Idaho and this season they have a legitimate shot of obtaining 3 or 4 wins in conference play and possibly contending for the league title.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JON VAN CLEAVE JR. 6-5 246 *PS#51. 5 sts as true. 687 yds (45%) 1-5 ratio. 11 sts LY, 2499 yds (55%), 14-10 ratio, 166 rush. Eric Rekieta (6-3 230 Jr) is PS#197JUCO.*

RB JEROME COLEMAN SR. 6-1 238 *PS#229, PQ in 99. 416 yds (3.6) in 2000. 8 sts LY, 625 yds (3.9), 16 rec (8.8) slowed by inj. Ross Rix is PS#473. Ryan Lampton (6-0 205 rFr) QB LY.*

FB Wayne Stein Jr. 5-10 214 *15 yds offense last year, 4 KR's. Blake Bourque (6-1 245 Sr). 1 st in 1999, 355 bench. 16 games the last 2 years. Elliot Temple (6-0 242 So).*

WR FRED STAMPS JR. 6-0 176 ***PS#67**. 3 sts as **true**, 21 rec (7.2). 11 sts LY, 43 rec (15.4). Donovan Morgan (6-2 189 Jr) PS#178. PQ in 2000. 22 rec (10.0) LY. BJ Crist (6-2 177 So).*

WR NICK DUGAS SR. 5-11 191 ***PS#30QB**. 1 st at QB, 2 @ WR in 2000, 857 ttl yds. 10 sts at WR LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 60 rec (10.3). Andre George (6-0 198 Sr) PS#219, 16 sts, 60 rec, 3Y.*

TE JOSH JOERG JR. 6-4 237 *PS#127. 5 sts as true, 1 rec. 6 sts in 2001, 6 rec (7.3). Lawrence Johnson (6-5 253 So) PS#145TE. Kenny Guenther (6-4 258 rFr) 0 letters.*

C JOSH NEWTON SR. 6-2 266 *PS#322JUCO. 6 starts, 11 games here in 2001. Jay Smith (6-2 281 Jr), has not lettered. Ronnie Harvey (6-0 270 So) has not lettered.*

RG TONY HULL JR. 6-4 282 *2nd string as true but RS. 2nd string in 2000. 11 sts at RG LY. Greg Hodges (6-1 305 So) 2nd string, lettered as true. Chris Perrone (6-5 330 Jr).*

LG D'ANTHONY BATISTE JR. 6-4 295 *PS#200DL. 3 starts, 6 games as **true**. Added 23 lbs LY, 11 sts at LG. Mike Moore (6-3 334 rFr) PS#537. Corey Glover (6-3 304 rFr).*

RT DEMETRIOS BROOKS SO. 6-3 290 *PS#390. 11 sts as rFr at RT. Marques Smith (6-4 330 Jr) PS#435. 7 games as true, 11 games LY, 2 letters. Keron Dixon (6-3 266 rFr).*

LT JONATHON RAUSH SR. 6-7 300 *11 sts at LT as **true!** 11 sts in 2000 at LT. 11 sts at LT LY, **2nd Tm SBC**. Iron Man Award in spring. **Ron Thomas** (6-7 298 So) **PS#320L**.*

K JONATHON KNOTT SR. 6-1 210 *12 of 17 FG's at JUCO in 2000. 10 of 15 FG's here LY, long of 48 and solid 3 of 4 from 40+. Lucas Murphy (PS#77) hit 59 yd FG in HS.*

DE Antonio Floyd Jr. 6-1 237 *PS#200LB. 4.6 spd, 16 tkls, 1 sk LY. Justin Venable (6-0 235 Sr) PS#191LB. 8 tkls in '99. 2 gms, L2Y (inj). Emmitt Holiday (6-3 220 Jr) 2 sts in 2000, 3 sks.*

DT CHARLEY SMITH SR. 6-4 273 *10 sts in 2000, 15 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts LY, 21 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. David Gaines (6-3 287 Sr) PS#290DL. DeShawn Jones (6-4 315 So) PS#375.*

DT Walter Sampson Sr. 6-4 287 ***9 sts** in '99, **9.5 tfl**. 7 sts in 2000, 33 tkls, **7 sks**. 2 sts LY (inj) 21 tkls, **5 sks**, 3 tfl. Daniel Taylor (6-2 266 Jr) PS#375. 7 sts, 5 tfl as true. 3 sks LY.*

DE DERACE JAMES JR. 6-3 255 ***PS#146** and orig at **LSU**. 11 sts here LY, 35 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Eugene Kwarteng (6-4 221 rFr). David Brignac (6-0 227 Sr). Anthony Hills is PS#114TE.*

OLB RICKY CALAIS SR. 5-10 219 *PQ in '99. 6 sts in 2000, 43 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl. 4 sts LY (inj), 21 tkls, 4 tfl. Jamaal Sanders (5-9 200 Jr). Stephen Archangel (6-0 194 Jr) **4.3 spd**, 5 tkls LY.*

ILB ROSS BRUPBACHER SR. 6-1 231 *3 sts as rFr, 24 tkls, 3.5 tfl. 6 sts in 2000, 29 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 78 tkls, 4.5 sks, 7 tfl. Chris Klock (6-0 228 So) PS#338, 2 tkls LY.*

ILB MARRIOUS BERRY SR. 5-11 238 *PS#211. PQ in '99. 10 sts, 44 tkls in 2000. 11 sts, 62 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl LY. **Stanley Smith** (6-1 234 So) **PS#134WR**. 5 sts as true, 33 tkls, 2 tfl.*

OLB Jamal Smith Jr. 5-9 200 *4 sts as rFr, 24 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. 22 tkls, 2 tfl in 2001. Jerome Bias (6-2 208 Jr) **PS#137WR**. 3 tkls as true until broken leg. 0 games last year.*

CB CHARLES TILLMAN SR. 6-2 192 *4.5 spd, NFL potential. 5 sts as true, 82 tkls, 6 pbu. 11 sts in 2000, **6 int**, 9 pbu. 11 sts LY. 38 tkls, 4 int, 8 pbu. Carlos Hicks (5-11 188 Sr) 7 tkls.*

CB Ivan Taylor Jr. 6-1 193 *Speed. 2 sts at RB in 2001, 323 yds (4.6), 18 rec (6.9), 18 KR (15.6). Atiba Dauzart (5-7 157 Sr) PS#82DB and orig signed w/Arkansas. 5 tkls LY.*

FS Leman Anderson Jr. 6-2 194 *PS#100DB. DNQ in 1999. Brian Deamer (6-2 201 Sr) 11 tkls in 1999. 19 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. Ray Stone (5-11 181 Sr) 7 tkls, 1 pbu in 1998.*

P JONATHON KNOTT SR. 6-1 210 *PS#229JC. 66 punts, 36.6 avg. net of 32.7. **Lucas Murphy** (5-10 192 rFr) PS#77, 42.1 avg in HS. Grant Autrey (6-2 192 Sr) 81 punts 37.1 in 2000, 30.0 net.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

LB	Rashon Brown 6-3 215 PS#72	Get my 2002 Frosh Report Just $15.00 1-800-654-3448
QB	Eric Rekieta 6-3 230 PS#197JC	
DB	Jarvis Murchison 5-9 175 PS#190	
QB	Jerry Babb 6-3 205 PS#139	
LB	Mack Fair 6-1 215 PS#285	
TE	Anthony Hills 6-4 225 PS#114	
OL	Brandon Cox 6-8 295 PS#459	
DB	Johnny Felders 6-1 180 PS#547	
RB	Ross Rix 5-9 185 PS#479	
WR	Tyler Wheeler 5-10 180 PS#442	
WR	Josh Harrison 5-7 175 PS#580	
DB	Terryl Fenton 6-2 190 PS#810	
DL	Michael Peterson 6-2 215 PS#650	
RB	Chester Johnson 5-10 205 PS#698	

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ULL	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
								This is only the 2nd time in their history ULL plays 12 regular season gms. This year's foes had a combined 57-71 SU record in 2001. Cajuns have a 45-73-1 all-time SU record against this year's foes.
Aug. 31	at Texas A&M	G						ULL upset nationally ranked Aggies in 1996 before 38,783 at Cajun Field. Cajuns are 0-5 SU but 5-0 ATS since 1998 vs Big 12 teams.
Sep. 7	Minnesota	G						ULL is 6-2 ATS S/'94 in their 1st lined HG, but 1-4 SU the L/5 home openers. LY's 44-14 loss to the Gophers was ULL's 1st gm ever vs a Big 10 team.
Sep. 14	at Houston	G						Cajuns are 0-3 SU & ATS the L/3 vs the Cougars & have lost the L/2 trips by 45 & 56 pts. ULL is 1-14 SU and 4-10 ATS since 1996 vs current CUSA teams.
Sep. 21	UAB	G						Pending 9/7 outcome, ULL is 4-2 ATS the L3Y as a HD, but was 1-2 LY. Cajuns came into 2002 with a 1-6 ATS mark in their L/7 non-conf games.
Sep. 28								This will mark the 19th meeting in this bittersweet rivalry, but 1st since '38.
Oct. 5	at LSU	G						LSU is 18-0 SU in the series which began in 1911. Cajuns are 1-4 SU and ATS after their last 5 bye weeks.
Oct. 12	at New Mexico St	G						Ragin' Cajuns went 2-4 SU and ATS in Sun Belt Conf play last year. Pending earlier results, ULL is 3-7 ATS their last 10 as a road dog.
Oct. 19	at Mid Tenn St	A						ULL is 6-3 SU and 5-1 ATS in their 3rd straight away game since 1989. The favorite, the road team, and ULL are all 2-1 ATS in this short series.
Oct. 26	N Texas	G						Cajuns have lost to N Texas SU and ATS in each of the last 2 seasons. Pending previous results, ULL is 2-5 ATS off their last 7 SU losses.
Nov. 2	Idaho (HC)	G						Cajuns are 2-7 ATS their last 9 tries as a home favorite. ULL is 3-3 SU and 2-4 ATS in their last 6 Homecoming games.
Nov. 9	Arkansas St	G						Could apply: ULL is 1-8 ATS off a SU win since 1996. This is the 1st time S/'97 that ULL plays 3 in a row at home in their Swamp.
Nov. 16	at Arkansas	G						Pending LSU results, ULL is 0-10 SU but 6-4 ATS vs SEC teams since '89. Razorbacks are 1 of 4 bowl teams from 2001 on the ULL docket this year.
Nov. 23	at UL Monroe	G						This will be the 38th meeting of these two instate rivals. ULL is 4-4 SU but 2-4 ATS in this series since 1989.
Nov. 30								

RICKEY BUSTLE (Career 0-0)

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Bustle's records AT LOUISIANA-LFT

0-0 Straight Up	0-0 Home Favorite
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0 Home Dog
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0 Away Favorite
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0 Away Dog
0-0 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (22,18,3)
Lost: 14 (4,10,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,323

SUN BELT

QB Jon Van Cleave

STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	1-10	2-9	2-9	1-10	3-8	20-57
ATS	7-1	4-6	1-9	5-4	6-4	5-3	2-8	30-35
Home Fav	2-1	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	4-7
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-5	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-2	7-8
Away Fav	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Dog	2-0	2-3	1-4	4-3	3-3	4-2	1-5	17-20
Favorite	4-1	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	6-7
Dog	3-0	3-3	1-9	5-4	5-3	5-2	2-7	24-28
Grass	5-1	4-5	1-6	4-3	4-3	3-3	1-6	22-27
Artificial	2-0	0-1	0-3	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	8-8
vs Conf	4-1	1-2	1-3	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-4	15-13
vs Non-Conf	3-0	3-4	0-6	2-3	4-3	3-2	0-4	15-22
Off SU Win	4-1	0-4	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-3	5-9
Off SU Loss	3-0	3-2	1-8	4-3	4-4	5-3	2-5	22-25

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerome Coleman	162	674	49	625	10	3.9
Ivan Taylor	70	367	44	323	3	4.6
Marcus Wilridge	7	56	10	46	0	6.6
Jon Van Cleave	58	166	192	-26	0	-0.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jon Van Cleave	407	224	55.0	2499	14	10
Matt Lane	42	21	50.0	187	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Nick Dugas	60	616	10.3	3	36	
Frederick Stamps	43	663	15.4	4	48	
Marcus Wilridge	36	394	10.9	1	47	
Andre George	24	267	11.1	3	53	
Donovan Morgan	22	219	10.0	1	41	
Jerome Coleman	16	141	8.8	1	29	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**50+**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jonathon Knott	66	2418	36.6	–	32.7	0	14
KICKING	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Jonathon Knott	4-4	3-7	3-4	0-0	10-15	48	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyries Hebert	83	0	3	1	1
Ross Brupbacher	78	4.5	7	0	0
Marrious Berry	62	3	6	1	1
Matt Cieslak	39	0	0	2	0
Charles Tillman	38	0	3	8	4
Derace James	35	0.5	3	0	0
Chris Gistorb	33	0	6	2	0
Stanley Smith	33	0	2	0	0
Derrick Marshall	29	4	0	0	0
Brad Franklin	27	0	1	3	0
Jamal Smith	22	0	2	0	0
Walter Sampson	21	5	3	0	0
Charley Smith	21	3	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Nick Dugas	22	196	8.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Marcus Wilridge	21	479	22.8	0
Ivan Taylor	18	280	15.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
70	Rice	NL	Tennessee St	25-26	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LOUISIANA-LFT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	21.3	18	93	3.0	244	54.6	15.9	0	2001	10	33.2	20	183	4.3	191	50.6	11.3
10*	15.5	16	124	3.2	162	47.8	18.4	+2	2000	7	32.3	20	151	4.2	236	59.9	12.0
8*	18.5	16	114	2.7	141	47.7	13.8	+4	1999	8	37.7	23	219	5.1	220	55.2	11.6
7*	18.1	16	118	3.0	182	45.7	16.6	-9	1998	6	41.2	23	221	5.2	289	55.1	12.4
7	16.0	16	125	2.9	163	47.3	18.0	-26	1997	5	50.3	22	282	6.2	194	50.4	9.5
7*	27.6	22	128	3.2	278	52.9	14.7	-4	1996	7	36.7	22	232	5.2	176	46.4	11.1

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Nicholls St	16	43-110	2.6	12-27	179	2	4	34-57	1.7	0-11	0	3	-1
at Minnesota	10	26-30	1.2	18-35	126	2	31	61-331	5.4	15-28	202	1	+1
S Mississippi	8	17-7	0.4	10-39	137	4	22	43-104	2.4	21-35	272	6	-1
Mid Tenn St	24	37-105	2.8	26-42	241	4	17	43-289	6.7	5-17	53	1	-1
at Arizona St	18	32-114	3.6	22-47	252	3	23	42-215	5.1	14-27	328	1	0
at Arkansas St	21	28-119	4.3	29-40	261	0	10	41-120	2.9	6-18	109	2	-3
at Idaho	28	50-234	4.7	27-35	407	2	29	34-117	3.4	27-42	410	4	+3
UL Monroe	15	34-51	1.5	20-33	226	3	16	45-130	2.9	13-28	112	4	+1
at N Texas	21	20-100	5.0	35-67	344	0	22	52-256	4.9	7-11	139	1	-1
New Mexico St	26	32-127	4.0	26-43	329	1	22	45-245	5.4	12-22	203	0	+1
at UCF	15	27-30	1.1	20-41	184	6	20	30-153	5.1	17-32	272	4	+1
TOTALS	202	346-1027	3.0	245-449	2686	27	216	470-2017	4.3	137-271	2100	27	0
AVERAGES	18.4	31-93	3.0	22-41	244	2.5	19.6	43-183	4.3	12-25	191	2.5	0.0

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+7	13-45	L
Oklahoma St	+6'	7-31	L
at Texas Tech	+27'	14-59	L
at Texas A&M	+37	0-66	L
UAB	+6	7-42	L
at Arkansas St	+5	41-38	W
N Alabama	NL	42-48	–
NE Louisiana	+6'	21-28	L
Tulane	+26	0-56	L
at Wash St	+46	7-77	L
Louisiana Tech	+22	24-63	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas	+32	17-38	W
Northwestern St	NL	22-24	–
at Louisiana Tech	+20	14-77	L
at S Mississippi	+35	0-55	L
at UAB	+19	13-24	W
Arkansas St	+6	21-19	W
UCF	+28	10-42	L
at Tulane	+36'	20-72	L
at NE Louisiana	+11	24-34	W
at Oklahoma	+35'	20-44	W
W Kentucky	NL	38-24	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma St	+34	7-24	W
Texas Tech	+22	17-38	W
at Houston	+21	0-45	L
Mid Tenn St	-2	45-31	W
Louisiana Tech	+15	31-41	W
at Washington St	+21	0-44	L
at Tulane	+27'	32-48	W
NE Louisiana	-3	7-31	L
at Arkansas St	+10'	27-31	W
at S Mississippi	+37	0-48	L
Wofford	NL	37-34	–

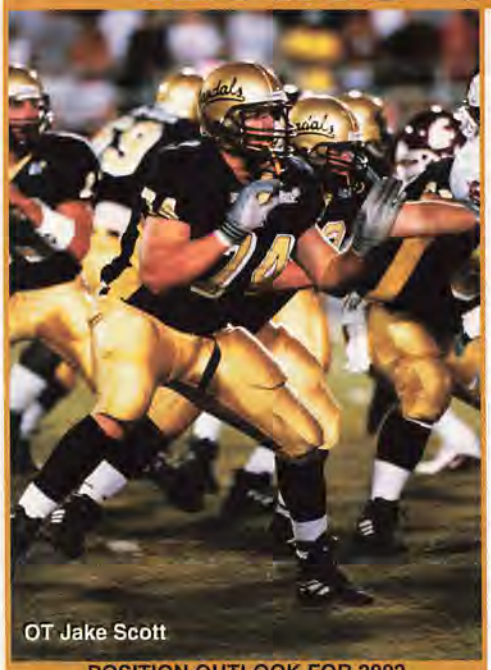
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	14-21	–
at Texas	+46'	10-52	W
at Texas Tech	+32	0-26	W
Northwestern St	NL	21-23	–
at UAB	+19	2-47	L
Tulane	+20'	37-38	W
at Louisiana Tech	+6	14-48	L
N Texas	-4'	0-13	L
at UL Monroe	+2	21-18	W
Jacksonville St	NL	14-28	–
at Mid Tenn St (OT)	+26'	38-41	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	20-0	–
at Minnesota	+24'	14-44	L
S Mississippi	+24'	10-35	L
Mid Tenn St	+16	9-26	L
at Arizona St	+33	27-63	L
at Arkansas St	+3'	20-26	L
at Idaho	+11	54-37	W
UL Monroe	-8	17-12	L
at N Texas	+10	17-42	L
New Mexico St	+7'	46-49	W
at UCF	+28'	0-31	L

IDAHO VANDALS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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Idaho has been known for producing top-notch QB's such as John Friesz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart and Ryan Fien who combined for seven seasons of over 3,000 yards passing between 1982-1996. In 1998 John Welsh took over the QB duties in the second half of the year and guided the team to a bowl game and was Bowl MVP. In 1999 he broke an ankle after two starts and the team struggled, completing just 46.6%. Welsh started all 11 games in 2000 and threw for 3,171 yards with a 22-17 ratio (63%). Last year coming into the season Coach Cable said it was important to establish a backup and that the 2nd stringer would play in at least one series of every half. Brian Lindgren (PS#51) beat out Adam Mallette (6-2 234 So, PS#250) in a spirited battle for that spot. Lindgren saw far more action than expected. Welsh started 8 games but was injured vs Washington and missed 3 games. He threw for 2,215 yards (64.4%) and had a super ratio of 18-5 after opening the year with 75 passes without an int. He was named 2nd team Sun Belt despite the injury shortened season. In his first start Lindgren threw for 427 yards which was the 6th best in school history. In his next start he simply threw for 637 yards with 71 attempts and 49 completions, all 3 being school records. In his 3rd start Lindgren threw for 288 yards against New Mexico St and for the season threw for 1,611 (59.2%) with an 10-10 ratio. He will battle Michael Harrington (6-4 188 rFr) who happens to be Joey's brother and was a surprising signee last year (PS#79) and Mallette, who did not see action. Not much went well for Idaho last year and despite the loss of Welsh, this group could put up comparable numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 the team's leading rusher was Anthony Tenner who had 764 yards (4.3). Tenner returned in 2000 but broke his wrist in the preseason and did not play. Willie Alderson stepped to the forefront and rushed for 1,195 yards and a solid 5.0 ypc and also had 45 rec's (9.3). Tenner returned last year and they also got Blair Lewis (PS#80JC) who signed late in 2000. Lewis got his first start against Arizona in Week 2 and had 110 yards. He also had 347 all-purpose yards vs Mid Tenn St which tied a school record. Lewis rushed for 509 yards (5.2) and was on pace for a big season but unfortunately was lost vs N Mex St after gaining 102 yards on 16 carries. Tenner led the team in rushing the next week with 91 yards but then was injured and would not return in full force until the season finale when he had 170 vs Montana. He finished with 462 (4.2) and departs. Zach Gerstner led the team in rushing in the other 3 games and finished with 339 yards (4.1). Also in the mix are 2 JUCO's in Shung Peoples (5-10 182 Jr) and Malfred Shaw (5-10 207 Jr) who rushed for 1,475 yards (6.4) at JC in 2001. Both were in for spring. Paul Ziegler (6-0 170 rFr, PS#300) and Matt Gower (5-11 192 rFr) also add depth at TB as does Brian Yarno (6-0 232 So) at FB. As long as Lewis stays healthy this year he should be able to top 1,000 yards as he does have good power and explosiveness, while Gerstner has 643 career yards rushing and 355 receiving and provides a solid backup along with the JUCO's. With the only loss being Tenner, this group has added talent and experience and should be stronger.

RECEIVERS - This unit looked to be in good shape last year as they only had to replace one starter in TE Mike Roberg who was #7DC of CAR. Not only did the top WR's return, but they added two WR's who missed 2000 in Rossi Martin (32, 13.2) and Orlando Winston (17, 11.8) as well as 2 speedy JUCO's in Andrew Hill (4.36 speed) and David Akers (PS#127). Unfortunately Hill and Akers did not play but the unit still put up some big numbers. This year three of the top five receivers depart including 1st Tm Sun Belt WR Chris Lacey who led the team with a solid 16.1 ypc on his 65 rec's. Also departing are Martin (PS#86) and Ethan Jones (28, 11.7). I list the 2 deep below and two years ago Cable bemoaned the fact that the team did not have speed, so Akers and Hill should provide that much needed factor. Not listed below are Robert Nembhard (5-9 162 rFr, 10.4 in 100m), Jimmy Labita (5-10 160 So), Cedric Thompson (5-8 175 Jr, PS#207JC) and TE Brendan Floyd (6-6 233 So, PS#134DL). Despite the losses, the #2 and #3 receivers from last year both return and this group should be on par with the 2001 unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Head Coach Tom Cable used to be an OL coach, so you know this unit is a priority for him. In 2000 he had a veteran group with 5 starters and 9 of the top 10 back but lost a starter prior to the season. The team averaged 3.9 ypc rushing, the same as in 1999, but surprisingly allowed more sacks going from 22 to 34. Last year they had to replace 4 three year starters as well as 1 backup. Two 300+ lb JUCO's were in for the spring and landed starting jobs but the inexperienced line opened the holes for only 3.4 ypc rushing and they allowed 42 sacks on the year. This year they are in great shape as all 5 starters return. They also add some top-notch rFr including a couple of HT's and Joshua Jelinek moves in from the DL to contend. I list an experienced and rather talented 3 deep below which should be a top-notch offensive front in 2002.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Vandals appeared to be in great shape last year, having to replace just 1 starter and 1 backup due to graduation. They did, however, lose 2 of my projected starters as DT Mike Jones and DT Dan White were lost in the 2nd game. Also, DE Ryan Knowles (2nd Tm BW in 2000), lost his starting spot to Dennis Taeatafa in the 2H of the year. This year they must replace DE Knowles (5 sts, 22 tkls, 3 tfl), NT Wil Beck (10 sts, 37 tkls, 10 tfl) and DE Jason Flowers (3 tkls). They get Jones, a 9 game starter in 2000, back as well as White and have 4 players returning with 8 or more starts. They add 4 JUCO's whom I plug into the 2 deep as well as a rFr and some solid true frosh. Last year true frosh Brandon Kania led the team in sacks and was named 2nd Team Sun Belt and returns bigger and stronger. The Vandals went from allowing 4.4 ypc rushing in 2000 to 4.8 last year and have recorded just 19 and 17 sacks the last 2 years. I look for this year's edition to mount a much stronger pass rush and the Vandals should also be much tougher vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Vandals had to replace all 3 LB starters including their top 2 tacklers and all 3 players had earned All Big West mention. Cable moved 2 year starting S Brad Rice to one of the LB spots and brought in JUCO James Staley to fill another. Unfortunately, Staley suffered a stinger in the 5th game and was lost for the year so SS Jordan Kramer moved to SLB to take his place. This year only 2 players depart in OLB Brad Rice (11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 3 int) and backup OLB Jason Williams (5 tkls). Four players return with starting experience and while Cable is high on the talent and numbers, I'm not wild about the depth in the unit. They are, however, in better shape, especially with Staley's return, and should be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Idaho led the NCAA last year but it wasn't in a category they wanted to. They allowed 28 TD passes, which was more than any other team. Last year's secondary was a very inexperienced unit but experience hasn't really mattered as of late. In the past 2 years they've allowed 56 TD's while netting just 11 int's and last year finished #116 in my pass D rankings. The 2000 version did have 4 players with starting experience, but last year's group had a combined total of only 3 starts coming into the season. This year the only losses are CB Ighe Evero (11 sts, 41 tkls, 6 pbu) and FS Mike Wakefield (2 tkls). Five players return with starting experience and they get the addition of a couple of solid rFr and 4 JUCO's who should take command of the CB spots and finally help out the poor TD/int ratio. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Antoine Geraghty (6-1 192 rFr), Rod Bryant (6-1 180 Jr) who had 8 pbu at JC last year, and DeVonn Ford (5-9 168 Sr) who was a JUCO transfer last year. If you check out the 2 deep you will notice that there are 5 HT's in the group. This unit is much more experienced and should be solidly improved.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Cable said one of his concerns heading into the 2001 season was missed FG's and they did prove to be a problem. The team hit just 6 of 15 FG's with a long of 49. Brian Pope connected on just 1 of 7 but Keith Stamps hit 5 of 8 with a long of 49 and does hold promise for the future. Both return. Of course, FG accuracy is not included in my overall special teams rankings. Ryan Downes averaged just 35.9 per punt with a net of 31.3 as a true frosh but got much better in his second year, increasing the average to 39.2 with a net of 33.9 and should continue to improve. Top KR Chris Lacey departs (24.1) but Blair Lewis averaged 24.8 and was the top KR until his injury. Cedric Thompson avg 31.8 on KR's last year at JC and could be a big boost. The top PR, Orlando Winston (6.1) was actually an improvement over 2000's (4.1). Special teams mistakes cost this team greatly as they allowed 5 returns for TD's and also fumbled a punt and a KO to set up short scores for the opponents. Cable hired a new special teams coordinator this year in Gary Coston which should help the unit as well and added true frosh kicker Mike Barrow (PS#28) and he had 80% of his KO's in the endzone last year. Barrow also had the amazing statistic of allowing an avg of 0 yds per PR as a result of his amazing hang time. This unit should be drastically improved from their #108.

PHIL'S FORECAST

This team has had just 3 losing seasons since 1982 but Tom Cable has been the head man for 2 of them. Idaho actually used to be in the Pacific Coast Conference (which is now known as the Pac 10) from 1922 to 1958. They were in the Big Sky from 1965 to 1995 and in the Big West from 1996 to 2000. No one could question Idaho's offense last year as while they averaged just 28.5 ppg, they amassed 463 ypg. In league play, Idaho averaged 549.6 ypg and 39.0 ppg. Unfortunately they were -16 in TO's and during the course of the season Idaho allowed 10 TD's that were special teams, defensive or OT scores. Overall they allowed an amazing 45 ppg and the 66 TD's they allowed tied Tulane for worst in the NCAA. In league play they allowed 48.7 ppg and 472.3 ypg which comes out to just 9.7 yards per point. DC Rifilato resigned after the season and Cable brought in Ed Lamb as the new man. Idaho returns 10 starters on the defensive side, losing just 4 lettermen. Offensively, despite the loss of QB John Welsh, they will be potent again as Brian Lindgren had some incredible games including a school record 637 yards vs MTSU. They have the league's most potent offense once again this year and may actually move out of the basement in defense as I rate them #6 at this point. They will be beat up by the non-conf schedule as usual but they host MTSU Oct 26th which will provide a big chance for them to contend for the Sun Belt Title. Idaho also finished -16 in TO's last year (pg 295) so you know that means good things are in the offing. Idaho will play all of their home games in the Kibbie Dome this year where they are dominant 98-36-1 SU since 1975. I expected much more out of Idaho last season than their 1-10 record and provided the defense proves to be adequate, this team has a legitimate shot at 3 or 4 wins in conf play and will easily top last year's 1 win.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Brian Lindgren Jr. 6-4 209 *PS#51. 4.7 spd. 3 sts LY, 1611 yds (59%), 10-10 ratio, 32 yds rush. 637 yds vs MTSU! Michael Harrington (6-4 188 rFr) PS#79, Joey's brother.*

RB BLAIR LEWIS SR. 5-11 211 ***PS#80JC**. 5 sts, 509 yds (5.2), 19 rec (7.5), 21 KR's (24.8) (missed 5 w/inj!). Zach Gerstner (5-10 208 Jr) PS#348. 643 yds (4.3), 35 rec 2Y.*

FB KEVIN O'CONNELL SR. 6-2 247 *L/3 sts in 2000, 63 tkl yds. 9 sts LY, 18 yds rush, 8 rec (5.0). Willie Sipoloa (6-2 261 So) PS#175, 2 sts LY. **Nate Griffin** PS#157, 6 sts as true.*

WR Josh Jelmberg Sr. 6-1 190 *PS#227. 5 sts in 2000, 44 rec (11.4). #3 w/36 rec (11.6) LY. Orlando Winston (6-0 185 Jr) 17 rec (11.8). **David Akers** (6-0 184 Jr) PS#127JC LY.*

WR Chris Belser Jr. 5-11 169 *PS#98DB. 3 sts, 15 rec (13.9) in 2000. #2 w/ 44 rec (13.7) LY. Eric Hunter (6-5 190 Jr). Andrew Hill (5-10 172 Sr) **4.36** spd, PS#449 JUCO.*

TE MICHAEL McCOY JR. 6-3 245 *PS#145. L/7 sts LY, 14 rec (10.6). Luke Smith-Anderson (6-5 225 So) PS#82, 2 sts as true, 4 rec (24.2). Kevin Neill (6-6 214 rFr) PS#311DL.*

C MATT MARTINEZ JR. 6-2 317 ***PS#188DL**. 2nd string in 2000. 10 sts at C in 2001. Drew Burton (6-3 281 rFr) PS#199OL. Kevin Reese (6-3 270 Jr) Montana transfer.*

SG ROBERT MITCHELL SR. 6-2 312 *PS#189 JUCO. 10 sts at SG here in 2001. Kyle Stewart (6-2 305 Jr) **PS#189OL**, 2nd string, 4 games LY. Michael Togalau (6-4 274 So).*

WG JASON COBB JR. 6-4 304 *1 game as rFr. 11 starts at WG in 2001. Tony Kiel (6-4 321 So) PS#435, 2nd string last year. **Kelly Adams** (6-5 315 rFr) **PS#194OL**.*

ST RAY DeANDA SR. 6-9 315 *PS#319. JC. 8 sts at ST here LY. Joshua Jelinek (6-4 313 Sr) 3 sts, 26 tkls, 7 tfl on DL, 2Y. Jake Leachman (6-5 254 rFr) PS#310OL.*

WT JAKE SCOTT JR. 6-5 275 *11 sts in 2000, HM BW. 10 sts at WT in 2001, **2nd Tm SBC. Seann Mumford** (6-6 297 Sr) 2nd string in 2000. 5 sts LY (4 at OT, 1 at OG).*

K KEITH STAMPS SR. 5-10 215 *Hit 5 of 8 FG's in 2001, long 49. 2 of 5 30+. Brian Pope (6-2 209 Jr) 6 of 6 FG's, long 47 at JUCO in 2000. 1 of 7 FG's, long 38 here LY.*

DEFENSE

DE BRANDON KANIA SO. 6-3 222 *PS#150TE. 9 sts **as true, 2nd Tm Sun Belt**, 46 tkls, 7 sks, 3 tfl. Kody Kraus (6-3 228 Jr) PS#475 JUCO. Tyler Scott (6-4 233 rFr) PS#191LB.*

DT DENNIS TAEATAFA SR. 6-3 270 *13 tkls, 4.5 tfl in 99. 8 sts LY, 31 tkls, 6 tfl. Mike Jones (6-3 276 Sr) 9 sts, 18 tkls in 2000. Inj'd LY. Geoff Zuber (6-4 280 Fr) is PS#130TE.*

NT BRIAN HOWARD JR. 6-3 286 *PS#375. 9 sts LY, 44 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. Ryan Atoe PS#151JC. 6 sks, 13 tfl at JC LY. Johnny Parra (6-3 310 Jr) PS#380JC, 4 sks, 33 QBH LY at JC.*

DE Dan White Jr. 6-2 246 *1 start in 2000, 8 tackles, 1 tfl. 1 tackle last year until injury. Jeff Edwards (6-3 234 rFr) PS#395DL. Kelly Nead (6-4 236 Jr) PS#795JUCO.*

SLB JORDAN KRAMER SR. 6-2 220 *9 sts at FS in 2000, 87 tkls, 2.5 tfl. **2nd Tm Big West.** 10 sts LY, 65 tkls, 2 tfl. **James Staley** (6-1 218 Sr) PS#225JC. 5 sts here LY until injury.*

MLB Jordan Lampos Jr. 5-10 239 *PS#241LB. 34 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 3 starts last year, 52 tackles, 6 tfl. Mike Anderson (6-2 206 rFr). Tim Bertalot (6-2 224 rFr) PS#377LB.*

WLB PATRICK LIBEY JR. 6-1 223 *28 tackles, 5 tfl as rFr. 8 starts last year, 56 tackles, 5 tfl. Chad Kodama (6-2 226 Jr) 4 tackles, 1 tfl in 2001. Jaron Williams (6-1 200 Fr).*

CB ED RANKIN SR. 6-1 202 ***PS#137**. 8 sts LY (until susp), 34 tkls, 1 pbu. Antjuan Tolbert (6-0 166 Jr) PS#302. 1 st, 19 tkls in 2001. JR Ruffin (6-1 190 Jr) PS#430JUCO.*

CB Sammy Ruben Sr. 5-9 165 ***PS#147JUCO**. 4.4 spd. 20 pbu at JC. 6 tkls here LY. Darryl Murphy (5-11 185 Jr) PS#276JUCO. Robert Ortega (6-1 200 Jr) 18 pbu at JUCO LY.*

SS SERGIO ROBLETO SR. 5-10 185 ***PS#96JC**. 11 sts here LY (4 at CB, last 7 at SS), 67 tkls, 3 tfl. **Nick Williams** (6-0 192 So) **PS#187LB, last 7 sts at FS**, 47 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int LY.*

FS Nate Nichols rFr. 6-2 209 ***PS#113DB.** Tim Sams (5-9 178 Sr) PS#309DB, 3 sts, 16 tkls, 3 pbu in 2 yrs. Simeon Stewart (5-8 178 So) PS#380DB, 8 tkls, 1 sk as rFr.*

P RYAN DOWNES JR. 6-5 213 *PS#75K. 58 punts as true, 35.9 avg, net of 31.3. 46 punts LY, 39.2 avg, net of 33.9. Mike Barrow (PS#28) super hang time, opp avg 0 yp PR!*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

DL Ryan Atoe 6-2 314 PS#151JC
OL Nate VanderPol 6-6 290 PS#170
WR Cedric Thompson 5-8 175 PS#207JC
DB Darryl Murphy 5-11 185 PS#276JC
K Mike Barrow 5-11 165 PS#28
DT Johnny Parra 6-3 310 PS#380JC
CB JR Ruffin 6-1 190 PS#430JC
RB Malfred Shaw 5-10 207 PS#434JC
DB Robert Davis 6-4 195 PS#412
OL Hank Therian 6-7 318 PS#477
RB Shung Peoples 5-10 182 PS#475JC
DE Kody Kraus 6-3 228 PS#475JC
WR Wendell Octave 6-1 185 PS#345
TE Geoff Zuber 6-4 280 PS#130

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Boise St	A						UI is 3-6 SU and 2-7 ATS since 1997 vs current WAC teams. Idaho is 1-6 ATS when favored under Cable. Vandals are 0-4 ATS their last 4 as a home dog.
Sep. 7	at Washington St	A						Vandals are 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS in August since 1996. UI is 0-5 ATS and 1-4 SU the last 5 years vs Boise St.
Sep. 14	at Oregon	A						Idaho is 9-5 ATS the last 14 Sept lined games, but only 2-4 ATS for Cable. UI is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS the L2Y vs the Pac 10.
Sep. 21	San Diego St	A						Pending last week, UI is 7-3 ATS on the road in September. Vandals are 1-3 ATS as a dog of 20 or more, 0-3 ATS the last 3.
Sep. 28	at Washington	A						Pending L3W, UI is 13-8-1 ATS the L/22 non-conf gms, but 3-5 ATS L2Y. Last meeting was in '96. UI is 0-4 SU & 2-2 ATS vs current MWC tms S/'96.
Oct. 5	Montana	A						This is UI's 4th game in the first 5 weeks vs a winning team from 2001. In fact, the combined record of their 1st 5 opponents was 40-19 LY!! (L/6 only 25-43 SU).
Oct. 12	at UL Monroe	G						The 4th straight yr these teams will play & the Grizzlies have won the L/2 SU. Idaho is 9-4 SU overall in non-lined games since 1996.
Oct. 19								Vandals are 8-5 ATS their last 13 on grass, 2-1 ATS last year. Could apply: UI is 0-3 ATS under Cable as away chalk.
Oct. 26	Mid Tenn St (HC)	A						
Nov. 2	at Louisiana-Lft	G						Vandals are 0-4 ATS their last 4 games after a bye week. Pending 10/12 result, UI is 10-21 ATS in conference play, 3-8 for Cable.
Nov. 9	at N Texas	A						Vandals are 3-11-1 ATS in November since 1996. Mention this ad & deduct $25 off Nov Guarantee. Call 1-800-654-3448.
Nov. 16	Arkansas St	A						Idaho is 2-4 ATS vs UNT, 0-3 ATS in the last 3 years. The road team has covered 3 of the last 4 series meetings.
Nov. 23	New Mexico St	A						Vandals are 4-9-1 ATS as a home favorite, 2-7 ATS the last 9 in that role. Nov 16 and Nov 23 mark the first consecutive home games for UI since '97.
Nov. 30								Idaho came into 2002 w/a 3-8 ATS mark off their L/11 SU wins, 1-4 ATS for Cable. Vandals have dropped 6 straight home finales ATS.

TOM CABLE (Career 6-16)

3rd Year at Idaho

Cable's records AT IDAHO

6-16	Straight Up	1-3	Home Favorite
6-13	Vs The Spread	0-3	Home Dog
5-7	Off A S/U Loss	0-3	Away Favorite
3-8	Vs Conference	5-4	Away Dog
		3-5	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (1-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (19,16,2)
Lost: 11 (7,4,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,230

SUN BELT

QB Brian Lindgren

STADIUM: KIBBIE DOME (16,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	5-6	8-3	7-4	5-6	1-10	39-38
ATS	0-0	2-4-1	5-4	6-3	4-5	3-6	3-7	23-29-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1-1	2-1	0-2	1-2	1-1	0-2	4-9-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-4
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	2-0	3-1	2-2	0-2	0-1	8-7
Away Dog	0-0	1-2	1-2	3-0	1-1	2-3	3-1	11-9
Favorite	0-0	1-2-1	4-1	3-3	3-4	1-3	0-3	12-16-1
Dog	0-0	1-2	1-3	3-0	1-1	2-3	3-4	11-13
Grass	0-0	1-2	2-2	4-0	2-3	0-1	2-1	11-9
Artificial	0-0	1-2-1	3-2	2-3	2-2	3-5	1-6	12-20-1
vs Conf	0-0	1-3	2-3	2-3	2-4	1-4	2-4	10-21
vs Non-Conf	0-0	1-1-1	3-1	4-0	2-1	2-2	1-3	13-8-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-3	1-3	4-3	2-4	1-3	0-1	8-17
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-1-1	3-1	2-0	2-1	2-2	3-5	13-10-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Blair Lewis	**98**	**538**	**29**	**509**	**2**	**5.2**
Anthony Tenner	111	474	12	462	10	4.2
Zach Gerstner	**82**	**356**	**17**	**339**	**2**	**4.1**
John Welsh	48	118	179	-61	0	-1.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John Welsh	284	183	64.4	2215	18	5
Brian Lindgren	**213**	**126**	**59.2**	**1611**	**10**	**10**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Lacy	65	1045	16.1	8	70
Chris Belser	**44**	**603**	**13.7**	**4**	**37**
Josh Jelmberg	**36**	**416**	**11.6**	**0**	**32**
Rossi Martin	32	421	13.2	8	63
Ethan Jones	28	327	11.7	4	35
Zach Gerstner	**28**	**283**	**10.1**	**1**	**31**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Downes	**46**	**1805**	**39.2**	**–**	**33.9**	**0**	**8**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Keith Stamps	**3-3**	**1-2**	**1-3**	**0-0**	**5-8**	**49**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brad Rice	106	0	3	2	3
Sergio Robleto	**67**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Jordan Kramer	**65**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Patrick Libey	**56**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Jordan Lampos	**52**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Nick Williams	**47**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Brandon Kania	**46**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Brian Howard	**44**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Ighe Evero	41	0	1	6	0
Wil Beck	37	3	7	0	0
Ed Rankin	**34**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Dennis Taeatafa	**31**	**3**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Ryan Knowles	22	0	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Orlando Winston	**22**	**134**	**6.1**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Lacy	22	530	24.1	0
Blair Lewis	**21**	**520**	**24.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Humanitarian	+17	S Mississippi	42-35	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

IDAHO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	28.5	25	115	3.4	348	62.2	16.3	-16	2001	5	45.0	25	200	4.8	278	64.0	10.6
8*	29.2	23	148	3.9	305	61.9	15.5	-12	2000	7	34.3	21	167	4.4	271	53.8	12.8
10*	27.6	20	148	3.9	216	46.6	13.2	+1	1999	8	25.7	19	136	3.5	220	48.5	13.8
5	32.7	22	180	4.6	264	52.8	13.6	-8	1998	6	26.4	20	136	3.4	263	49.5	15.1
6	27.5	21	126	3.9	272	53.7	14.5	+7	1997	7	23.9	19	129	3.3	252	51.0	15.9
4	34.0	25	151	3.9	323	58.7	13.9	-17	1996	7	26.9	19	154	4.1	255	54.2	15.2

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
†Washington St	8	24-74	3.1	14-30	72	4	28	49-241	4.9	19-32	303	2	+1
at Arizona	29	37-113	3.1	30-49	366	7	22	36-181	5.0	21-35	310	0	-1
at Washington	14	34-130	3.8	12-28	120	4	22	45-212	4.7	19-26	222	1	0
Boise St	25	31-57	1.8	29-55	427	6	26	41-209	5.1	18-24	328	1	-1
at Mid Tenn St	39	28-123	4.4	49-71	637	0	28	39-226	5.8	23-28	459	2	-1
at N Mexico St	27	34-167	4.9	27-44	288	3	33	59-356	6.0	12-19	124	0	-4
Louisiana-Lft	29	34-117	3.4	27-42	410	4	28	50-234	4.7	27-35	407	2	-3
at Arkansas St	25	32-104	3.3	34-55	406	1	19	42-147	3.5	10-23	169	1	-1
UL Monroe	28	31-91	2.9	31-38	385	4	20	24-23	1.0	29-53	287	2	-3
N Texas	27	31-98	3.2	33-54	472	5	22	46-254	5.5	13-19	148	3	-3
at Montana	23	57-192	3.4	23-31	243	4	22	26-115	4.4	21-37	304	3	0
TOTALS	274	373-1266	3.4	309-497	3826	42	270	457-2198	4.8	212-331	3061	17	-16
AVERAGES	24.9	34-115	3.4	28-45	348	3.8	24.5	42-200	4.8	19-30	278	1.5	-1.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Air Force	+17	10-14	W
Portland St	-24	46-0	W
at Idaho St	-13	43-0	W
at UCF	+9	10-41	L
N Texas	-9'	30-17	W
UC-Davis	NL	44-14	–
at Nevada	+4	23-42	L
Utah St	+2'	17-63	L
at E Washington	NL	21-24	–
at New Mexico St	-10'	35-18	W
Boise St (OT)	-10	23-30	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Washington	NL	31-14	–
at San Jose St	+9	17-12	W
at Washington St	+16	16-24	W
at LSU	+34'	20-53	W
Idaho St	NL	52-3	–
at Arkansas St	-3	52-14	W
at Utah St	-5'	26-14	W
Nevada	-3	23-58	L
at N Texas	-3	41-23	W
New Mexico St	-15	36-32	L
at Boise St (OT)	-2'	36-35	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Washington	NL	48-21	–
at Auburn	+11	23-30	W
at Washington St	-3	28-17	W
at Wyoming	+9'	13-28	L
N Texas	-20	28-10	L
at Arkansas St (OT)	-7'	30-24	L
Utah St	-6'	31-3	W
at New Mexico St	-5'	14-42	L
at Nevada	-2'	42-33	W
at Montana	NL	33-30	–
Boise St	-2'	14-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington	+22	20-44	L
Montana	NL	38-45	–
at Oregon	+21	13-42	L
at Washington St	+10'	38-34	W
Montana St	NL	56-7	–
at W Virginia	+13	16-28	W
Arkansas St	-12	42-25	W
at Utah St	-11'	14-31	L
at N Texas	-13'	16-14	L
N Mexico St (2OT)	-7	44-41	L
at Boise St	+14'	24-66	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Washington St	+9	7-36	L
at Arizona	+19	29-36	W
at Washington	+25'	3-53	L
Boise St	+11'	13-45	L
at Mid Tenn St	+19'	58-70	W
at N Mexico St	+13	39-46	W
Louisiana-Lft	-11	37-54	L
at Arkansas St	-5'	31-34	L
UL Monroe	-14	42-38	L
N Texas	+3	27-50	L
at Montana (2OT)	NL	27-33	–

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

LG Shalimar Jackson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 KC Enzminger, a scrambling left handed QB, took over the starting role when the returning starter was injured. He was #3 in the Big West in total offense and surprisingly #17 in the NCAA in pass efficiency. In 2000. He threw for 1,454 yards (47%) with a 15-8 ratio and also rushed for 706 yards. HC Tony Samuel held Enzminger out of spring practice last year to rest his shoulder. Buck Pierce took the majority of the snaps in spring 2001. Pierce threw for 2,225 yards with a pass efficiency of 226 in his senior year in HS. Pierce got a 75 yard TD run against Louisville in the opener and saw action in 11 games, throwing for 215 yards (54.1%) with a 1-0 ratio while also rushing for 180 yards. One of Enzminger's best attributes was his exceptional ability to run the ball, as you would expect for a QB in the Nebraska-style offense. He became the first NMS QB in history to rush for over 1,000 yds in his career despite (probably the key injury of the season) going down in the 3Q against Mid Tenn St with NMS leading 29-11. After his injury he ran the ball just three times in the last four games (can you imagine Eric Crouch running the ball just three times in four games?). They ended up losing to MTSU and finished with a losing record. Enzminger threw for 1,610 yards (51.5%) with a 6-8 ratio while rushing for 436 in his final season. Pierce put on 20 lbs last season and continues to get bigger and stronger and was #1 out of spring. Paul Dombrowski (6-1 208 rFr) and Carl Scaffidi (6-3 200 rFr, S Florida trans) were the #2 and #3 QB's in the spring. They also signed 2 true frosh (see Top Newcomers). One of Samuel's disappointments last year was not getting Pierce some PT early, which left him rusty when forced into action late in the year. Samuel has vowed to use 2 QB's on a regular basis this season to avoid this problem. This unit is less experienced and even though it should be healthier, still looks weaker.

RUNNING BACKS - Tony Samuel brought Nebraska's offense here with him and has built a powerful rush attack since he arrived. In 2000 they set a school record for rushing yards in a season and Chris Barnes had 1,131 yards (6.6) and he was a 5th round DC of the Ravens. Kenton Keith had 849 yards and an amazing 7.8 ypc that year. Last year, even though FB Keeon Johnson returned after sitting out 2000 for academic reasons, replacing their top rusher (Barnes) proved difficult, especially when Keith was injured in the opener. Keith, with 4.3 speed, had 137 yards against L'ville when he injured his shoulder, an injury which persisted throughout the season. He finished with just 839 yards and saw his ypc drop to 4.6 and was never really 100% healthy. FB Johnson rushed for 569 yards with a solid 5.3 ypc. Walter Taylor had 113 yards against Texas (although only 27 in the 1H) but at 176 lbs does not have the bulk to be the feature back and had just 317 yards (4.3) for the year. I list the 2 deep below. Curtis Snowton rushed for 1,311 yards at JC in 10 games in 1999 but surprisingly only had 43 yards here last year. Not listed below is Tony Irions (5-10 197 rFr, PS#138) who rushed for 1,245 yards (8.6) as a junior in HS, Eric Higgins (5-10 200 Jr) who had 824 yards (5.1) at JUCO last year, Juan Harris (5-11 206 So), and Tony Bosic (5-9 196 Jr) who had 58 yards last year. Both Keith and Johnson leave and with the loss of its top 2 guys, this unit looks weaker in 2002.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 the Aggies had to replace all 3 starters and they were a very young group. Last year the top 4 receivers were all back plus they added a couple of transfers. Coach Samuel praised WR H.B. Briscoe in the preseason, saying that he had really matured physically and he ended up the team's #2 receiver with 32 (11.8). Manwell Talbert (11 sts, 26,17.6) was the team's best blocking WR and was 2nd on the team in rec yards with his super 17.6 ypc. PJ Winston lowered his forty time to 4.3 while increasing his production to 46 rec (12.4) in 2001. Backup WR Leon Oloya (5 sts in 2000) was bothered by a stress fracture in his leg and redshirted LY. I list the 2 deep below. They also add true frosh Tim Tolbert, Chris Duncan (6-2 191 So), Keith Mouton (5-6 182 rFr), Preston Williams (6-0 182 So), TE Travis Samuel (6-5 259 rFr), Roger Brown (6-4 243 rFr) and Jared Quick (6-1 180 rFr). This year they must replace Talbert and 2nd string TE Michael Bangs (1 rec), but have everyone else returning. I'll call them stronger this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 they had to replace 2 starters but had 8 of the top 10 back as the team averaged an amazing 5.6 ypc rushing while yielding 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and they moved DT Steve Mascorro to RT where he started the majority of the year. Iowa transfer BJ Van Briesen finally won the starting C job at midseason and looks like one of the Sun Belt's best. The rather inexperienced front paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while they lead the Sun Belt in least amount of sacks allowed with 13 (but just 275 passes). This year they must replace RG Tony Wragge (12 sts, 1st Tm SB, 3 yr st'r), LT Jason Jewell (12 sts) and backup G Chad Kahlsdorf (3 games). They do add a Purdue transfer and it's interesting to note that all 5 of my projected starting OL's are HT's with five players having starting experience. This year's projected starting lineup averages an amazing 334 lbs per man which could be the biggest OL in the NCAA. Even with the losses, this is the Sun Belt's best O-line and in fact ranks in my Top 25 nationally.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and the unit was undersized with the rush ends combining for just 2 sacks. The Aggies yielded 4.8 ypc and recorded 22 sacks as a team. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including their team Def POY and 2 backups. Samuel went the JUCO route, signing 3 last year, but only 1 worked his way into the 2 deep. DE Mike Boganowski finished his injury plagued career with 10 starts, 21 tackles and 6 tfl, and also departing are DE Jamar Cain (12 sts, 45 tkls, 4 sks), DE Ryan Bakke (5 tkls) and DT Terrence Johnson (18 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl). You know I think that wrestling champs make good linemen and Lionel Apineru, who got 1 start as a true frosh last year, was the #1 heavyweight wrestler in California and is the cousin of Junior Seau. Samuel complained about a lack of depth on the defense last year and said it hurt them in the latter stages of the season. Their fairly respectable rush defense got overwhelmed in the season finale vs New Mexico when they yielded 350 yards (5.9). For the season that brought the total to 4.4 ypc rushing allowed and the defense recorded only 13 sacks. While just 2 full-time starters return, instead of losing their top guy like last year, he returns this season in NT Joe Olivo who is the quickest of the DL's. He too was a HS wrestling champ and led the team in sacks and tfl's (1st Team Sun Belt). I will call them stronger.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 the Aggies only had to replace 1 starter due to graduation but 2 projected starters left the team prior to the year and an undersized OLB was forced to play MLB. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup and brought in JUCO Tim Patrick to take over the MLB spot. Unfortunately, Patrick was injured in the first game and missed the rest of the season. They did have 3 senior starters so naturally the group is much less experienced for 2002 as all 3 depart. Gone are SLB Jamar Lawrence (12 sts, 50 tkls, 6 tfl), WLB D'Wayne Taylor (12 sts, 107 tkls, 6 tfl, 1st Tm SB) and MLB Josh Watts (11 sts, 70 tkls, 5 tfl). Replacing 227 tkls and 17 tfl will be tough, so I'll call this unit weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year they had to replace 3 starters including 1st and 2nd Team Sun Belt players. I expected JUCO Robert Canidate to take one of the starting jobs but he suffered a back injury and was lost for the year. They changed their defensive schemes last year, going from the man-to-man to a zone with more extensive use of the nickel back. While not starting, Tony Lukins, who has 4.29 speed, was the nickel back and had 46 tackles, 5 tfl, 2 int's and 3 pbu. The changes allowed an inexperienced secondary to move up to #71 in my pass D rankings, allowing 239.8 ypg (57.1%) and 16 TD's. After having just 7 int's in 2000 they snagged 16 last year. This year they must replace Lukins, CB Corey Paul (10 sts, 32 tkls, 3 tfl), CB Paul Holland (12 sts, 61 tkls, 4 pbu) and FS Daniel Malloy (28 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int's). Despite the losses, 2 starters are back and both CB's look solid as they are JUCO's who have each earned starts in the last 2 years. I list the 2 deep below. Candidate and Gifford give this team a pair of HT's and I look for continued improvement in the pass D numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies finished a solid #28 in my special teams rankings in 1999. In 2000, they returned their punter who Samuel said had NFL potential, but lost their top returnman prior to the year and had to break in a new kicker. Their kicker, Dario Aguinga is from Mexico and had problems adjusting in the first year due to the language barrier. He hit only one of his first eight FG's here but he made 8 of his last 11. Last year he returned with a stronger leg and a better understanding of English and he hit 8 of 11 FG's (2nd Team Sun Belt). The top returnmen were both back last year but they did have to replace their punter. Their KO return coverage was so poor that towards the end of the 2000 season that they either kicked off short or out of bounds to help the coverage units. That area was solidly improved last year as they allowed a solid 18.2 on returns (22.1 in 2000). Still, Samuel wants someone who can kick it out of the end zone and said he would use a scholarship on such a player if he can find one. Punter Brian Copple averaged just 37.2 with a net of 31.5. The top returnmen depart including Tony Lukins who had two KR's for TD's vs Tulsa. Ty Gifford could see more returns as he had a PR TD in 2000 and on 8 career PR's he averages 22.6!!. Kickoff man Adam DeGroff (5-11 207 So) also returns. Overall, NMS finished just #79 but with practically everyone back, I look for solid improvement.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year NMS completely outplayed future Liberty Bowl champ Louisville in the opener with a 544-373 yard edge, but gave up 2 long fumble returns for TD's, a 28 point swing they could not overcome. They also played Oregon St down to the wire, losing only by 5, and led MTSU 35-11. Had QB Enzminger remained healthy, NMS probably would have won that game and the Sun Belt Championship. N Texas also got a 32 yard TD pass with :18 left on 4th & 12, handing them another stunning loss. Since they had such a misleading record last year, you would think that 2002 would look promising, but out of all of the teams in the Sun Belt, NMS has the least amount of returning starters (9). The next lowest total in the Sun Belt is 14 and the Aggies also have to replace 20 lettermen (32.7%), once again the highest percentage in the conference. Overall last year NMS had my #82 rated offense and #100 defense which is good enough for #5 and #6 in the conference but they still managed a 3rd place finish. In conference play, NMS averaged 415 ypg (4th best in Sun Belt) but allowed 405.8 (2nd worst). I really like the job that Tony Samuel is doing at NMS and they are making solid gains in the weight room each and every year. While the non-conf slate is brutal (as always), this team is capable of winning their first 3 Sun Belt games and should they do that, the sky would be the limit when they host MTSU, probably in front of a packed house. The final 3 games will be rough (3 game road trip), but never count Tony Samuel's crew out.

2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Buck Pierce So. 6-1 204 *PS#250. 11 games as rFr, 215 yards (54%) 1-0 ratio, 180 yards rush (6.0). Paul Dombrowski (6-1 208 rFr). Carl Scaffidi (6-2 200 rFr).*

IB Walter Taylor Sr. 5-9 180 *PS#291. 1 st as true, 333 yds (4.3), 117 vs #22 Ariz St. 1 st LY, 113 yds vs Tex. Curtis Snowton (5-11 190 Sr) PS#63JC LY. 2545 yds in 2Y at JC.*

FB Marcus Dixon Jr. 5-8 231 *1 st, 84 yds (3.5), 2 rec L2Y. Kermit Okamura (5-7 201 Jr) PS#382LB, 32 yds, 18 games in '99 & 2000. Beau Sylvestre (5-11 230 So) PS#252LB.*

WR PJ WINSTON SR. 6-0 188 ***4.3 spd****. 11 sts, 34 rec (16.3).* ***2nd Tm BW*** *in 2000. 46 rec (12.4) 79 yds rush LY. Ronshay Jenkins (5-7 147 Jr) 10 rec (13.6).* ***Chris Lumpkin*** *PS#300JC.*

WR HB Briscoe Sr. 6-3 188 *48 rec (16.0) at JC in 1999. #2 w/32 rec (11.8) here LY. Leon Oloya (6-2 190 Jr) PS#197WR. 5 sts in 2000, 9 rec (13.3) injured in 2001.*

TE ALEX DAVIS JR. 6-4 230 *PS#84. 9 sts as rFr, 10 rec (18.6). 12 sts in 2001, 7 rec (14.9). Chris Gocke (6-4 246 Sr) PS#99JC, 28 rec at JC in 2000. 1 game last year.*

C BJ VAN BRIESEN SR. 6-3 325 ***9 sts*** *as rFr* ***at Iowa*** *in 1999. PS#187JUCO. Last 5 starts here last year. Andy Dale (6-1 282 Jr) PS#435. First 7 starts at C, 2 letters.*

RG Steve Subia So. 6-3 370 ***PS#118****. Significant time in first 4 until inj LY as rFr. Brandon Chambers (6-4 335 So) PS#435. Matt Sanchez (6-4 296 So) 4 gms last year.*

LG SHALIMAR JACKSON SR. 6-3 324 ***PS#132DL****. 1 start, 8 games as rFr, 11 sts at LG in 2000. 12 sts LY at LG.* ***2nd Team Sun Belt. Justin Shopbell*** *(6-4 291 rFr)* ***PS#119OL.***

RT STEVE MASCORRO SR. 6-5 346 ***PS#124****. 3 tkls, 1.5 tfl at DT as* ***true****. 1 st at NT, 16 tkls, 2 sks in 2000. Last 9 sts at RT in 2001. Trevor Kine (6-6 274 Jr) 13 gms 2Y. Canadian.*

LT Nick Mangosing Jr. 6-5 304 ***PS#23TE*** *in 2000 & originally* ***at Purdue****! All Conf JUCO DT in 2001. Terry Givens (6-4 335 Sr) 1 st at LT in 2000, 3 sts at RT LY, 3 letters.*

K DARIO AGUINIGA JR. 5-11 192 *PS#75K. Hit only 1 of first 8 FG's as true, then 8 of L/11. From Mexico. 8 of 11 FG's last year, long of 43.* ***2nd Tm SBC****. Only 1 FG of 40+.*

DEFENSE

DE Greg Scaffidi So. 6-4 255 *PS#131TE. 10 games as rFr, 21 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 pbu, 2 sts. Jeremiah Lay (6-3 263 Sr) 3 tkls, 5 games 2Y. Ross Davis (6-4 233 rFr).*

DT TOMMY LABORIN JR. 6-3 318 *PS#375DL. 4 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 22 tkls, 1.5 sks, 3 tfl. Jeremy Barth PS#333JUCO, 5 tkls 1 tfl in 2000, RS LY. Chase Spicer (6-5 248 rFr).*

NT JOE OLIVO JR. 6-2 252 *9 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY.* ***1st Tm SBC****, 44 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. Lionel Apineru (6-1 280 So) 1 st, 6 tkls LY. Adam Sinclair (6-3 290 So).*

DE Tom Albrecht So. 6-1 244 *Late signee LY. 4 tkls, 3 games as* ***true****. Traydell Bullock (6-0 256 So) PS#397RB 13 tkls as rFr. Jeremy Weeks (6-2 270 Fr) is PS#262.*

SLB Tim Patrick Jr. 6-1 224 *6 sks at JC in 2000. Inj 1st gm here LY, RS. Torrence Price (6-4 213 So) PS#437. 7 tkls as true. Daniel Garcia (6-2 199 Sr) 13 gms at N Mex in '99 & 2000.*

MLB Simon Ocampo So. 5-11 205 *PS#257WR. 1 start, 20 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu as rFr. Jimmy Cottrell (6-1 224 rFr) PS#343LB, would have played as a true but was injured.*

WLB Travis Jones So. 5-11 208 *10 gms, 24 tkls as true. Rich Glover is the DL coach's son. 11 tkls in spg gm LY but starter on JUCO tm and is back. Julmar Howard (5-10 201 Jr).*

CB Darrell Bernard Sr. 5-11 177 *PS#368JC. 9 pbu at JC in 2000. 2 sts here LY, 21 tkls 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Jeremiah Imperial (5-10 173 Jr) PS#421JC. 4 int's in 2000. Shukree Shabazz (5-9 186 rFr).*

CB Robert Canidate Sr. 5-8 177 *Trung's brother.* ***PS#27JC****. Last 2 sts here in 2000, 26 tkls, 1 pbu, RS in 2001. Matt Griebel (5-10 175 rFr). Cameron Wright (6-1 177 rFr).*

SS SIDDEEQ SHABAZZ SR. 5-11 202 *7 tkls, 1 pbu in '99. 26 tkls, 1 tfl in 2000. 12 sts LY, 107 tkls,* ***#1 SBC****, 2 int, 4 pbu,* ***1st Tm Sun Belt****. Lawrence McIntosh (5-11 200 Sr) JC LY.*

FS TY GIFFORD SR. 6-0 201 ***PS#67WR!*** *31 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. 12 sts LY. 84 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 int, 8 pbu. Nick Crawford (6-1 171 Sr) 9 tkls, 2Y. James Ewing (5-10 200 Jr).*

P BRIAN COPPLE SR. 6-1 200 *PS#98JUCO. 59 punts here in 2001. 37.2 average and net of 31.5 with 8 inside the 20. LS problems last year. Brad Evans (6-3 176 rFr).*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL Nick Cole 6-2 325 PS#133
OL Nick Mangosing 6-5 305 PS#217JC
WR Chris Lumpkin 6-1 185 PS#300JC
DL Jeremy Weeks 6-2 270 PS#262
QB Joey Vincent 6-1 190 PS#189
WR Tim Tolbert 6-3 180 PS#287
RB Eric Higgins 5-10 205 PS#409JC
DB Jeremiah Imperial 5-10 185 PS#421JC
QB Tyrell Spain 6-2 190 PS#239
DL Adrian Bredell 6-3 230 PS#389
DB Chris Davis 5-9 175 PS#434
OL Jose Quinones 6-2 285 PS#563
DB Glenn McCrary 6-1 185 PS#804
DL Chris Sneed 6-2 210 PS#650

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NMS	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at S Carolina	G						New Mexico St is 0-5 SU, 1-4 ATS vs Boise St the last 5 meetings. Aggies are 5-9 SU in their last 14 non-lined games. NM St is 0-2 SU & ATS vs Arizona, being outscored 74-0 the L/2 games.
Sep. 7	at California	G						NM St is 0-6 SU, 1-5 ATS vs the SEC since 1990. Aggies are 1-6 SU but 5-2 ATS in lined away openers.
Sep. 14								Aggies are 1-5 SU but 4-2 ATS vs Pac 10 foes since 1991. New Mexico St is 1-4 SU and 0-5 ATS prior to a bye since 1996. Bonus: The winner of this big game is awarded the Maloof Trophy.
Sep. 21	New Mexico	G						Aggies are 0-6 SU, 1-5 ATS after a bye week. NM St is 3-9 SU, 4-7-1 ATS vs their instate rival the last 12 yrs.
Sep. 28	at Georgia	G						SEC opponents have outscored NM St 296-55 S/'90, pending the opener. Aggies are 0-2 SU, 1-1 ATS the L/2 gms vs the Bulldogs, being outscored 77-13.
Oct. 5	UTEP	G						The winner of this rivalry is awarded both the Silver Spade & the Brass Spittoon. Aggies are 4-13 SU, 6-9-1 ATS vs WAC foes, but 4-0 ATS the last 4.
Oct. 12	Louisiana-Lft (HC)	G						NMSU is 2-5 ATS in their 2nd straight game in Las Cruces. Aggies are 4-2 SU, 2-3 ATS in their last 6 Homecoming games.
Oct. 19	UL Monroe	G						NM St met UL Monroe for the 1st time LY winning 31-0 as a 13 pt road fav. Mention this ad and deduct $10 off this weekend's Late Phone Package.
Oct. 26	at Arkansas St	G						New Mexico St is 7-4 ATS on the road vs SBC teams since 1996. Aggies are 5-1 SU, 4-2 ATS the last 6 games vs Arkansas St.
Nov. 2	Mid Tenn St	G						NM St is 2-6 SU and 1-7 ATS in home finales since 1994. Aggies are 4-15 SU and 5-12 ATS in November games since 1996.
Nov. 9	at Utah St	G						NM St is 1-4 SU & ATS at USU but won 14-6 as a 2' pt AD in their most recent visit. Aggies are 1-10 SU, 2-9 ATS overall the last 11 vs Utah St.
Nov. 16	at N Texas	A						New Mexico St is 1-5 SU and ATS the last 6 meetings with N Texas. NM St is 1-5 SU but 4-2 ATS on artificial turf the last 2 years.
Nov. 23	at Idaho	A						New Mexico St is 0-5 SU and ATS the last 5 years in away finales. Aggies are 2-4 SU, but 4-2 ATS vs the Vandals the last 6 series meetings.
Nov. 30								

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6th Year at New Mexico St

Samuel's records AT NEW MEXICO ST

19-37 Straight Up	4-8 Home Favorite
24-28 Vs The Spread	5-3 Home Dog
12-19 Off A S/U Loss	2-3 Away Favorite
10-15 Vs Conference	13-14 Away Dog
	14-13 Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (21,17,3)
Lost: 20 (10,10,0)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,845

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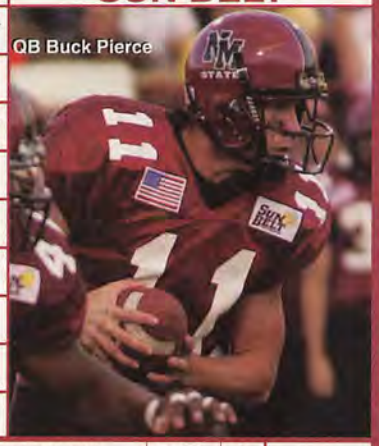

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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	1-10	2-9	3-8	6-5	3-8	5-7	24-54
ATS	5-4	2-5-1	2-6	6-5	5-5	6-5	5-7	31-37-1
Home Fav	2-2	0-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-2	0-3	6-11
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-5
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-3
Away Dog	3-2	2-2-1	1-4	4-2	3-3	2-2	3-3	18-18-1
Favorite	2-2	0-1	1-0	0-2	1-2	3-3	1-4	8-14
Dog	3-2	2-4-1	1-6	6-3	4-3	3-2	4-3	23-23-1
Grass	5-4	1-4	2-4	5-4	5-2	4-4	3-6	25-28
Artificial	0-0	1-1-1	0-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-1	6-9-1
vs Conf	2-3	1-3	0-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-4	13-21
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-2-1	2-2	4-2	2-3	3-3	3-3	18-16-1
Off SU Win	0-2	0-0	0-1	2-1	3-2	3-0	2-3	10-9
Off SU Loss	4-2	2-4-1	1-5	3-4	2-3	3-4	3-3	18-25-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenton Keith	183	965	126	839	11	4.6
Keeon Johnson	107	574	5	569	8	5.3
K.C. Enzminger	83	436	105	331	3	4.0
Walter Taylor	**74**	**368**	**51**	**317**	**1**	**4.3**
Buck Pierce	**30**	**180**	**33**	**147**	**1**	**4.9**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
K.C. Enzminger	235	121	51.5	1610	6	8
Buck Pierce	**37**	**20**	**54.1**	**215**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
P.J. Winston	**46**	**570**	**12.4**	**1**	**33**
H.B. Briscoe	**32**	**377**	**11.8**	**2**	**41**
Manwell Talbert	26	458	17.6	2	43
Ronshay Jenkins	**10**	**136**	**13.6**	**0**	**25**
Kenton Keith	8	118	14.8	1	44

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Copple	**59**	**2192**	**37.2**	**–**	**31.5**	**1**	**8**

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dario Aguiniga	**5-6**	**2-4**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**8-11**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
D'Wayne Taylor	107	0	6	7	3
Siddeeq Shabazz	**107**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**2**
Tyrone Gifford	**84**	**2.5**	**2**	**8**	**4**
Josh Watts	70	0	5	4	0
Paul Holland	61	0	2	4	0
Jamar Lawrence	50	1	5	2	0
Tony Lukins	46	2	3	5	2
Jamar Cain	45	4	3	2	0
Joe Olivo	**44**	**4**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Corey Paul	32	0	3	4	1
Daniel Malloy	28	0	2	2	2
Travis Jones	**24**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Tommy Laborin	**22**	**1.5**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Mike Boganowski	21	2	4	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Corey Paul	15	128	8.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tony Lukins	31	735	23.7	2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEW MEXICO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	23.8	21	208	4.5	153	51.6	15.1	-5	2001	5	33.3	23	177	4.4	240	57.1	12.5
6*	26.8	22	274	5.6	159	49.1	16.2	-5	2000	6	32.5	21	200	4.8	218	55.9	12.9
7*	28.3	21	223	4.3	185	48.6	14.4	+6	1999	9	24.9	18	154	4.1	195	45.3	14.0
10	30.1	26	254	4.8	209	48.2	15.4	-10	1998	7	38.5	22	174	4.5	291	51.8	12.1
7	20.1	21	204	4.7	187	50.3	19.4	-6	1997	4	36.2	24	240	5.5	225	59.0	12.9
4	15.1	19	124	3.3	231	49.3	23.5	-9	1996	6	36.0	22	223	4.9	236	55.1	12.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Louisville	28	68-407	6.0	8-16	137	1	18	30-101	3.4	18-32	272	2	-2
at Texas	12	34-169	5.0	8-16	63	2	24	45-171	3.8	21-38	228	1	-2
Oregon St	24	43-161	3.7	15-29	206	1	26	46-213	4.6	16-27	207	1	0
at Kansas St	12	43-45	1.0	9-23	70	4	24	53-277	5.2	11-19	251	0	-2
at UL Monroe	27	67-288	4.3	14-23	166	2	14	15-30	2.0	16-35	147	3	+2
at Tulsa	17	44-175	4.0	8-19	124	0	24	30-51	1.7	34-62	321	3	0
Idaho	33	59-356	6.0	12-19	124	0	27	34-167	4.9	27-44	288	3	+4
at Mid Tenn St	19	44-183	4.2	14-24	206	2	29	37-173	4.7	31-42	383	3	+2
N Texas	23	35-170	4.9	16-29	214	0	18	47-195	4.1	13-27	189	4	-2
Arkansas St	17	37-215	5.8	11-18	161	0	25	57-270	4.7	11-23	149	1	-1
at Louisiana-Lft	22	45-245	5.4	12-22	203	0	26	32-127	4.0	26-43	329	1	-1
at New Mexico	17	31-79	2.5	15-37	157	1	22	59-350	5.9	5-9	113	0	-3
TOTALS	251	550-2493	4.5	142-275	1831	13	277	485-2125	4.4	229-401	2877	22	-5
AVERAGES	20.9	46-208	4.5	12-23	153	1.1	23.1	40-177	4.4	19-33	240	1.8	-0.4

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+41	10-41	W
at New Mexico	+22	24-61	L
CS-Northridge	NL	28-18	–
at UTEP	+2'	16-24	L
Cal Poly Slo	NL	35-38	–
at Boise St	+3	10-52	L
at Utah St	+26	7-38	L
Arkansas St	-4'	34-20	W
Nevada	NL	24-45	–
N Texas	+3	15-26	L
Idaho	+10'	18-35	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+37	36-66	W
at Georgia Tech	+34	7-42	L
New Mexico	+18	28-27	W
UTEP	+7	33-24	W
at Arkansas St (OT)	+6'	31-34	W
at Nevada	+12	48-45	W
Colorado St	+15	28-47	L
Utah St (2OT)	-4'	26-29	L
Boise St	-4	51-55	L
at Idaho	+15	32-36	W
at N Texas	+2'	11-19	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NM-Highlands	NL	73-7	–
at New Mexico	+6'	35-28	W
at Arizona St	+25'	35-7	W
at UTEP	-3	23-54	L
at Colorado St	+15	7-46	L
Nevada	-4	16-23	L
at Army	+6'	18-35	L
Idaho	+5'	42-14	W
at Utah St	+2'	14-6	W
at Boise St	+8	26-45	L
N Texas	-12	22-9	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+9	0-31	L
New Mexico	-4	13-16	L
at Georgia	+30	0-37	L
at UTEP	+12	31-41	W
Army	-4	42-23	W
Tulsa	-7'	42-28	W
at Arkansas St (OT)	-3'	35-29	W
Boise St	+8	31-34	W
Utah St	-6'	37-44	L
at Idaho (2OT)	+7	41-44	W
at N Texas	-11	23-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	+20'	24-45	L
at Texas	+35	7-41	W
Oregon St	+16'	22-27	W
at Kansas St	+28	0-64	L
at UL Monroe	-13	31-0	W
at Tulsa	+4'	24-7	W
Idaho	-13	46-39	L
at Mid Tenn St	+7'	35-39	W
N Texas	-9	20-22	L
Arkansas St	-20	28-17	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	49-46	L
at New Mexico	+10'	0-53	L

UL MONROE INDIANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Andre Vige set school frosh records in 1998, throwing for 1,967 yards (48%) with a 17-9 ratio. With the new coaching staff coming in 1999, I called for rFr Andy Chance, a solid passer with 4.6 speed, to beat out Vige for the starting job and he did just that. Twice during the year Chance rushed and passed for over 100 yards in the same game and improved as the season went on. In the first six games he had an 0-4 TD/Int ratio but over the last 5 it was 5-4. In 2000 Chance started the first six games but missed the last 5 after suffering a concussion. He threw for 1,149 yards (53%) with only a 2-8 ratio while rushing for 191 yards. Vige saw action after Chance was injured, throwing for 638 yards (54%) with a 3-5 ratio. Adam Gatlin (PS#127) was expected to challenge for the starting QB job in 2001 & 2002, but fell victim to poor grades both years. The new 3rd stringer became Floyd Smith (5-8 176 So), a walk-on WR. Chance suffered his 3rd concussion in 12 months vs ULL and was held out the rest of the season. Vige had his moments, leading the team to a win vs Ark St, but also tossed 5 int's against Troy St. Chance finished the year throwing for 1,054 yards (52.6%) with a 4-6 ratio. He opted not to return for his senior season and leaves as the #3 all-time career in passing yards here. Vige threw for 817 yards (49%) with a 3-8 ratio while Smith was 1 of 6 passing. Vige also departs and Floyd has moved back to WR. ULM coaches lucked out in signing former Wash St signee Kjell Nesen (6-2 193 Jr, PS#220) who is a quick athletic QB. Nesen broke Wash St's QB record in the 40 and was #2 all-time in the squat behind Drew Bledsoe. His primary competition for the starting job is JUCO transfer Daniel DaPrato (6-0 217 Jr) was signed after throwing for 1,635 yards and 11 TD's while rushing for 500 last year at JC. A pair of walk-ons are 3rd & 4th string in Keith Nateman (5-10 177 rFr) and Ean Decker (5-11 204 So). They also signed true frosh Steven Jyles. While this group is less experienced than it was heading into last year, the numbers were far from overwhelming and there is a chance that this year's starter could top them, but I'll call the group less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - ULM has not had a successful rush offense in quite some time. In fact, in the last 7 years their best output was 129 ypg and 3.2 ypc and that came in 1999. In 2000 they had to replace their leading rusher who averaged 4.3 but their best output for that season was 114 yards vs LA Tech as they averaged just 57.0 ypg with a paltry 2.0 ypc, last in the NCAA. Keith Thomas came on down the stretch in 2000, leading the team in rushing in 2 of the last 4 games. Last year they had to replace their leading rusher Mark Henderson, who averaged 5.0 and their top FB. Ivory Brown (5-11 273 Sr, 4.65 spd, 555 squat) led the team in rushing in the opener with 86 yards against Sam Houston. Fumbilitis took him out of the lineup. They were a little more effective running the ball in 2001 with a 73.6 ypg and 2.5 ypc (still a paltry #115 in NCAA). Bryant Jacobs (5-7 187 Sr) has 4.39 speed yet benches 390 lbs and was the leading rusher vs UCF, ULL and Ark St and led the team with 305 yards (3.0). Brown finished with 222 yards (3.5). Keith Thomas (Bobby Keasler calls him a plugger) had 153 yards rushing (3.9). They are switching to a 2 back offense this year and I list Brown at FB and his backups are both converted WR's from last year, so the FB will be used a lot in the passing game. Also note that signee Eric Smith had 1,207 yards rushing in HS last year despite a dislocated elbow. There is also a chance that true frosh Zan Johnson, a rare HT here (PS#94), has a shot at wrestling away the top spot. With added talent and more emphasis on the run, this unit can only be improved.

RECEIVERS - Last year ULM had to replace their top 2 receivers who combined for 77 rec's while their leading returning receiver, Sean Brown, had just 22. The big news was the addition of John Floyd, a S Mississippi transfer with NFL talent but unfortunately Floyd, who was thought to be the go-to guy in the spring of 2001, was kicked off the team. Brown was injured early, missing a few games, and finished as the #2 receiver with 27 (9.4). Mack Vincent emerged with 9 rec's vs Mid Tenn St and ended up leading the team with 47 (13.2). HJ Adams (14 rec) had a team best 4.17 time in the pro agility drill. I list the 2 deep below. They do lose Karlton Washington who moved over from CB last year (11 rec's, 11.6). TE Ben Wright moved from the O-line last year and had 19 rec's (7.5) and should improve as a senior. Naturally with everyone back and some solid additions, this unit should be stronger in 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 ULM had an injury plagued offensive front line and went from averaging 3.2 ypc rushing in 1999 down to 2.0. Last year they added a couple of JUCO transfers who did not come in until the fall but both ended up as starters. Overall they had to replace 2 players who combined for 17 starts and had 6 players back with starting experience. They did, however, lose their top OL LT Larry Pink to a torn ACL prior to the season. The line struggled in run blocking again as they averaged just 2.5 ypc rushing but the line allowed just 26 sacks which was 13 less than 2000. This year the OL is in great shape. The only loss is LG Juan Parra (11 sts) and basically 9 of the top 10 return plus they get Pink back from injury. C Robert Aguirre was moved to LT in the spring but should Pink return healthy, he will probably go back to C. Even a couple of 2nd stringers have starting experience and they add a couple more JUCO's. This line has excellent size, averaging 309 lbs per man, and looks to be one of the Sun Belt's best OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ULM has had a respectable rush defense under Keasler, allowing 4.0 in each of his first 2 years, and last season just 3.5 ypc. It was a veteran defensive front last year with 3 starters returning and they got a super newcomer in John Thompson, a transfer from S Carolina. They also moved Corey Conde, who was too slow for the DE position, to NT. He has increased his size to 251 lbs this year and although he is still undersized, proved his tenacity with 40 tackles last year. Last season they had to replace 3 players who combined for 16 starts. They then lost 3 players from the 2 deep due to academics prior to last season. This year they lose their top DT Donald Malveaux (9 sts, 1st Tm SB, 18 tkls, 4 sks) and he was often double teamed so he is a big loss. The only other loss from the unit is DT Tremaine Jackson (2 tkls). I like the athleticism and depth at DE, Marbrae Wilson could have a much bigger impact after having 4 sacks as the true frosh, and Thompson looks like a 1st Team Sun Belt player. I am a little concerned about the size inside as well as experience but with 6 players returning with starting experience, including 4 with 9 or more starts in their careers, this looks like another solid defensive front for Keasler.

LINEBACKERS - ULM uses a 4-2-5 defense with their RSS more like a DB than a LB but I still list that position here, making them a 3 man group. Last year they had to replace 2 starters. They did have Maurice Sonnier back who was forced to start as a true frosh in 2000 due to injuries. Sonnier has since developed into the team's top LB, earning 2nd Tm All SBC honors last year. This year 5 of the top 6 players are back and the only losses are MLB Otis Robinson (1 st, 44 tkls, 3.5 tfl) and Mark Miller (17 tkls). There is experienced depth here, and in fact in the 3 deep I list below, SEVEN players have starting experience! Not listed below is Matthew Latino (6-1 232 So). This is the most experienced LB corps yet under Keasler and should be solidly improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With 3 starters back, ULM finished a solid #48 in my pass D rankings in 1999. They had to replace two starters including a 5th round DC of the NFL and fell all the way to #107 in 2000. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 15 starts and for the second straight year did some shuffling in the secondary during the season. They finished even lower at #111, allowing 264.9 ypg (65.6%) and a poor 26-8 ratio. This year they lose LSS Dedrick Buckles (5 sts, #2 tkl'r, 1 int, 7 pbu) but everyone else is back. Interestingly 3 SS's won the top 3 spots in this year's "Iron Indian" contest which tested the players speed, strength and agility. There is some talent here and the group is very experienced and can only improve upon the last 2 year's performances.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last seven years ULM has not finished any higher than #80 in my special teams rankings. In 2000 they finished dead last at #115 and that ranking does not even sum up the pain that this unit inflicted on the team as they suffered 7 blocked punts, had a botched fake FG intercepted and returned for a TD. Keasler made this unit a priority after that debacle. Keasler appointed Tommy Candell as the new special teams coach in 2001. He was a former special teams coach in the CFL. They said they would play more regulars in the unit and they allowed zero blocks and zero TD's, a major improvement and they moved up to #97. Punter Steve Hunnicutt was a true frosh in 2000 but was forced to quit the team in August, leaving the punting duties to QB Andy Chance who averaged 33.5 per boot until injury. Long snapper Daniel Peterson who was also the #3QB was lost for the year against Florida and Hayden Wadsworth replaced him. The team had abysmal kicking early and in fact made just one of their first 7 xp's before Daniel Francis who hit only 3 of 6 FG's was replaced. The unit showed great strides at the end of the year when Tyler Kuecker was given the job of kicker and punter while also handling KO's. He hit 5 of 5 FG's with a long of 39 and also averaged 37.4 on his punts and fortunately returns this year. He's handled the KO's the last 2 years and they've allowed just 20.5 and 20.6 per return. All of the top KR's and PR's are also back and Bryant Jacobs did average a respectable 22.1 on his KR's while Mikkal Henry led the team (6.7) in PR's and both actually had a return for a TD as ULM went from -6 in the TD/Blk category to +2. I look for continued improvement.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Indians joined IA ball in 1994 and had 3 consecutive 5 win seasons from 1997 to 1999 with the latter being Bobby Keasler's debut. Keasler guided his McNeese St teams to five Top 4 finishes in IAA ball from 1993 to 1998. ULM lost two games to IAA opponents in 2000 and dropped to 1-10 but at least the school has shown more patience than ULL, as they only raised that to 2 victories last year but allowed Keasler to stay around for his 4th year and continue to build. When Keasler took over they had only 63 scholarship players and at one time, 9 rFr were on the field. Versus NMS last year Keasler said, "We're only playing 2 seniors and they're playing 14." This year he says "We played freshmen and sophomore the last 2 years but our youth is not a factor anymore." The 2000 season was a tough year for ULM as 9 of their 10 losses were by 18 points or more and their only win was versus a IAA team but there were 27 frosh and soph on last year's 2 deep and this year they have 9 starters back on offense and 9 on defense and tie Ark St for tops in the conference with 54 returning lettermen. Last year was the first time in school history that they had 10 IA opponents on their schedule. The team did beat NT which was the Sun Belt Champ and ended a 10 game road losing streak by defeating Ark St. OC Stan Humphries resigned at the end of the year and Tommy Condell, who was hired as the special teams coach last year, now becomes the 3rd OC in 3 years. He inherits a veteran group that averaged just 8.7 and 13.5 ppg the last 2 years. While I rated ULM's offense #117 in the NCAA last year (dead last) they were #6 in Sun Belt games, averaging 279.2. Defensively ULM was a surprising #3 in conference play, allowing just 374.7 ypg. The Sun Belt is a much improved conference this year but at least ULM gets to host Ark St, which should mean they escape the basement. The key to this team is going to be the QB play. If a solid one emerges, they have a chance at moving up in the standings and making some noise in the Sun Belt.

OFFENSE — 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

QB Kjell Nesen Jr 6-2 205 PS#220QB in '99. Orig at Wash St. Athletic & fast. **Daniel DaPrato** had 1635 yds pass, 500 rush at JC in 2001. Steven Jyles is PS#285QB.

RB BRYANT JACOBS SR. 5-7 187 S Ark trans. 605 squat, 4.5 spd. 2 sts, 164 yds here in 2000. 305 yds (3.0), 9 rec (12.8), 425 ret yds LY. Keith Thomas (6-0 202 Sr) 339 yds, 21 rec 2Y.

FB IVORY BROWN SR. 5-11 273 **PS#120.** Orig@**S Miss.** 3 sts here LY at TB. 222 yds (3.5). Jeremy Hammock (6-0 225 So) 3 rec at WR LY. Kamal Broadway (6-3 221 So) 4 rec LY.

WR MACK VINCENT JR. 5-11 202 PS#212. 1 st, 15 rec (10.4) as true. 9 sts #1 w/47 rec (13.2) LY. **HJ Adams** (5-10 190 Jr) 11 sts, 18 rec, **900 ret yds** in 2000. 8 sts, 14 rec (11.8) 207 ret yds LY.

WR SEAN BROWN SR. 5-10 173 7 sts in 99, 37 rec (8.2). 9 starts, 22 rec (11.0) in 2000. 6 sts, 27 rec (9.4) LY. Brooks Greer (5-10 170 Jr) 4 sts, 34 rec (10.0), 2Y. Floyd Smith, QB LY.

TE BEN WRIGHT SR. 6-3 264 4 rec as rFr. 6 sts on OL in 2000. 11 sts at TE LY, 19 rec (7.5). Dwayne Donald (6-6 237 Jr) 2 sts, 2 rec LY. Justin Ebersole (6-4 263 Jr) PS#236DL.

C ROBERT AGUIRRE JR. 6-4 300 PS#410. 2 sts as rFr until broken leg. 11 sts at C in 2001, added 25 lbs. Worked at LT in spring. Hayden Wadsworth (6-2 272 So) PS#145TE.

RG SHANE LUNA JR. 6-2 304 10 sts as rFr. 10 sts at RG LY, 405 bench, 625 squat. **Ben Zapata** (6-3 319 Jr) PS#373. 2 sts in 2000, 2 sts LY after ret'ing from knee inj.

LG ZACK SIMS SR. 6-4 341 PS#467JC. 11 sts here (10 at LG, 1 at LT). Kenny Ordeneaux (6-4 288 Jr) PS#210, 1L. Wil Watkins (6-5 330 Jr) PS#304JC LY, RS, 1L.

RT LEO PRUNEDA SR. 6-4 306 JC transfer LY. 9 sts here at RT. 530 squat. Josh Wade (6-4 283 Jr) 2 sts at RT as rFr. 1 st LY, 2 letters. Josh Creel (6-5 292 rFr).

LT Larry Pink Sr. 6-2 293 Lettered in 7 gms as true. 11 sts at RG in '99. 11 sts (10 at LG, 1 at LT) in 2000. Pres All-Conf LY (inj), RS. Bruce Hampton (6-3 322 So).

K TYLER KUECKER JR. 6-1 201 Handled KO's in 6 games as true. Added 20 lbs in 2000, did KO's again. 4 starts LY, 5 of 5 FG's, long of 39. Joel Stelly PS#84K this year.

DE JOHN THOMPSON JR. 6-3 272 PS#142LB & orig at **S Carolina.** 11 sts here LY, 29 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Brennan Bertrand (6-4 259 Sr) 9 sts, 56 tkls, 6 tfl in 2000. 19 tkls, 4 tfl in 2001.

DT Jamond Mason-Taylor Jr. 6-1 286 JC LY. 2 sts here, 12 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Jonathan Williams (6-3 253 So) 15 tkls, 1 tfl, 9 games LY, not elig until Wk 3. Dilandos Johnson (6-4 285 So).

NT COREY CONDE JR. 6-2 251 10 sts at DE in 2000, 32 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts at NT LY, 40 tkls, 2.5 sks, 2.5 tfl. Lloyd Brimmer (6-2 269 So) PS#421. Alnecco Shine (6-3 255 So) PS#432.

DE MARBRAE WILSON SO. 6-1 225 2 sts LY, 12 tkls, **4 sks** as true. 4.66 speed. Maynard Johnny (6-3 246 So) PS#445LB. 9 sts as rFr, 27 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl. Paul Dyson PS#380.

MLB JOHN WINCHESTER SO. 6-3 225 PS#174QB. 7 sts as rFr, 48 tkls, **7.5 tfl.** LeKeith Robinson (6-0 232 So) PS#440, 6 tkls, 5 gms as true. **Darwin Roberts** (6-0 210 Sr) 3 sts (inj) LY, 12 tkls.

WLB MAURICE SONNIER JR. 6-2 231 5 sts as **true**, 67 tkls, 6 tfl. Preseason Butkus list LY. #1 w/76 tkls, 5 sks, 3.5 tfl, **2nd Tm SBC**. Carlos Hughes (6-1 239 Sr) 56 tkls in 4Y, 4 tfl LY.

RSS AJ BOCARD SO. 5-11 193 PS#380DB. 7 sts as rFr, 18 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **Derrick McGill** (5-9 211 Sr) PS#174DB 2 sts, 37 tkls LY. Shaune Maynard (5-11 203 Jr) 1 st, 21 tkls.

CB SENECA LEE JR. 5-11 176 10 sts at FS as rFr, 69 tkls. 11 sts at CB LY, 62 tkls, 2 tfl, **12 pbu**, 545 squat. Jaron James (5-9 169 So) PS#380, 10 tkls. Vernard Wilkerson (5-10 171 So).

CB CASH MOUTON SO. 6-1 186 PS#292. 6 sts as rFr, 39 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. **Mikkal Henry** (5-8 166 Jr) PS#270, 5 sts, 34 tkls, 1 pbu, 313 ret yds. Trumaine Hardman (6-1 179 rFr) **4.33** in 40! **LSS Damien Richard So.** 6-1 191 PS#270. 41 tkls, 4.5 tfl as rFr, 535 squat. Travin Moore (5-11 188 So) 10 tkls as true. **Iron Indian** TY. Courtney Joiner (5-10 203 Jr) PS#203, 2 sts, 34 tkls in 2000.

FS CHRIS HARRIS SO. 6-1 192 10 sts as rFr, 74 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 2 pbu. Calvin Hall (5-11 195 So) **PS#107DB**, 10 games as rFr, 31 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu, 1 tfl, 2 forced fumbles.

P Joel Stelly Fr. 6-0 190 PS#84K. Average 40.7 per punt as a senior in high school. Tyler Kuecker (6-1 201 Jr) 25 punts in 2001, 37.4 avg was best on team in 2001.

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UL MONROE INDIANS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ULM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2002 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	at Mississippi	G						ULM is 9-3-1 SU in Homecoming games including a 19-17 win last year over eventual Sun Belt Champ North Texas. This is the first time since they joined IA that ULM has 6 home games.
Sep. 7	at Kansas St	A						Indians are 6-13 ATS under Keasler as an away dog, but 4-2 ATS LY. ULM is 0-9 SU & 4-5 ATS vs SEC teams S/'97, being outscored 406-74.
Sep. 14	McNeese St	G						Big 12 teams are 4-0 SU and 3-1 ATS vs ULM since 1996. Indians are 3-11 ATS the L3Y vs non-Sun Belt or non-Independent teams.
Sep. 21	Arkansas St	G						ULM is 22-2 SU in home openers, but lost last year to a IAA team. Keasler was the HC at McNeese St for 9 seasons before coming to ULM.
Sep. 28								Could apply: ULM is 1-6 ATS the last 3 years after a SU win. ULM was 2-0 SU and ATS prior to a bye in 2001.
Oct. 5	Tulane	G						This marks the historic 1st time that Tulane has ever visited Malone Stadium. Monroe is 4-2 ATS under Keasler as a home underdog.
Oct. 12	Idaho	G						UL Monroe was 5-1 ATS in Sun Belt play last year. Indians scored a season high of 38 on the woeful Idaho defense last year.
Oct. 19	at New Mexico St	G						Mention this ad and deduct $10 off this weekend. Call 1-800-654-3448. Pending L2W, ULM is 6-9 ATS in October since 1998.
Oct. 26	Utah St (HC)	G						Obviously, this Monroe is not too close for comfort, since... ...this is the 1st ever trek to Malone Stadium for the USU Aggies.
Nov. 2	at N Texas	A						Pending 9/7 outcome, ULM is 3-8-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1995. This is ULM's first trip to a Texas school since 1993.
Nov. 9	at Auburn	G						Pending 9/7 result, Indians are 2-7 ATS in their 2nd straight road game. Indians nearly upset the Tigers in '96 losing 28-24 as a 41 pt away dog.
Nov. 16	at Mid Tenn St	A						ULM has lost each of the last 2 meetings SU, combined score of 66-20. However, the home team has covered both of those games.
Nov. 23	Louisiana-Lft	G						The underdog is 4-1 ATS in this series, only favorite cover by 1/2 pt. Indians are 2-4 ATS in their final lined home game.
Nov. 30								

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Keasler's records AT UL MONROE

8-25	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
11-16	Vs The Spread	4-2	Home Dog
10-9	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
8-5	Vs Conference	6-13	Away Dog
	3-11 Vs Non-Conf		

2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (26,27,1)
Lost: 10 (5,4,1)

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Straight Up	2-9	5-6	5-7	5-6	5-6	1-10	2-9	25-53
ATS	4-2	2-3-1	6-4	2-6	4-5	1-7	6-4	25-31-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-3
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-2	5-4
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	4-2	2-2-1	4-3	1-3	2-5	0-6	4-2	17-23-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	3-4
Dog	4-2	2-3-1	5-3	1-4	3-5	1-6	6-4	22-27-1
Grass	4-0	2-3	5-3	2-5	3-4	1-5	5-3	22-23
Artificial	0-2	0-0-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	3-8-1
vs Conf	0-1	0-0	3-0	1-2	2-1	1-3	5-1	12-8
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-3-1	3-4	1-4	2-4	0-4	1-3	13-23-1
Off SU Win	0-1	1-2-1	3-1	1-3	1-3	0-1	0-2	6-13-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-1	3-3	1-3	3-2	1-5	6-2	18-17

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bryant Jacobs	103	337	32	305	1	3.0
Ivory Brown	63	228	6	222	5	3.5
Keith Thomas	39	166	13	153	2	3.9
Andy Chance	61	243	134	109	2	1.8
Floyd Smith	10	60	19	41	0	4.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andy Chance	196	103	52.6	1054	4	6
Andre Vige	149	73	49.0	817	3	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mack Vincent	47	619	13.2	2	51
Sean Brown	27	255	9.4	0	24
Brooks Greer	20	217	10.9	0	31
Ben Wright	19	142	7.5	3	20
H.J. Adams	14	165	11.8	0	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Chance	43	1441	33.5	–	32.3	0	4

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tyler Kuecker	2-2	3-3	0-0	0-0	5-5	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Sonnier	76	5	3.5	4	0
Dedrick Buckles	75	0	2.5	7	1
Chris Harris	74	0	3	2	2
Seneca Lee	62	0	1.5	12	0
John Winchester	48	0	7.5	2	1
Otis Robinson	44	0	3.5	0	0
Damien Richard	41	1	3.5	1	1
Corey Conde	40	2.5	2.5	0	0
Cash Mouton	39	0	1	6	1
Derrick McGill	37	0	3	0	0
Mikkal Henry	34	0	0	1	0
Calvin Hall	31	0	1	1	1
John Thompson	29	3.5	2.5	3	0
Maynard Johnny	27	3	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mikkal Henry	15	101	6.7	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bryant Jacobs	20	442	22.1	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UL MONROE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	13.5	14	74	2.5	171	50.4	18.2	-2	2001	6	31.9	23	137	3.5	265	65.6	12.6
6*	8.7	14	57	2.0	185	53.7	27.8	-17	2000	6	37.7	18	164	4.0	190	56.6	9.4
7*	16.9	16	129	3.2	152	56.8	16.6	-5	1999	6	29.3	16	149	4.0	185	49.8	11.4
8	20.6	14	87	2.6	210	46.7	14.4	+16	1998	10	29.3	23	184	4.3	259	56.6	15.1
9	18.8	16	126	3.4	186	52.8	16.6	-2	1997	6	26.6	20	147	3.7	227	59.8	14.1
4*	17.5	17	101	2.7	230	48.2	19.0	-5	1996	9	32.1	20	246	5.4	169	55.6	12.9

	OFFENSE						2001 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Sam Houston St	13	30-60	2.0	18-36	186	3		15	33-77	2.3	17-31	188	3	-2
at Florida	5	21-27	1.3	11-26	78	0		34	31-168	5.4	33-49	432	1	+2
Mid Tenn St	23	23-84	3.7	23-41	283	1		31	48-186	3.9	30-37	323	1	+1
New Mexico St	14	15-30	2.0	16-35	147	3		27	67-288	4.3	14-23	166	1	-2
N Texas	15	44-138	3.1	18-24	181	2		13	30-136	4.5	11-18	148	1	+1
at UCF	13	26-68	2.6	17-32	176	2		22	21-50	2.4	28-39	335	1	-2
at Louisiana-Lft	16	45-130	2.9	13-28	112	4		15	34-51	1.5	20-33	226	3	-1
at Idaho	20	24-23	1.0	29-53	287	2		28	31-91	2.9	31-38	385	4	+3
Troy St	11	22-74	3.4	9-27	142	1		31	56-218	3.9	23-33	307	2	-5
at Arkansas St	10	32-82	2.6	14-23	179	3		15	38-106	2.8	16-34	142	5	+3
at Cincinnati	17	36-94	2.6	9-26	111	5		27	45-139	3.1	19-34	262	3	0
TOTALS	157	318-810	2.5	177-351	1882	26		258	434-1510	3.5	242-369	2914	25	-2
AVERAGES	14.3	29-74	2.5	16-32	171	2.4		23.0	39-137	3.5	22-34	265	2.3	-0.2

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	28-0	–
at Arkansas	+22	16-28	W
at Louisiana Tech	+10	16-17	W
at Georgia	+29'	3-42	L
at Oklahoma St	+20	7-38	L
Northwestern St	NL	17-7	–
at Mississippi St	+17	10-24	W
at Kentucky	+25	14-49	L
at SW Louisiana	-6'	28-21	W
UCF	+11'	45-41	W
W Michigan	-1'	19-32	L
at Hawaii	+5'	23-20	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	44-10	–
at Florida	+44	10-42	W
SF Austin	NL	21-10	–
at Kansas St	+45	7-62	L
at W Michigan	+6'	14-27	L
Louisiana Tech	+13'	14-44	L
at Arizona	+33	7-45	L
UAB	-2'	20-14	W
SW Louisiana	-11	34-24	L
at Arkansas St	-4	13-17	L
Portland St	NL	43-27	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	27-10	–
at Minnesota	+27	0-35	L
at Arkansas	+35'	6-44	L
Northwestern St	NL	38-7	–
at UAB	+13'	0-47	L
at Utah	+28	0-42	L
Wyoming	+23	20-38	W
at SW Louisiana	+3	31-7	W
Mid Tenn St	-6	10-0	W
at Louisiana Tech	+26	17-58	L
at Tulsa	+7'	37-34	W

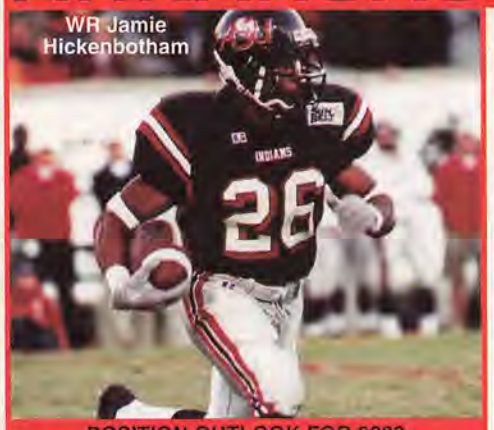
2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+27	10-47	L
at Memphis	+17'	0-28	L
Nicholls St	NL	27-21	–
at Tennessee	+36'	3-70	L
SW Texas	NL	7-27	–
at Arkansas	+34'	6-52	L
at Mid Tenn St	+18	0-28	L
at UCF	+31	0-55	L
Louisiana-Lft	-2	18-21	L
Louisiana Tech	+23'	19-42	W
Wofford	NL	6-14	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	9-20	–
at Florida	+56	6-55	W
Mid Tenn St	+20'	20-38	W
New Mexico St	+13	0-31	L
N Texas	+6	19-17	W
at UCF	+31'	6-38	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+8	12-17	W
at Idaho	+14	38-42	W
Troy St	+12	12-44	L
at Arkansas St	+5'	16-7	W
at Cincinnati	+26'	10-42	L

ARKANSAS ST INDIANS



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2002

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Arkansas St had to replace their all-time career passing yardage leader in Cleo Lemon, who completed 56.5% for 1,964 yards with a 13-7 ratio in 2000. They also lost his backup who unexpectedly quit the team. Last year ASU went through no less than 4 QB's as the position had no stability. RFr Brian Gauthreaux (6-0 188 So) was the top QB in the spring and had a 29-7 ratio as a senior in HS while true frosh Josh Driscoll (6-2 212 So) was PS#108 and threw for 3,175 yards with 36 TD's while rushing for 810 yards in HS and has 4.58 speed. Driscoll began the year as starter but was injured vs N Texas on the first play of the game and lost for the season. He was considered the best passer among the QB's and threw for 517 yards (44.6%) with a 4-3 ratio while also leading the QB's in rushing yards with 199 in his five games (one play in 6th game). Elliott Jacobs (6-2 218 So) was PS#87 and was considered the better runner of the two. He threw for 586 yards (42.2%) with a 5-7 ratio while also rushing for 205 yards. Jacobs has 4.6 speed and is a major league baseball prospect. He started the next game but split time with Tommy Miller (6-4 209 Sr). Miller, an ex-walk-on, guided the team on a 98 yard 14 play drive vs Idaho to give them the win and earned the starting job the next week vs Mid Tenn St. He dislocated his thumb in practice prior to N Mex St then suffered a knee injury in the 1Q and was lost for the season. Gauthreaux was then called upon after Jacobs hit just 3 of 12 for 43 yards against N Mex St. Gauthreaux hit 7 of 10 for 101 yards and he then won the starting QB job. He had a decent game against UL Monroe, hitting 16 of 34 for 142 yards, but then was bothered by hamstring and shoulder injuries and missed the season finale. Jacobs got the start and hit 13 of 29 for 126 yards with 2 TD's and 4 int's. They redshirted JUCO Michael Clark (6-1 208 Jr) who threw for 2,051 yards and 16 TD's in 8 games in 2000 at JUCO. This year they signed perhaps the top QB in Arkansas in Reid McKinney (PS#136) who had 62 TD passes as a senior including 8 TD's in 1H which set a national HS record. He threw for 4685 yards last year. Since the Indians have a new HC this year in Steve Robertson and coaches like their own recruits, it is possible that McKinney could play right away. I expect Jacobs to move to another position. Regardless of what happens, this group is vastly more experienced and talented than it was heading into last season and I look for drastically improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The biggest signee in ASU school history was Jonathan Adams in 1998 as he was PS#6. In his junior and senior seasons, he became only the second ASU RB to top 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons. He leaves as ASU's #2 all-time leading rusher. His backup, Danny Smith, rushed for 193 yards (4.5) in 2000 as a JUCO transfer but fractured his arm in the third game last year and was lost for the rest of the season. The #3 RB Antoino Warren (PS#113) was ruled ineligible while #4TB Quincy Williams (rFr) opted not to play. That left only two scholarship RB's on the roster behind Adams. The #2 rusher was WR Jamie Hickenbotham, while the #3 and #4 rushers were QB's. FB Sanchez Sherer had 82 yards (4.3). This year everyone departs with the exception of Smith who was granted a redshirt. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed in the two deep are Michael Sowell (5-9 183 rFr), Patrick Cromer, Andre Covington (5-10 236 So, PS#434) and Marcus Johnson (5-9 222 rFr). I already project 2 true frosh into the 2 deep below and it's likely that they will play right away. There is a chance that WR Hickenbotham or Jerome Stegall (RB in spring after playing QB & WR L/2Y) will move here and become the feature back. Also, Antonio Warren (5-11 185 So) who was PS#113 LY & DNQ, should qualify this fall. Clearly with the loss of an NFL caliber RB, this unit looks much weaker in 2002.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 ASU had to replace their all-time leading receiver but Robert Kilow stepped in and when he left after the 2000 season, he'd become the first ASU WR to top 1,000 yards in a season and left as the ASU career receiving leader. He had four times as many rec's as the next closest WR. The 2001 version, although two starters were back, was lightly experienced with the loss of their top two players. Returning starting WR Mark Hamilton then tore his ACL in August and was lost for the year. The team moved Stegall (PS#290) to WR from QB and he earned a starting spot and finished as the team's 3rd leading receiver. Hickenbotham was #2 while Alvin Powell emerged as the top man with 36 rec's (14.1). This year they must replace Powell as well as TE Jerry Pegues (8 sts, 13 rec, 14.6). I like the addition of JUCO Mike Cox who had 118 rec's (15.7) in 2 years at JUCO and has 4.4 speed. Not listed below are Jerry Mack (6-1 210 Jr), AK Moulton (6-0 188 So), James Morales (5-10 185 So), Andy Auth (6-1 190 rFr), Ed Hampton (5-11 158 So), Charles Fullbright (6-2 172 rFr) and Paris Foots (5-10 172 So). Jason Wood is not overly gifted in size or speed but did make some amazing catches last year and has outstanding hands. There are clearly no superstars in this group, but it is more experienced (provided Hickenbotham or Stegall do not move to RB), and I'll call the group in better shape this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The O-line was a strength in 2000 as they had 4 starters back and paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 33 starts but returned arguably the top 2 OL's from the line in LT Garry Johnson and RG John Crossley. Johnson, who ex-coach Hollis compared to the NFL's Orlando Pace (whom he coached at Ohio St), is clearly the best OL in the Sun Belt. A JUCO was expected to take over one of the starting spots but it ended up falling to true frosh Steven Gibbs who started 6 midseason games at RT. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Brandon Crocker (6-4 322 So, PS#435), Michael Southern (6-3 261 rFr) and Bo Mitchell (6-1 267 rFr). The big news this year is that all 6 players who logged 6 or more starts last year are back as are all of their backups. Crossley and Johnson make my 1st Team SB Conf and last year's group opened holes for 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. The OL is much more experienced than it was heading into last season, and this looks like a top-notch D-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 ASU switched to a 3 man front and the group was small and inexperienced as they have to replace all 3 starters. In 2000 they had to replace 2 starters and 1 backup. Last year the 3 man front had to replace 3 players who combined for 22 starts but Hollis said the strength of the team was the D-line, saying that they were surprisingly deep for a school of this size. New head coach Roberts is turning it into a 4 man front and basically everyone is back from last year plus they add a top-notch JUCO in Daniel Giles who was in for the spring. Two JUCO's last year, Wayne Heath and Mark Michaels, should be better acclimated and make more of an impact. I list a talented 2 deep below which includes some HT's. In each of the last 5 years, the rush defense has improved. After allowing 5.2 ypc in 1997, they dropped to 5.1, 4.8, 4.6 and just 4.1 last year. They did only record 8 sacks as a team, but I expect large improvement in that area. This is probably the Sun Belt's best D-line and is the most veteran squad that ASU has had in years.

LINEBACKERS - The Indians have used a 4 man LB corps since 1999, but it has been very inexperienced as the '99 version had to replace players who combined for 36 starts then last year they lost 5 players who combined for 31 starts. They did get a super transfer in Reginald Everett who originally signed at Syracuse and moved in starting FS Les Echols, but lost the top 3 tacklers from the LB corps. This year they are moving to a 4-2-5 defense, cutting the amount of LB positions in half, but I will include the WS position as one of the LB spots. Two full-time starters return including Everett who is one of the best athletes on the defense and Echols who led the team in tackles last season. Not listed below is Steven Tookes (5-10 240 So, PS#323LB, 21 tkls, 1 tfl as true) and Curtis Barfield (5-11 194 Jr, 11 tkls). This year they lose OLB Tyshon Reed (11 sts, 61 tkls, 4 tfl) and ILB Eti Taula (11 sts, 69 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl). This is the most experienced LB corps ASU has had in the last 4 or 5 years and I look for improvement, provided they can grasp the new schemes quickly.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU finished #110 in my pass efficiency D rankings in 2000 and had to replace 6 players who combined for 30 starts. They did have 4 players back with some starting experience. Hollis had 18 players who were either true frosh, Fr or JUCO's contending for time in the secondary last year. LaKeith Grace, a JUCO expected to make an impact last year, missed the season with a back injury. Both starting CB's last year were on the short side. This year they lose only 1 player from the 2 deep in CB Terrance Fuller (11 sts, 44 tkls, 1 pbu). Basically everyone else returns and they add 3 JUCO's to the mix as well as a couple of HT true frosh. I list the 2 deep below and this is the most experienced they've been in the secondary in years. After finishing just #109 last year allowing 61.7% with an 18-5 ratio, I look for a decent improvement in 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Joe Hollis did a great job in this area with the special teams unit ranking #59 in my rankings in 1998, #31 in 1999 and a very impressive #21 overall in 2000. ASU blocked 7 punts and generated 4 TD's in those 3 years. Last year they had to replace their top PR and KR as well as their punter and kicker so it was a very young group and naturally the unit dropped to #75 in my special teams rankings. Jamie Hickenbotham was #13 in the NCAA in KR's as a frosh averaging 26.4 and #10 as a soph averaging 25.6 and last year as the main man averaged 23.4. He was below average in PR's (6.5). He is back for his senior season. K Andy McPherson hit 7 of 11 FG's with a long of 49 and must be replaced, but Eric Neihouse was PS#34K and hit a 52 yard FG in HS with all of his misses from 56+ yards. Punter Mike Alexander is back after averaging 37.8 with a net of 34.5. While ASU did have another TD on returns and blocked a punt, they did allow 2 blocked punts and could improve in those areas. This is a much more experienced special teams unit and could regain ground in the rankings once again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year Ark St had the fewest amount of returning starters in the Sun Belt and had to replace 27 lettermen, with just 28 returning, which was one of the lowest percentages of lettermen returning in the NCAA. They also had only 6 seniors on the 2 deep and 10 seniors overall. This team has recorded just 28 wins in the last 10 years. Hollis set the team up for this season, especially on the offensive and defensive lines, and they are among the league's best in both of those areas this year. Unfortunately the athletic director showed little class, letting Hollis go in the 4Q of the season finale. The new coach is Steve Roberts who comes from Northwestern St (in Louisiana) where he was 14-9 the last 2 years and S Arkansas where his record was 26-5 as the head coach. His NWSt team beat TCU last year. Hollis was done in by the fact that they lost to some IAA teams . In fact, the team has lost 3 straight to IAA opponents but should break that streak this season as they host both Tennessee Martin and S Utah, so matching last year's 2-9 record should be no problem. Unfortunately most of the winnable games in league play are on the road including Idaho and ULM while N Texas and Mid Tenn St, the conference's 2 power-houses, both travel to Jonesboro. Overall, last year ASU had my #6 rated offense and defense in the Sun Belt. In league play, however, they were outgained by an average of 376-258 and outscored by an average of 32.3 to 15.0. Usually it takes time for 1st year head coaches to get acclimated to the players and the players to learn the new schemes, so even though this is a veteran unit with 54 lettermen returning and just 10 lost, I think they are headed toward a finish in the bottom half of the Sun Belt conference.

OFFENSE 2002 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOSH DRISCOLL SO. 6-2 212 *PS#108. 4.58 spd. 4 sts as* ***true*** *(inj), 517 pass (45%), 199 rush. Elliott Jacobs PS#87, 3 sts, 586 yds pass, 205 rush.* ***Michael Clark*** *(6-1 208 Jr) RS LY.*

RB Danny Smith Sr. 5-9 171 *PS#205JC.* ***4.34 spd****, 193 yds (4.5) in 2000, 8 rec (5.1). 178 total yds LY (inj), RS. Antonio Warren (5-11 185 So) PS#113. Tracey Whitaker (5-10 206 So).*

FB Beau Shrable rFr. 6-0 245 *PS#299LB. 400 bench. Bruising FB in HS. Blair Phillips (6-3 235 Fr) is PS#436LB, 4.54 spd. Shane Tolleson (5-11 237 Sr) 14 tkls, 2 yrs at LB.*

WR JAMIE HICKENBOTHAM SR. 5-10 176 ***4.24 spd,*** *"Hiccup." 4 sts as true, 14 rec (20.1). 8 in 2000, 17 rec (15.1). 8 sts LY, 26 rec (11.9), 146 yds rush, 610 return yds.* ***Mike Cox is PS#147JC.***

WR JEROME STEGALL SO. 6-0 203 *4.6 spd, QB in HS. 6 sts LY, 17 rec (11.4). Chuck Walker (6-0 192 So) PS#380DB, 7 sts, 9 rec (7.1) as rFr. Jason Wood (5-10 166 So) PS#224, 7 rec LY.*

TE Frank Arritt Jr. 6-3 257 *6 sts as rFr but 0 rec in 2Y. Added 20 lbs. Mike Brooks (6-1 236 So) 1 tkl at LB as true, 11 games. Adam Watson (6-3 256 So) 2 rec as true LY.*

C JOHN ALLISON SR. 6-1 283 *PS#184JC. In for spring game here LY and 7 sts at C.* ***Jesse Duncan*** *(6-2 351 Sr)* ***10 sts LY*** *(3 sts LG, 3 at RG, 4 at C), has earned 3 letters.*

RG JOHN CROSSLEY SR. 6-2 323 *PS#189. 11 sts at RG as rFr, 95% snaps. 11 sts at RG in 2000,* ***2nd Tm BW****. 11 sts LY (5 at RT, 6 at RG) "muscle on the OL", 98% of off snaps.*

LG ANTHONY MITCHELL JR. 6-4 305 *PS#347OL. Lettered as backup as rFr. 10 sts LY (2 at RG, 8 at LG), adds 17 lbs. Tab Slaughter (6-2 282 So) PS#435, earned 1 letter.*

RT STEVEN GIBBS SO. 6-3 345 *PS#204OL. 6 starts at RT as* ***true****.* ***Kimani Jones*** *(6-4 300 Jr)* ***PS#94JUCO****. Burt Samples (6-7 297 Sr) 2nd string 3Y, earned 3 letters.*

LT GARRY JOHNSON SR. 6-4 306 ***1st Tm SBC LY. Allowed only 2 sks in 3Y.*** *11 sts at RT in '99, 11 at RT in 2000,* ***1st Tm BW****. 11 sts LY, 98% of offensive snaps L/2Y.*

K Eric Neihouse rFr. 5-9 188 *PS#34K. Hit 52 yard FG as senior in HS, all 4 misses as Sr were from 56 yds+! 62 rec (20.5), 4 int, 78 yd punt, +13 lbs. 62 yd FG in spg.*

DE JONATHAN BRADLEY SR. 6-2 285 ***PS#107LB****, PQ. 7 sts at NT in 2000, 31 tkls, 6 tfl. 11 sts LY, 66 tkls, 9 tfl, 4 pbu,* ***2nd Tm Sun Belt****. Terrance Chavis (6-2 220 rFr) PS#298LB.*

DT BRIAN RUCKER JR. 5-11 302 *PS#194. 20 reps of 225 lbs. 4 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, 44 tkls, 3 tfl. Wayne Heath (6-2 309 Sr) PS#469JC, 6 tkls here but inj'd & out of shape LY.*

DT Daniel Giles Jr. 6-2 275 ***PS#60LB*** *and orig signed w/* ***Purdue****! DT and DE at JC L/2Y. Mark Michaels (6-3 270 Sr) PS#342JC. 2 tkls here LY. 25 yrs old, Marine for 4Y.*

DE COREY WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 291 *PS#268RB. PQ. 6 sts in 2000, 27 tkls, 2.5 sks. 11 sts LY, 39 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl.* ***David Vargas*** *(6-2 250 Jr) PS#229JC,* ***10 sks LY*** *at JC, in for spg.*

MLB LES ECHOLS JR. 5-11 215 *PS#367DB. 3 sts at FS as* ***true****, 27 tkls, 1 int. 11 sts at LB LY, #1 w/71 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu, 4 tfl. Chris Hogan (6-1 231 Jr) PS#361, 17 tkls in 2 years.*

WLB REGINALD EVERETT JR. 6-0 227 *PS#77LB in '99 & orig at* ***Syracuse****. PS#145JC. 11 sts here LY, 57 tkls, 6 tfl. Eddie Walker (6-1 202 So) PS#166, 18 tkls 1 tfl 11 gms as true.*

WS Maurice Joyner Sr. 6-0 182 *4.55 spd. PQ. 20 tkls in '99 & 2000. 34 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 pbu last year. Orlando Powell (5-11 209 So) PS#380, 2 tkls LY. Anthony Camp is PS#275LB.*

CB CHRIS JONES JR. 5-9 169 *PS#290WR. 2 sts as true, 16 tkls. 8 sts in 2001, 43 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu.* ***Joe Williams*** *(5-9 175 Jr)* ***PS#380JC****, 85 tkls, 8 int, 10 pbu at JC LY.*

CB Chuck Allen Sr. 5-9 150 *PS#336JC. 1 st LY. Corey Murray (5-10 168 Sr) 10.8 in 100m. JUCO. 17 tkls here in 2001, 11 gms.* ***Lamar Lee*** *(6-1 180 Jr) QB at JC LY.*

SS KEITH HEADLEY SR. 6-2 197 *1 st, 18 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu as true. 4 sts at FS in '99, 31 tkls. RS in 2000. 9 sts LY, 60 tkls, 4 pbu.* ***LaKeith Grace*** *(6-0 190 Jr) PS#445JC, inj'd here LY.*

FS CASEY VENTERS SR. 6-1 199 *PS#370JC. 11 sts here LY, 59 tkls, 2 tfl, 6 pbu. Alex Peoples (6-1 186 So) PS#490DB, 3 sts, 36 tkls, 3 tfl as* ***true****. Andrae Rose (6-0 198 rFr).*

P MIKE ALEXANDER SR. 5-11 161 *PS#253JC. Late signee last year. 68 punts here in 2001, 37.8 avg,* ***net of 34.5****, 16 inside the 20. 7th most punts in school history.*

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2002

OL	Kimani Jones 6-4 300 PS#94JC
RB	Terrance Dunbar 5-9 185 PS#131
WR	Mike Cox 5-10 170 PS#147JC
DL	David Vargas 6-2 250 PS#229JC
QB	Reid McKinney 6-3 220 PS#136
DL	Brandon Rollins 6-5 220 PS#227
OL	Tanner Jenkins 6-2 290 PS#279
LB	Anthony Camp 6-3 225 PS#275
DB	Joe Williams 5-9 175 PS#377
RB	Chris Easley 6-0 190 PS#271
DB	Marques Walker 5-9 175 PS#423
WR	Scott Carpino 5-11 180 PS#285
LB	Blair Phillips 6-3 235 PS#436
DB	Chaffin Brock 6-4 215 PS#500

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ARKANSAS STATE INDIANS

Jonesboro, Arkansas
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 25	at Virginia Tech (Sun)	G					
Aug. 31	San Jose St (Little Rock)	G					
Sep. 7	Tulsa	G					
Sep. 14	at Illinois	A					
Sep. 21	at UL Monroe	G					
Sep. 28	Tenn-Martin	G					
Oct. 5	Mid Tenn St	G					
Oct. 12	at Mississippi	G					
Oct. 19	N Texas (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	New Mexico St	G					
Nov. 2	S Utah	G					
Nov. 9	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Nov. 16	at Idaho	A					
Nov. 23							

2002 Angles, Trends & Notes

ASU has 7 games in the state of Arkansas for the 1st time in school history.
New Coach Roberts is 40-14 SU in his last 5 seasons as a HC and took his team (Northwestern St) to the Div IAA playoffs last year.

Indians are 7-2 ATS in their season openers the last 9 years.
In their 2 prior meetings ASU is 0-2 SU, 1-1 ATS vs the Hokies, being outscored 84-7.

This is ASU's first game in Little Rock since 1983.
ASU has faced SJS once (1995) and won 21-7, covering as a 5 pt dog.

This is the 3rd all-time series meeting. Home team is 2-0 SU. Last meeting was in '81.
ASU is 4-2-1 ATS in their first lined game in Jonesboro the last 7 years.

Indians are 4-7 ATS last 11, 1-5 ATS last 3 years on artificial turf.
ASU is 0-3 SU and 1-2 ATS vs the Big 10 since 1995.

Pending first 3 wks, ASU is 15-8 ATS L/23 on grass, 7-4 ATS away on grass.
Indians are 1-4 ATS last 5 years in their 1st conference road game.

This series began in 1930 and this is the 12th all-time meeting.
ASU beat UTM 72-14 in the last meeting in 1984.

Should apply: ASU came into 2002 with a 2-7 ATS mark off their L/9 SU wins.
Could apply: Indians were 11-6-1 ATS S/'95 & 6-2 ATS L3Y as a HD prior to 2002.

Pending earlier results ASU is 4-7 ATS as an away dog last 2 years.
Indians came into 2002 with an 8-4 ATS mark in their L/12 non-conf gms.

Should apply: ASU came into 2002 with a 13-8 ATS mark off their L/21 SU losses.
Indians are 2-4 SU and 1-2 ATS in their last 6 Homecoming games.

ASU and the home team are both 1-4 ATS in this series since 1994.
Pending prior results, ASU is 8-13 ATS in October the last 5 years.

The Thunderbirds of Southern Utah were 2-9 SU as a IAA Independent LY.
Arkansas St is 13-8 in non-lined game since 1993 but have lost 3 in a row.

Indians are 2-6 SU and ATS vs the Ragin' Cajuns since 1993.
ASU has been favored 5 yrs in a row (2-2 SU, 1-3 ATS) & the fav is 1-4 ATS L/5 series meetings.

Indians are 1-8 SU and 3-5 ATS in road finales since 1993.
The home team is 3-1 ATS in this series, with 3 straight covers.

STEVE ROBERTS Career 0-0 (49-33-1 in Div IAA)
1st Year at Arkansas St
Roberts' records AT ARKANSAS ST

0-0 Straight Up	0-0 Home Favorite
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0 Home Dog
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0 Away Favorite
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0 Away Dog
0-0 Vs Non-Conf	

2001 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (28,25,1)
Lost: 10 (5,4,1)

2001 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,614

SUN BELT

DE Jonathan Bradley

STADIUM: INDIAN STADIUM (33,410)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-7	2-9	4-8	4-7	1-10	2-9	23-55
ATS	4-3	4-1-1	3-5	5-6	7-3	4-6	5-4	32-28-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	2-4
Home Dog	2-1	1-0-1	1-0	1-3	3-0	1-2	2-0	11-6-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	2-2	3-1	2-4	4-1	3-2	2-4	2-3	18-17
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	3-5
Dog	4-3	4-1-1	3-4	5-4	6-2	3-6	4-3	29-23-1
Grass	3-1	4-1-1	3-5	3-6	6-1	4-5	5-2	28-21-1
Artificial	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-1	0-2	4-7
vs Conf	0-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	4-2	1-4	3-3	13-14
vs Non-Conf	4-2	1-1-1	2-3	4-4	3-1	3-2	2-1	19-14-1
Off SU Win	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-2	7-8
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-0-1	1-5	3-3	6-0	3-6	4-2	20-18-1

2001 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jonathan Adams	233	1058	54	1004	5	4.3
James Hickenbotham	7	147	1	146	0	20.9
Elliott Jacobs	57	205	66	139	1	2.4
Josh Driscoll	47	199	65	134	1	2.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Elliott Jacobs	102	43	42.2	586	5	7
Josh Driscoll	92	41	44.6	517	4	3
Bryan Gauthreaux	44	23	52.3	243	0	3
Tommy Miller	35	18	51.4	159	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Alvin Powell	36	507	14.1	6	69
James Hickenbotham	26	310	11.9	1	35
Jerome Stegall	17	193	11.4	1	45
Jerry Pegues	13	190	14.6	1	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Alexander	68	2572	37.8	–	34.5	2	16

KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Andy McPherson	4-5	2-4	1-2	0-0	7-11	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Les Echols	71	1	3	6	3
Eti Taula	69	3	5	1	0
John Bradley	66	0	9	4	0
Tyshon Reed	61	1	3	1	0
Keith Headley	60	0	1	4	0
Casey Venters	59	0	2	6	0
Reggie Everett	57	1	5	2	0
Terrence Fuller	44	0	4	1	0
Brian Rucker	44	0	3	0	0
Chris Jones	43	0	1	5	2
Corey Williams	39	2	6	1	0
Alex Peoples	36	0	3	1	0
Maurice Joyner	34	0	1	3	0
Steven Tookes	21	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Hickenbotham	11	72	6.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Hickenbotham	23	538	23.4	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARKANSAS STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	16.1	15	146	3.8	137	45.5	17.6	-5	2001	4	32.5	21	182	4.1	220	61.7	12.4
7*	22.5	14	128	4.2	184	55.8	13.9	-3	2000	6	37.3	24	207	4.6	246	62.0	12.2
9*	22.4	18	147	3.9	182	47.4	14.7	-1	1999	7	30.2	21	202	4.8	214	56.9	13.8
9*	18.0	15	85	2.6	240	47.3	18.0	0	1998	9	32.1	22	230	5.1	216	57.3	13.9
5*	18.2	17	94	2.7	206	45.8	16.6	-1	1997	7	35.8	23	234	5.2	215	62.8	12.5
3	24.7	17	156	4.8	217	52.0	15.1	-10	1996	5	33.2	22	163	3.7	258	82.0	12.7

2001 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Georgia	18	41 - 143	3.5	17 - 32	180	0	29	39 - 212	5.4	26 - 38	386	0	0
at Baylor	12	40 - 66	1.7	12 - 29	106	5	18	44 - 174	4.0	14 - 31	192	0	-3
Jacksonville St	15	21 - 142	6.8	11 - 27	191	2	26	66 - 324	4.9	10 - 20	124	0	-1
Mississippi	19	47 - 241	5.1	9 - 15	151	1	24	40 - 146	3.7	20 - 29	269	0	+1
Louisiana-Lft	10	41 - 120	2.9	6 - 18	109	2	21	28 - 119	4.3	29 - 40	261	0	+3
at N Texas	9	32 - 67	2.1	9 - 21	90	2	15	49 - 134	2.7	6 - 10	143	1	-2
Idaho	18	40 - 152	3.8	10 - 23	169	1	27	34 - 125	3.7	34 - 55	406	1	+1
at Mid Tenn St	10	37 - 102	2.8	11 - 23	72	4	25	50 - 301	6.0	11 - 19	131	1	-2
at N Mexico St	25	57 - 270	4.7	11 - 23	149	1	17	37 - 215	5.8	11 - 18	161	0	+1
UL Monroe	15	38 - 106	2.8	16 - 34	142	5	10	32 - 82	2.6	14 - 23	179	3	-3
Nicholls St	15	33 - 201	6.1	13 - 30	146	1	19	65 - 172	2.6	9 - 15	173	2	0
TOTALS	166	427 - 1610	3.8	125 - 275	1505	24	231	484 - 2004	4.1	184 - 298	2425	8	-5
AVERAGES	15.1	39 - 146	3.8	11 - 25	137	2.2	21.0	44 - 182	4.1	17 - 27	220	0.7	-0.5

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+34	7-38	W
C Arkansas	NL	36-35	–
S Utah	NL	24-34	–
at Virginia Tech	+40'	0-50	L
SW Louisiana	-5	38-41	L
at Memphis	+22	9-38	L
at Louisiana Tech	+24	14-42	L
at New Mexico St	+4'	20-34	L
at Miami (Fla)	+41	10-42	W
SW Missouri St	NL	35-27	–
UAB	+11	7-13	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+27'	14-17	W
at LSU	+43	6-42	W
SW Missouri St	NL	28-24	–
at Hawaii	+11'	20-0	W
N Mexico St (OT)	-6'	34-31	L
Idaho	+3	14-52	L
at SW Louisiana	-6	19-21	L
at Mississippi	+26	17-30	W
at Memphis	+12	19-35	L
Louisiana Tech	+18	21-69	L
NE Louisiana	+4	17-13	W
Cincinnati	+4	7-51	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Illinois	+14'	3-41	L
at Mississippi	+32	14-38	W
at Memphis	+18	26-31	W
TCU	+16	21-24	W
Sam Houston St	NL	45-20	–
at Utah St	+12	14-20	W
Idaho (OT)	+7'	24-30	W
at N Texas	-1/2/E	14-10	W
SW Louisiana	-10'	31-27	L
at Boise St	+9'	10-63	L
Nevada	+3'	44-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State (2OT)	+15'	31-38	W
at Oklahoma	+32	7-45	L
Memphis	+7	17-19	W
at TCU	+26'	3-52	L
Richmond	NL	27-30	–
at Mississippi	+26	10-35	W
at Idaho	+12	25-42	L
N Mexico St (OT)	+3'	29-35	L
at Utah St	+5	31-44	L
Boise St	+14	14-42	L
N Texas	-7'	53-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+35	17-45	W
at Baylor	+7'	3-24	L
Jacksonville St	NL	28-31	–
Mississippi	+22	17-35	W
Louisiana-Lft	-3'	26-20	W
at N Texas	+6'	0-45	L
Idaho	+5'	34-31	W
at Mid Tenn St	+22	6-54	L
at New Mexico St	+20	17-28	W
UL Monroe	-5'	7-16	L
Nicholls St	NL	22-28	–

Super Six Angles Week by Week for 2002

August 31st

Auburn is 8-16 ATS as an underdog since 1998.
Boston College is 5-12 ATS in season openers S/ '85.
BYU is 3-12 ATS in season openers the L/15Y.
Fresno St is 10-3 ATS the L/13Y in their 1st lined HG.
Miss St is 11-3 ATS their last 14 road openers.
Tennessee is 10-2 ATS in their L12 season openers.

September 7th

Akron is 3-10 ATS in the final game of a 2(+) road trip.
Duke is 1-8 ATS in non-ACC games the L/3Y.
Houston is 4-17 ATS in home openers since 1979.
Miami, Fla is 9-2 ATS in their last 11 road openers.
New Mexico has covered 6 of the last 7 vs Air Force.
UCLA is 7-1 ATS in their last 8 season openers.

September 14th

Arizona is 18-6-1 ATS the week after a bye.
Cincinnati is 11-3 ATS their last 14 after a bye.
The fav is 1-12 ATS the last 13 Clem/Ga Tech clashes.
UL-Lft is 4-10 ATS the last 14 vs current CUSA teams.
The dog is 9-1-1 ATS in the Mich/ND series.
SMU is 7-15-1 ATS their last 23 as an away dog.

September 21st

Air Force is an impressive 14-6 ATS as an AD S/'94.
Baylor is 8-3 ATS prior to a bye since 1992.
The home team is 7-0 ATS in Hawaii/ Boise St games.
Marshall is 16-8-1 ATS as a home favorite S/'96.
Oklahoma St is 10-3 ATS prior to a bye week.
Va Tech is 9-0 SU & 8-1 ATS their last 9 road openers.

September 28th

Duke is 7-3 ATS after playing Florida St.
E Carolina is 2-9 ATS their last 11 games after a bye.
Iowa St is 1-13 SU and 4-9-1 ATS vs Nebraska S/'88.
Nebraska is 12-3 ATS in conference openers.
S Carolina is 9-1 ATS the L/10 meetings with Vanderbilt.
Utah is 13-2 ATS their last 15 prior to a bye.

October 5th

Arizona is 4-11-1 ATS in their 1st conference HG.
Colorado is 10-2 ATS at home against Kansas St.
Georgia is 6-1 ATS the game prior to Tennessee.
Missouri is 3-10-1 ATS their last 14 vs Oklahoma.
TCU is 12-4 ATS their last 16 vs Houston.
Oregon is an amazing 13-2 ATS in their 1st Pac 10 game.

October 12th

The home team is 11-5 ATS between FSU/Miami, Fla.
The road team is 15-6-1 ATS the last 22 LSU/Fla games.
Michigan St is 5-10 ATS in road openers.
The dog is 8-2 ATS in Northwestern/ Minn series.
ND is 12-4 SU & 11-5 ATS L/16 meetings vs Pitt.
The home team is 13-1-1 ATS in Ore St/ AZ St games.

October 19th

Florida is 11-3 ATS the L/14 in the Fla/Auburn series.
Louisiana St is 1-8-1 ATS after playing Florida.
Memphis is 11-6-1 ATS vs Miss St since 1984.
Ohio St is 23-8 ATS on artificial turf since 1990.
Stanford is 4-10 ATS before 2 or more road games.
Texas Tech is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 HC games.

October 26th

The home team is 2-10-2 ATS in AZ St/Wash series.
Colorado St is 12-5 ATS the game before a bye.
Iowa is 10-4-1 ATS their last 15 games vs Michigan.
The dog is 12-4 the L/16 in the Maryland/Duke series.
Pittsburgh is 5-12 ATS their L/17 vs Boston College.
The visitor is 11-0-1 ATS in the L/12 WF/UNC games.

November 2nd

The SU winner is 18-0 ATS in Ind/Northwestern games.
The fav in the Kansas/Kansas St game is 7-1 ATS the L/8.
Minnesota is 4-10 ATS the last 14 vs Ohio St.
The home team is 10-4 ATS in the UNC/Maryland series.
N Mexico St is 2-6 SU & 1-7 ATS in home finales S/'94.
Vanderbilt is 8-2 ATS their last 10 vs Alabama.

November 9th

The home team is 14-4 ATS in Army/Air Force games.
The dog is 13-6 ATS the L/19 Baylor/Texas Tech games.
Kentucky is 6-10 SU but 10-5-1 ATS the L/16 vs LSU.
Navy is 10-4 ATS the last 14 against Notre Dame.
San Diego St is 2-7 ATS the last 9 vs New Mexico.
The home team is 9-2 ATS in the Syracuse/ VT series.

November 16th

BC is 8-14 ATS their last 22 against Syracuse.
Illinois is 13-4 ATS their last 17 vs Ohio St.
Indiana is 2-17-3 ATS the game prior to Purdue.
Kansas is 4-11-1 ATS in their last 16 home finales.
Mich St is a perfect 11-0 ATS in their final home game.
Penn St is 2-9 ATS in their last 11 road finales.

November 23rd

Arkansas is 11-5 ATS in their final road game since 1986.
The visitor is 9-1 ATS in the Cal/ Stanford Series.
Iowa St is 9-2 ATS in their last 11 home finales.
Kansas St is 11-2 ATS the game after Nebraska.
La Tech is 6-1 SU & 5-0 ATS in their last 7 home finales.
Memphis is 2-11 ATS in their last 13 home finales.

November 30th

Florida St is 9-1 ATS in their last 10 home finales.
Louisville is 7-3 ATS in season finales.
Maryland is 7-3 ATS in their home finale.
Mississippi is 1-7 ATS in their home finale.
ND is 9-3-1 ATS when ending the season at USC.
The road team is 9-2-1 ATS in S Miss/ECU series.

ATTENTION!

There are 3 methods of handicapping: Fundamental, Situational & Technical. Of the 3, I rate Technical Handicapping (Angles) as the third most important in college football handicapping. I list all of these trends & angles in this book so you do not have to research them. Please do not get the impression that I am a Technical Handicapper. I use all 3, but **I am first & foremost a Fundamental Handicapper** who looks at the talent differences & matchups between the two teams. I believe Fundamental handicapping is most important, followed by Situational & lastly Technical. (See "Ten Keys to a Winning Season" on page 20).

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- How have the last 5 expansion teams done ATS in their emotional home openers?
- Which NFC West rivalry has seen a dramatic turnaround over the L/3Y, as a team that was 4-17 SU and 5-16 ATS from 1989-1998 is now 6-0 SU and 5-1 ATS the L/3Y?
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WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football Preview Magazine is an individual players' "PS#". You will see them on almost every page and I find them very important in my analysis of a team. If you are a regular reader of Power Sweep or have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS# stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and asking the question I list at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS# is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football and the NFL like I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS#'s based on many different recruiting services across the country. I like to use all of the biggest and best and also get some from each part of the country. On the bottom left of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When I receive a recruiting magazine, I translate each one's ranking into a point system from 1-100. We then log each and every player into the computer and give them the total points from each service. This is a very time consuming process. This year's 2002 Freshmen List has 12,867 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just one or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost every one. The more they are mentioned and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After months of entering all this information, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally the QB with the most total points then becomes PS#1QB for that year. If a player is PS#99QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school.

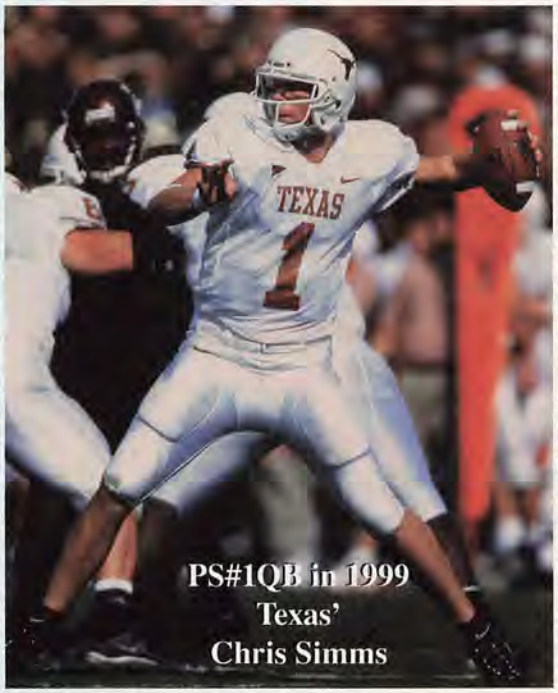
Some positions simply do not have as many players as others. As an example, this year's PS#99TE totaled just 101.9 points in my system. PS#99OL this year had 360.4 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 101.9 points in the offensive line is rated PS#380OL this year. The PS# is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to a Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as Juniors. They are seasoned players and older and usually can make an immediate impact.

So what is the big deal about where they ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player ranks in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all-stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact in their first year.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS# who end up making it big. For example, Adam Archuleta was an unheralded walkon at Arizona State who arrived as a slender 180 lb freshman. He left the Sun Devils' program as one of the most feared defenders in the Pac 10. He increased his weight to a chiseled 215 lbs while bench pressing over 225 lbs 31 times with 4.36 speed going as the 1st DB in the 1st round of last year's NFL Draft. Some kids come into college at 17 or 18, undersized and not yet matured but then grow into big, strong, fast players and make All Conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories. But also, just like the NFL, there are many MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school becoming stars and make an immediate impact.

I'll give you some examples: LaVar Arrington was PS#1LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft; Peyton Manning was PS#2QB in 1994 and started as a true frosh; TE Tony Gonzalez was PS#1TE; Orlando Pace was PS#1OL and started as a true frosh and, like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995, the top 2 RB's were PS#1 and PS#2 (Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green) while Randy Moss was PS#1WR. In 1996, Andy Katzenmoyer was PS#1LB and he also excelled as a true frosh and won the Butkus Award. Tim Couch was PS#1QB. Ron Dayne was PS#3RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS#3JC and he powered the Washington Huskies' offense. In 1997, Akili Smith was PS#1JC and he was a high NFL DC. In 1998, John Henderson was PS#1OL and Marquis Walker PS#1WR while Julius Peppers was PS#6DL. These are just some examples but as you see the stronger the PS#, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.



PS#1QB in 1999
Texas'
Chris Simms

I find PS#'s to be very helpful in my handicapping. Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. You would expect a 1st or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly, and the higher rated players can usually do just that. That is the value of a PS#.

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in the magazine. Now that you know what a PS# is, naturally the PS stands for Phil Steele or my rating for the players out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a Highly Touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the top 100 at his position out of high school. Naturally with 50 states that comes out to about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT is a player rated among the Top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT (Very Highly Touted) guidelines in the past couple of years. At K the ratings drop to Top 10 for VHT and Top 35 for HT. At TE it is Top 15 for VHT and Top 75 for HT. QB is Top 30 for VHT and Top 100 for HT. WR and RB have two spots on most teams, therefore the HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #40. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's so that number moves to #200 for HT classification and #50 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players on the field. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions and a VHT is among the Top 60 out of HS at their position. The offensive line, which has 5 spots, is up to #250 as an HT and up to #100 for a VHT. Many publications do not distinguish between OL and DL for their lineman. As a general rule, we put them into the OL category so that position has by far the largest amount of players.

A quick note about the players in my write-ups. On the offensive line sometimes I will mention that a player was a top-notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality linemen. I also list when a player is from Canada. I do this because not all of the recruiting services cover Canada so those players are generally rated lower in the PS#'s than they should be. Dahrran Diedrick of Nebraska is a prime example, with his PS#281RB status out of HS although he is the 1st Canadian scholarship player ever signed at NU.

On the next page are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. This year I am doing it a little differently, listing all the players who accumulated 500 points or more in my freshmen ranking. That would explain the different numbers at each position. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 1997-2002 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just $15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 6 years. Call 1-800-654-3448 to order your copy today.

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2. Vincent Young Texas
3. Reggie McNeal Texas A&M
4. Christopher Davis Florida St
5. Trent Edwards Stanford
6. James Banks Tennessee
7. Justin Zwick Ohio St
8. Marcus Vick Virginia Tech
9. Gavin Dickey Florida
10. Tyler Palko Pittsburgh
11. Isaiah Stanback Washington
12. Matt Gutierrez Michigan
13. Mike Nixon UCLA
14. Chris Olsen Notre Dame
15. Anthony Martinez Virginia
16. Drew Stanton Michigan St
17. Drew Olson UCLA
18. Curt Dukes Nebraska
19. Matt Moore UCLA
20. Brandon Cox Auburn
21. Joe Tereshinski Georgia
22. Ryan O'Hara Arizona
23. Wyatt Sexton Florida St
24. Marc Guillon Miami, Fla
25. Noah Allen Oklahoma
26. Lester Ricard LSU
27. Brandon Kirsch Purdue

RUNNING BACKS

1. Lorenzo Booker Florida St
2. Maurice Clarett Ohio St
3. Gerald Riggs Tennessee
4. Ciatrick Fason Florida
5. Michael Johnson Virginia
6. Jerious Norwood Miss St
7. William Blackmon Boston Coll
8. DeShawn Wynn Florida
9. Justin Vincent LSU
10. Hershel Dennis USC
11. Brandon Snow Penn St
12. Nicholas Turner Miss St
13. Thomas Clayton Florida St
14. David Horne Nebraska
15. Tristian T.A. McLendon N Car St
16. J.R. Zwierzynski Penn St
17. Jason Allen Tennessee
18. Albert Hardy Texas
19. Selvyn Young Texas
20. Brian Calhoun Colorado
21. Mario Whitney Missouri
22. Glenn Ohaeri UCLA
23. Kenny James Washington
24. Skyler Green LSU
25. Nathan Schiccatano Notre Dame
26. Marcus O'Keith California
27. Tre Smith Auburn
28. Rashard Dudley Georgia
29. Dedrick Poole Arkansas
30. Jaren Hayes Michigan St
31. Damien Rhodes Syracuse
32. Michael Cooper Georgia
33. Darnell Hood Michigan
34. Frederick Collins San Diego St
35. Steve Hicks Iowa St
36. Kenneth Darby Alabama
37. Malcolm Ruff Duke
38. Ibrahim Halsey Illinois
39. Regis Edgerson S Carolina

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Dishon Platt Florida St
2. Ryan Moore Miami, Fla
3. Marquis Johnson Texas
4. Maurice Stovall Notre Dame
5. Akieem Jolla Miami, Fla
6. Kyle Brown Michigan St
7. Jejuan Rankins Oklahoma
8. Leon Washington Florida St
9. Rhema McKnight Notre Dame
10. Jason Avant Michigan
11. Richard Washington N Car St
12. Carl Tabb Michigan
13. Devin Hester Miami, Fla
14. Jamalle Cornelius Florida
15. Roy Hall Ohio St
16. Robert Timmons Texas
17. Troy Williamson S Carolina
18. Mario Raley Georgia
19. Kelvin Grant Clemson
20. Dedrick Harrington Missouri
21. Wali Lundy Virginia
22. Charles Ben S Carolina
23. Ben Obomanu Auburn
24. Mark LeFlore Nebraska
25. Chris Baker Arkansas
26. Josh Hannum Penn St
27. Devin Aromashodu Auburn
28. Jason Carter Oklahoma
29. DaBryan Blanton Oklahoma
30. James Finley Oregon St
31. Tyler Littlehales Colorado
32. Mike Williams USC
33. Agim Shabaj Michigan St
34. Ian Firestone N Carolina
35. Darnell Jenkins Miami, Fla
36. Broderic Jones W Virginia
37. Montavis Pitts Auburn
38. Terry Richardson Arizona St
39. Brandon Wright Miss St
40. Enrique Cook Wisconsin
41. Travis Wilson Oklahoma
42. Daniel Coats BYU

TIGHT ENDS

1. Marcedes Lewis UCLA
2. Eric Winston Miami, Fla
3. Dominique Byrd USC
4. R.J. Coleman Ohio St
5. Curtis Justus Miami, Fla
6. David Thomas Texas
7. Leonard Pope Georgia
8. Anthony Fasano Notre Dame
9. Aaron Kirkland Tennessee
10. Lonnie Davis Florida St

OFFENSIVE LINE

1. Derek Morris Ohio St
2. Nathan Rhodes Washington
3. Winston Justice USC
4. Brandon Jeffries Tennessee
5. Derek Landri Notre Dame
6. Heath Benedict Tennessee
7. Justin Blalock Texas
8. Rob Smith Tennessee
9. Mark Farris Penn St
10. Marcus McNeil Auburn
11. Doug Datish Ohio St
12. Fred Matua USC
13. Kyle Williams USC
14. Bob Morton Notre Dame
15. Chris Felder Iowa
16. Neal Tweedie Texas
17. James Bonelli Notre Dame
18. Shadu Moore Boston Coll
19. Jeff Lebby Oklahoma
20. Cody Douglas Tennessee
21. Ryan Carter Florida
22. Alex Pou Miami, Fla
23. Chris Frome Notre Dame
24. Davin Joseph Oklahoma
25. Max Jean-Gilles Georgia
26. Brian Borgoyn Penn St
27. Anthony Wollschlager Miami, Fla
28. Tim Duckworth Auburn
29. Jamie Ryan Notre Dame
30. Randy Hand Florida
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32. Stan Daniels Washington
33. Rob Sims Ohio St
34. Josiah Vinson Stanford
35. Lyle Sendlein Texas
36. J.C. Ronnfeldt Oregon St
37. Jake Kuresa BYU
38. Richard Burch Miss St
39. Garett Wibel LSU
40. Brian Johnson LSU
41. Bartley Miller Georgia
42. Jeff Edwards Stanford
43. Kyle Ralph N Carolina
44. Tony Ugoh Arkansas
45. Albert Toeaina Oregon

DEFENSIVE LINE

1. Haloti Ngata Oregon
2. Rodrique Wright Texas
3. Kedric Golston Georgia
4. Bryan Pickryl Texas
5. Gabe Watson Michigan
6. Marco Martin Texas
7. Julian Jenkins Stanford
8. Larry Dibbles Texas
9. Kwakou Robinson Virginia
10. Jim Unis Boston Coll
11. Quinn Pitcock Ohio St
12. Manual Wright USC
13. Tamba Hali Penn St
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30. Chase Pittman Texas
31. Jay Moore Nebraska
32. Chase Pressley Arkansas
33. Loren Howard Northwestern
34. Kevin Harbour UCLA
35. Chris Turner Florida St
36. C.J. Niusula UCLA
37. Ray McDonald Florida

LINEBACKERS

1. Mike D'Andrea Ohio St
2. Ahmad Brooks Virginia
3. Ricardo Hurley S Carolina
4. Kai Parham Virginia
5. A.J. Nicholson Florida St
6. Kamerion Wimbley Florida St
7. Aaron Harris Texas
8. Buster Davis Florida St
9. Delijuan Robinson Miss St
10. David Richard Michigan St
11. Marvin Byrdsong Miss St
12. Berkeley Hutchinson Rutgers
13. Zach Latimer Oklahoma
14. Garnet Smith Texas
15. Bryan Andrews Wake Forest
16. Justin London UCLA
17. Jeremy Van Alstyne Michigan
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19. Brandon Hancock USC
20. Chris Herring Mississippi
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22. Nate Harris Miami, Fla
23. Mike Kudla Ohio St
24. Cameron Vaughn LSU
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26. Bobby Carpenter Ohio St
27. Reggie Cribbs Wisconsin
28. Lawrence Pinson Oklahoma St
29. Archie McDaniel Texas A&M
30. Sam McGrew Florida St
31. Lucas Jackson Arkansas
32. Chris Hollis Colorado
33. Clifton Ryan Michigan St
34. Wayne Chambers Oklahoma
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4. Mondre Dickerson Tennessee
5. Clint Werth Colorado
6. Eddie Brown San Jose St
7. Derrick Pope N/A
8. Randy Jackson S Carolina
9. James Taylor Louisville
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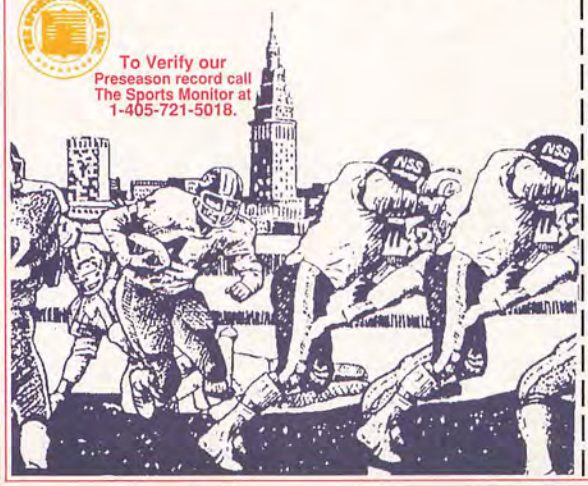

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2002 FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are the Top 75 classes of 2002 signees (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

1. Florida St
2. Texas
3. Ohio St
4. Tennessee
5. Notre Dame
6. Miami, Fla
7. USC
8. Oklahoma
9. UCLA
10. Michigan
11. Virginia
12. Penn St
13. Florida
14. S Carolina
15. Michigan St
16. Georgia
17. Colorado
18. Washington
19. Mississippi St
20. Boston College
21. Texas A&M
22. LSU
23. Stanford
24. Nebraska
25. Auburn
26. Arkansas
27. Alabama
28. Arizona St
29. Clemson
30. Maryland
31. Illinois
32. Virginia Tech
33. Pittsburgh
34. N Carolina St
35. Arizona
36. Wisconsin
37. Mississippi
38. N Carolina
39. Iowa
40. Rutgers
41. Oklahoma St
42. Oregon
43. BYU
44. Georgia Tech
45. Missouri
46. Kansas St
47. Oregon St
48. Purdue
49. Northwestern
50. Wake Forest
51. Syracuse
52. Baylor
53. Texas Tech
54. W Virginia
55. Washington St
56. Minnesota
57. Iowa St
58. Louisville
59. California
60. Memphis
61. Houston
62. Tulane
63. Duke
64. UCF
65. Fresno St
66. TCU
67. Kansas
68. Indiana
69. S Mississippi
70. Colorado St
71. Temple
72. Kentucky
73. San Jose St
74. Middle Tennessee
75. San Diego St

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2002 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2002 recruiting rankings for each conference. They take into account the strength of the Top 10 signees, average signing grade per player, and total points for the class. The quantity of signees was also considered. Keep in mind some schools had as many as 30 signees and others as few as 9. There were also some surprises this year. Houston went 0-11 last season and finished at the bottom of the Conference USA standings. That did not deter Dana Dimel and his staff, as they simply bagged one of the top rated classes in the conference, beating out bowl teams from last year like Cincinnati, E Carolina and TCU. In the MAC, first year member UCF has the top class this season, while 4 time league champions Marshall only managed to herd in the 5th best class in the league. Finally, Sweet Lou despite having the 9th best class in the SEC last year earned a Jan 1st bowl bid (and a victory over Ohio St in the bowl) and has the Gamecocks back on the recruiting path with the 3rd best class in the SEC. I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars. One final note: only 115 teams are ranked below because Navy and Air Force's signee lists were unavailable at press time.

BIG 10

1. Ohio St
2. Michigan
3. Penn St
4. Michigan St
5. Illinois
6. Wisconsin
7. Iowa
8. Purdue
9. Northwestern
10. Minnesota
11. Indiana

BIG 12

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Colorado
4. Texas A&M
5. Nebraska
6. Oklahoma St
7. Missouri
8. Kansas St
9. Baylor
10. Texas Tech
11. Iowa St
12. Kansas

SEC

1. Tennessee
2. Florida
3. S Carolina
4. Georgia
5. Mississippi St
6. LSU
7. Auburn
8. Arkansas
9. Alabama
10. Mississippi
11. Kentucky
12. Vanderbilt

ACC

1. Florida St
2. Virginia
3. Clemson
4. Maryland
5. N Carolina St
6. N Carolina
7. Georgia Tech
8. Wake Forest
9. Duke

PAC 10

1. USC
2. UCLA
3. Washington
4. Stanford
5. Arizona St
6. Arizona
7. Oregon
8. Oregon St
9. Washington St
10. California

SUN BELT

1. Middle Tennessee
2. Arkansas St
3. UL Lafayette
4. N Mexico St
5. Idaho
6. N Texas
7. UL Monroe

INDEPENDENT

1. Notre Dame
2. S Florida
3. Utah St
4. UConn
5. Troy St

BIG EAST

1. Miami, Fla
2. Boston College
3. Virginia Tech
4. Pittsburgh
5. Rutgers
6. Syracuse
7. West Virginia
8. Temple

CUSA

1. Louisville
2. Memphis
3. Houston
4. Tulane
5. TCU
6. S Mississippi
7. E Carolina
8. UAB
9. Cincinnati
10. Army

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. BYU
2. Colorado St
3. San Diego St
4. Utah
5. UNLV
6. Wyoming
7. New Mexico

MAC

1. UCF
2. Ball St
3. Bowling Green
4. N Illinois
5. Marshall
6. W Michigan
7. Toledo
8. Akron
9. Kent St
10. Miami, Oh
11. Buffalo
12. C Michigan
13. E Michigan
14. Ohio

WAC

1. Fresno St
2. San Jose St
3. Hawaii
4. Tulsa
5. LA Tech
6. Nevada
7. SMU
8. Boise St
9. Rice
10. UTEP

2001 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, in '96, Iowa St returned only 5 punts all year and punted 51 times. Their net punting average was weighted 10 times as much as their punt return average ranking. These ratings do not take into account the accuracy of the FG kicker. I added a new category a few years ago for net TD/blk's. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. Listed are the computer's 2001 final ratings.

#	TEAM	NET PUNTS	KR OFF	PR OFF	KR DEF	TD BLK
1.	Colorado St	39.7	25.9	12.3	18.7	1
2.	Nebraska	36.7	25.0	13.8	16.7	2
3.	Oklahoma St	39.6	26.8	13.3	24.0	2
4.	Hawaii	38.9	30.3	11.3	21.3	2
5.	Georgia	40.9	23.5	13.9	20.6	1
6.	Florida	38.1	20.1	9.8	15.0	2
7.	Fresno St	38.5	21.8	14.8	20.5	4
8.	LSU	39.6	19.7	10.6	15.2	0
9.	Kansas St	36.7	25.0	10.2	18.5	3
10.	Texas	33.5	26.3	14.9	18.4	3
11.	Colorado	38.4	20.0	16.6	22.3	4
12.	Cincinnati	41.6	17.8	8.9	16.4	0
13.	Penn St	38.0	19.8	12.4	21.5	4
14.	Arkansas	39.0	21.2	9.3	21.0	3
15.	Notre Dame	36.6	24.3	10.1	19.0	1
16.	Louisville	35.5	23.5	11.2	17.0	1
17.	S Florida	35.3	22.0	12.0	17.0	1
18.	Auburn	39.9	21.4	9.8	22.3	1
19.	Arizona St	37.5	25.0	8.3	24.8	2
20.	Syracuse	37.5	16.6	11.3	19.9	5
21.	E Carolina	36.1	22.5	7.0	15.9	0
22.	Bowling Green	36.1	19.2	10.3	14.7	1
23.	N Illinois	35.8	22.7	9.3	19.0	3
24.	Wake Forest	34.8	24.2	11.1	22.7	3
25.	New Mexico	35.0	23.6	10.2	18.6	3
26.	Virginia Tech	33.4	20.1	13.3	18.5	4
27.	Miami (Fla)	37.1	20.7	12.9	21.3	1
28.	Boise St	32.4	23.4	9.0	17.0	1
29.	Oklahoma	38.5	25.6	8.6	18.9	-2
30.	Michigan	34.8	19.6	10.4	20.3	5
31.	TCU	39.3	18.8	9.2	18.2	-1
32.	Ohio U	42.7	17.3	7.8	19.2	0
33.	Kentucky	39.8	21.1	9.9	25.6	1
34.	Oregon	34.2	25.1	13.3	21.8	1
35.	Ohio St	38.3	21.0	8.9	19.7	0
36.	Army	38.4	20.7	7.3	17.6	-1
37.	Navy	37.9	22.8	7.9	18.1	-3
38.	Ball St	36.1	23.4	5.4	20.5	2
39.	Marshall	39.6	16.8	6.4	16.7	0
40.	Clemson	33.5	24.3	9.9	20.6	1
41.	USC	36.1	18.9	8.4	20.2	3
42.	S Mississippi	36.2	17.5	7.6	16.2	2
43.	UAB	36.2	21.5	9.9	21.6	1
44.	Pittsburgh	36.8	22.7	7.3	20.7	0
45.	UNLV	34.0	26.4	12.6	24.8	1
46.	Illinois	36.7	19.2	9.2	21.5	1
47.	Georgia Tech	37.8	22.4	10.6	22.5	-3
48.	West Virginia	33.4	22.9	8.0	19.7	1
49.	Akron	32.4	22.4	11.7	21.2	2
50.	Texas A&M	35.1	20.4	9.9	20.0	0
51.	UTEP	30.5	22.5	11.0	20.5	3
52.	Iowa	32.6	20.1	14.6	19.0	-2
53.	NC State	35.2	22.5	7.4	23.3	3
54.	N Texas	35.0	19.0	8.0	19.3	2
55.	Mississippi St	34.6	20.3	10.7	19.7	0
56.	Arizona	34.7	21.0	10.4	22.4	1
57.	W Michigan	33.2	21.3	6.6	17.7	1
58.	Tennessee	34.5	18.8	8.8	18.5	0
59.	Purdue	37.9	19.4	8.7	21.9	-2
60.	Boston College	38.0	16.9	4.9	19.7	0
61.	Alabama	36.8	21.3	6.3	20.7	-1
62.	C Michigan	36.0	15.0	9.2	21.0	3
63.	S Carolina	38.0	21.1	6.1	22.7	0
64.	Utah	35.0	21.1	8.0	21.3	1
65.	Troy St	32.5	22.8	9.7	17.3	-2
66.	Utah St	35.4	21.5	10.2	20.9	-3
67.	Miami (Oh)	32.8	19.7	9.7	19.4	1
68.	Iowa St	37.0	16.1	8.8	18.6	-1
69.	Washington	33.7	22.5	14.0	20.6	-3
70.	Middle Tennessee	36.9	20.2	3.1	22.4	3
71.	Mississippi	32.3	24.4	8.2	22.0	1
72.	Northwestern	36.6	18.1	10.2	21.8	0
73.	Oregon St	33.1	22.5	7.3	20.5	2
74.	Memphis	35.2	18.8	10.4	17.1	-4
75.	Arkansas St	34.0	20.6	5.9	18.2	0
76.	Virginia	36.1	21.2	8.4	21.5	-3
77.	Michigan St	33.5	22.4	8.3	17.6	-4
78.	Rutgers	38.1	18.0	5.6	20.6	-3
79.	New Mexico St	31.5	20.6	8.6	18.2	-1
80.	Rice	33.0	19.7	6.8	19.7	1
81.	Washington St	37.3	18.6	6.6	24.4	1
82.	Baylor	34.3	19.5	10.3	21.6	-1
83.	San Diego St	35.4	19.1	8.2	19.0	-3
84.	Toledo	34.5	15.1	9.7	19.1	0
85.	Texas Tech	35.5	19.3	7.3	23.6	1
86.	UCLA	38.8	18.4	6.6	29.8	-1
87.	Air Force	36.3	18.4	8.6	24.4	-1
88.	Nevada	34.7	20.4	10.1	24.0	-1
89.	Maryland	38.9	17.8	7.2	26.1	0
90.	Florida St	32.8	19.5	8.9	20.5	-1
91.	SMU	32.0	18.9	11.0	19.0	-1
92.	BYU	32.7	23.0	8.7	24.2	-1
93.	N Carolina	33.3	19.6	11.0	24.9	-1
94.	Vanderbilt	35.6	20.3	7.1	22.5	-3
95.	Kansas	34.5	17.8	10.9	20.8	-3
96.	California	34.2	18.8	7.1	17.2	-3
97.	UL Monroe	32.3	18.4	6.7	20.6	2
98.	UCF	35.4	20.5	9.0	25.3	-1
99.	Indiana	27.0	21.9	11.4	18.4	-1
100.	Temple	31.3	22.7	9.4	20.2	-3
101.	Minnesota	33.1	20.2	10.7	21.0	-4
102.	Wisconsin	33.8	19.5	11.7	20.4	-5
103.	Wyoming	35.1	16.3	6.6	19.6	-1
104.	Tulane	36.3	17.0	7.0	23.9	0
105.	Duke	30.5	20.8	14.4	25.4	-2
106.	Missouri	30.5	18.1	10.4	19.5	0
107.	UConn	34.8	19.9	3.6	23.2	-1
108.	Idaho	33.9	22.0	6.1	23.9	-5
109.	Buffalo	32.1	17.5	9.5	19.8	-2
110.	Louisiana-Lft	32.7	17.9	9.3	21.4	-2
111.	Kent St	33.6	18.0	9.7	24.6	-1
112.	Stanford	28.8	21.8	10.5	22.1	-2
113.	Louisiana Tech	32.2	20.7	9.0	23.8	-3
114.	Tulsa	34.4	18.8	8.5	33.4	0
115.	E Michigan	32.8	18.0	5.8	23.8	-2
116.	Houston	31.7	17.3	3.9	21.7	0
117.	San Jose St	27.2	20.1	6.9	22.4	-3

2001 PASS EFFICIENCY RATINGS

Just like the special teams, I feed the pass defense numbers into my computer and to rank each team's pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's and opposing QB's faced. If a team faced mostly running offenses and very few solid pass attacks, they will rank lower in these ratings even if their percentage and ratio were solid. For example TCU finished (#3) in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings in 2001. They allowed opposing QB's just 44.5% completion percentage and gave up only 13 TD's while picking off 15. When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they ranked only #16 in my rankings as their opponent rating is only 8.1. Conversely, Louisville finished only #20 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense ranking, but #3 in my rankings as they took on all 3 (Florida St, Kentucky & Tulane) of the top passing offenses in the NCAA and yielded just 51% completions for the season. They gave up 17 TD's, but they led the NCAA in interceptions with 28 vs an opponent rating of 10.1 (2 full pts higher than TCU's). Listed are the raw numbers as well as the computer's final rankings.

#	TEAM	YPG	%	TD	INT	OPP
1.	Texas	157.9	50.6	8	17	9.5
2.	Miami, Fla	131.8	43.9	5	28	8.2
3.	Wash St	252.0	49.5	16	26	10.0
4.	UCLA	198.9	47.3	12	16	10.1
5.	Virginia Tech	179.6	45.6	10	20	8.8
6.	Florida	195.7	55.4	6	13	10.5
7.	Louisville	198.8	49.3	13	20	9.5
8.	Kansas St	161.5	47.0	12	19	8.9
9.	Oregon	284.7	50.4	15	21	10.3
10.	Oregon St	173.9	48.9	13	9	10.2
11.	Nebraska	185.0	44.9	11	20	8.2
12.	Oklahoma	160.6	45.2	9	21	7.7
13.	Texas A&M	177.6	55.4	7	18	9.1
14.	SMU	198.1	56.0	13	17	10.4
15.	N Carolina	177.8	51.3	10	10	9.2
16.	USC	175.6	54.7	11	20	9.4
17.	Stanford	274.1	47.8	22	16	10.1
18.	Auburn	206.9	53.7	15	16	10.2
19.	S Miss	199.7	52.0	8	14	8.8
20.	Illinois	233.7	50.0	19	18	9.3
21.	Syracuse	191.5	49.5	13	15	8.8
22.	Mississippi	161.3	49.5	12	12	9.0
23.	UAB	208.6	54.7	13	15	9.4
24.	Michigan	229.3	55.1	13	11	10.2
25.	Ohio St	197.0	51.9	13	20	8.6
26.	Memphis	229.6	52.6	15	15	9.3
27.	Florida St	233.6	55.0	11	16	9.6
28.	Purdue	204.9	53.5	18	21	9.3
29.	UNLV	189.4	50.1	12	11	8.3
30.	Arizona	258.0	51.0	23	14	10.3
31.	Maryland	258.4	56.4	21	26	9.6
32.	Notre Dame	172.6	50.0	13	14	8.7
33.	Boston College	183.3	50.0	12	20	7.8
34.	Utah	187.0	49.9	12	10	8.3
35.	Tennessee	219.9	53.3	19	13	9.8
36.	Michigan St	205.7	52.1	18	18	8.7
37.	Iowa	208.0	55.2	15	13	9.5
38.	Fresno St	264.3	55.6	27	24	9.9
39.	S Carolina	194.2	57.5	14	14	9.6
40.	UTEP	181.2	49.6	20	12	9.1
41.	Boise St	251.5	56.6	18	9	10.6
42.	Arkansas	223.1	55.8	19	17	9.4
43.	New Mexico	223.5	51.2	15	15	8.1
44.	Wisconsin	201.1	50.3	22	13	9.3
45.	Colorado	237.9	54.5	21	18	8.9
46.	Kansas	190.5	53.1	18	12	9.0
47.	Georgia Tech	216.9	54.0	14	11	8.7
48.	LSU	281.2	56.0	30	19	10.8
49.	Miss St	214.5	54.7	21	13	10.0
50.	Louisiana Tech	240.8	55.6	19	19	8.8
51.	Georgia	240.7	59.1	17	12	9.7
52.	Miami, Oh	207.9	53.4	20	11	8.8
53.	UCF	178.0	55.6	6	7	8.0
54.	BYU	244.4	53.9	27	22	8.9
55.	W Virginia	136.7	48.6	7	11	6.7
56.	Cincinnati	199.3	53.2	16	11	8.4
57.	Oklahoma St	241.4	60.6	19	13	10.2
58.	Colorado St	214.7	57.6	13	17	8.6
59.	Hawaii	249.8	54.6	22	14	8.9
60.	Bowling Green	233.3	52.9	19	18	8.1
61.	Clemson	240.6	54.2	22	13	9.1
62.	Iowa St	149.1	56.3	10	19	7.1
63.	Pittsburgh	167.8	54.2	11	7	7.3
64.	Utah St	285.2	54.6	25	10	10.5
65.	Marshall	195.8	51.6	15	14	7.4
66.	San Diego St	198.0	55.0	15	13	8.2
67.	Texas Tech	187.0	56.6	17	18	7.4
68.	N Illinois	227.8	56.4	18	17	8.2
69.	Penn St	237.5	56.7	13	6	9.8
70.	Washington	241.1	58.6	24	12	10.8
71.	N Mexico St	239.8	57.1	16	16	8.3
72.	Kent St	204.4	57.9	11	15	7.5
73.	Ball St	210.0	53.0	17	8	7.8
74.	Virginia	227.8	58.9	14	18	8.5
75.	Temple	182.8	54.4	17	15	7.5
76.	Arizona St	260.9	55.6	27	9	10.3
77.	Northwestern	262.6	55.4	20	13	8.7
78.	Minnesota	223.3	59.1	16	8	9.5
79.	N Texas	218.7	62.1	15	14	8.8
80.	Louisiana-Lft	190.9	50.6	18	10	7.8
81.	C Michigan	231.7	52.0	18	8	8.1
82.	Rice	278.8	57.4	23	12	9.6
83.	Air Force	249.2	54.9	19	14	8.3
84.	Alabama	254.8	58.5	13	6	9.0
85.	S Florida	233.4	54.8	17	11	7.0
86.	W Michigan	179.8	57.7	14	8	7.8
87.	Tulane	241.3	58.3	20	11	9.0
88.	Toledo	221.8	57.5	19	12	7.5
89.	E Carolina	287.3	58.2	24	10	9.3
90.	Troy St	192.8	49.8	14	15	5.9
91.	TCU	225.5	53.0	19	7	7.7
92.	E Michigan	198.2	54.6	13	6	6.8
93.	Mid Tenn St	254.6	58.8	20	10	8.2
94.	Rutgers	189.5	54.6	22	10	7.6
95.	Indiana	249.6	62.7	21	9	10.1
96.	California	296.3	54.8	27	8	10.6
97.	Buffalo	180.0	60.5	14	12	7.0
98.	N Carolina St	221.8	58.6	20	7	8.2
99.	Wake Forest	244.9	61.8	21	13	9.2
100.	San Jose St	296.8	59.5	27	12	10.8
101.	Baylor	247.0	60.7	19	11	8.0
102.	UConn	226.5	60.1	20	9	7.9
103.	Houston	224.2	59.9	22	7	8.7
104.	Wyoming	218.1	59.0	17	10	6.6
105.	Tulsa	224.5	64.4	19	7	9.3
106.	Akron	284.9	58.8	26	11	8.4
107.	Kentucky	297.4	60.0	28	5	10.3
108.	Duke	246.4	61.1	25	7	8.3
109.	Arkansas St	220.5	61.7	18	5	7.6
110.	Missouri	200.5	64.9	18	6	7.9
111.	UL Monroe	264.9	65.6	26	8	9.2
112.	Army	241.0	63.1	21	6	7.6
113.	Nevada	270.6	61.6	26	6	9.8
114.	Ohio U	244.0	68.2	17	5	8.4
115.	Vanderbilt	286.8	64.0	26	9	9.7
116.	Idaho	278.3	64.0	28	4	8.6
117.	Navy	218.1	67.1	20	9	7.0

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Phil Steele OWNS 18 Football Handicapping Titles (#1 Finishes) over the last 13 years!!

By Phil Steele

In other parts of this magazine, I have touched on the fact that FREE is an often misused term in the sports service industry. If you pick up the newspaper, the ads scream out FREE PLAYS, Call 1-800-XXX-XXXX. What you get when you call is pushy salespeople who do not give you their "Free" plays until you purchase their "much stronger" plays. Sports Illustrated did an excellent exposé a few years ago, showing how these "boiler room" operations worked.

Unfortunately that is the type of operation that dominates the sports service industry. We are very different at Northcoast Sports. When we say free, we mean FREE. I hope you have already sent in for your FREE 2002 Pro Football Preview (see page 309). If you did, you would already know that as promised, there were no pushy salespeople, no phone calls and we did not ask for your phone number. You will have also received our Pro Preview for FREE as promised. If you have done so, then you already know first hand that when we say FREE and with no sales pressure, we mean it!

At Northcoast Sports we have ONE set of Late Phone Plays. These plays are not free but they will help me illustrate how our FREE phone selections work. Each week we release 3 to 7 College Late Phone Selections and usually 3 NFL Late Phone Selections. We do also provide "Small College Late Phone Plays" and "College Totals Club Plays" for those who can play smaller college numbers and college Over/Unders.

Our one set of Late Phone Releases can be purchased in different ways. Our Executive Club Members sign up for the season and receive EVERY Late Phone Selection that we release. These plays are also given to two different monitoring services; The Sports Monitor of Oklahoma City and SportsWatch of Las Vegas. If you signed up for a month of our Late Phone Service, you would receive the EXACT SAME Late Phone Plays as our Executive Club Members, which are, of course, the same plays given to the monitors. If you signed up for a week of service, you would also receive the EXACT same plays. If you call the Executive 900 line (1-900-420-3972) or log onto the NCStore at www.ncsports.com, you would receive the exact same plays for $15 each. Same plays, just different ways of receiving them.

Every Saturday and Sunday, I designate the Top Weekly College and Top Weekly Pro Late Phone Selection. This is simply my Top Play of the Late Phone Selections for the week. Of course, it is part of the EXACT same plays we give the monitors, Executive Club Members, Monthly and Weekly Members. I take this Top Play and put it up on Phil Steele's Inner Circle Line (1-900-288-6225) for $25 per day.

Late Phone Selections are our top 3 to 7 College Selections on Saturday and top 3 Pro Selections on Sunday. With that established, let's take a look at our FREE phone selections. We have 1-800-475-8168, a toll free complimentary selection line. We also have LOCAL complimentary phones in 45 different cities (see inside back cover). We have NINE FULL SERVICE NORTHCOAST LINES. They are in Cleveland, Honolulu, Chicago, Dallas, New Jersey, Nebraska, Atlanta, Las Vegas and this year updates are also available on our website at www.ncsports.com. Just like the Late Phone Selections, we have ONE SET of FREE selections, just different ways to receive them.

To begin, the FULL SERVICE lines are where you can receive EVERY FREE play we put out. As I mentioned we have Full Service lines in nine different locations as of this writing. There is a strong possibility that we will be going to TWELVE Full Service lines by the time the season starts. I am looking to expand to Alabama, Pennsylvania and Los Angeles this season! If you live in one of those states, call our office at 1-800-654-3448 and see if our Full Service line is up and running in your area.

A Full Service line is the ultimate FREE information phone. When you call our Full Service line you will listen to the main menu which will tell you all that is available. After listening to the menu, simply select the number of what you want to hear. You can stay on the Full Service line as long as you like. If you listen to the latest Injury Report and the Las Vegas line update (Button #5), you can punch in your next choice when the report is finished. If you like, you can stay on the line and listen to all 9 extensions in one phone call.

Here is a list of what each button has on the Full Service lines:

Button #1 - Scores are updated every hour all day on Saturday. Best of all they are commercial free!!! We do not update the scores on Sunday because the networks do a timely job of updating the NFL scores. If you call a Full Service line and select Button #1 on Saturday, you will receive a complete rundown of all the days scores, including games in progress. They will be in the international rotation and commercial free. Sunday morning you can check on a late night game that was not in your local newspaper by calling and getting the complete scoring recap on Button #1.

Button #2 - All of our Full Service lines have a local guest handicapper. I pick out honest and reliable handicappers and allow them to put up free selections on a city's line that is near them. The hard working handicappers that I have on the line are: **Atlanta** - JB Sports, **Chicago** - Stan Lisowski, **Cleveland** - Billy Coleman, **Dallas** - Master Sports, **Honolulu** - Stan Lisowski, **Las Vegas** - Billy Coleman, **Nebraska** - Master Sports, and **New Jersey** - Stan Lisowski. Our website, www.ncsports.com has a new guest handicapper every day. They also recap how their plays did the previous day, win or lose.

Button #3 - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Plays of the Week are the strongest FREE PLAYS available ANYWHERE. I put a lot of care and detail into selecting these plays and they have a high winning percentage through the years. Every Tuesday I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. This stays on Button #3 of the Full Service lines for both Tuesday and Wednesday. As you know, my Underdog Play of the Week is 42-23, 65% in Power Sweep over the last five years and has hit 65% winners over 19 years! The Complimentary Underdog Play is usually my #2 choice that just missed out on being the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep. On Thursday, I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week. We own two #1 Titles by The Sports Monitor in NFL Totals Selections (Over/Unders). I put out my top play as of Wednesday for FREE each week! Twelve times in the last 3 seasons, this play ended up being a Late Phone Play on Sunday! Saturday morning has another big FREE play, as I release my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week. This is simply my highest rated selection that just missed out on being a Late Phone Play. As an example, if I am using 5 College Late Phone selections, the #6 (and there are usually 40 games to choose from) is the one that I put out as my FREE Play of the Week! On Sunday morning, it is my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week. This is our #4 rated NFL selection each week (we release the top 3 as Late Phone Plays). Why do I put out such quality selections for FREE? I know that once you have called and witnessed first hand the quality of these FREE selections, you will probably come on board for my very best plays by signing up for the Late Phones. All these FREE plays are given out on tape each week.

Button #4 - A handicapper who has been around longer than I have and is someone I truly respect is Mike Lee. Mike has been on TV and has had his own service since the '70's. He puts up a free play each and every day on Button #4. He usually adds some humor and life to his free plays and always tells you how he did the previous day, win or lose. Check out Button #4 and see why Mike is so widely respected across the country.

Button #5 - Las Vegas Line Updates and Injury report. If you want to know if a player will be playing this week or just want to find out the latest in injuries, this button is a must call. I put all my current injury information on it daily. I also monitor SEVEN Las Vegas Casinos and provide daily line updates which are provided for newsmatter only. On Saturday morning (anytime after 1:00 AM EST) I put up the Overnight Line, Weather and Injury Report and list all the information you need for Saturday's games. Do not go into Saturday without checking out all this up-to-date and best of all FREE information.

Button #7 - This Week's Trends and Notes by Phil Steele. I put up timely information for the upcoming week. Included are things like the last 4 week's rankings which tell you where the NFL teams rank recently (just the last 4 weeks of stats are taken into account). My Major Moves, Selected Angles and Systems of the Week had shown a high percentage of winners.

Button #9 - Daily Guest Handicapper. Free plays from one of the nation's top handicappers. A new selection each and every day. Sometimes I even give away free Private Play Hotline selections during the week.

That is a lot of information and it is all FREE, on tape and updated every day during the football season. Now you know why I call them the Northcoast FULL SERVICE lines.

Now the question arises- What is given out on the 800 and Local Complimentary lines? These two have the same exact plays daily. They are taken from the Full Service lines. Here is what is available on a day to day basis:

Monday - Guest Handicapper. The last 2 years I have released my Early Bird Play of the Week from my Private Play Hotline ($9 value) and this play is now 48-21 70% over the last 5 years!! I will be releasing this play every Monday again this year, so don't miss out. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service line.

Tuesday - Guest Handicapper. A free play from one of the top handicappers in the country. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service line.

Wednesday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. The same great play that is on Button #3 of the Full Service lines every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thursday - A free selection from Phil Steele's Private Play Hotline. A $9 value for free. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service lines.

Friday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week.

Saturday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week.

Sunday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week.

All three are the exact same plays supplied on Button #3 of the Full Service lines.

If you call 1-800-475-8168 and instead of hearing free plays, you hear a busy signal, that means you live in a city where we have either a local Comp Line or Northcoast Full Service line. Check out the inside back cover for a complete listing. I hope you take advantage of the finest FREE plays in the country this year!

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THE POWER PLAYS FACTOR- STRENGTH OF OPPONENTS FACED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Phil Steele

When I first started handicapping professionally, way back in 1982, my main source of statistical information was the raw stats provided by the NCAA. These stats can paint a very good picture of each team's strengths and weaknesses; however, sometimes statistics can be deceiving.

Facts can be distorted by what I call garbage yards. Let me give you an example from last year. In a game against Iowa St, Kansas St had the snap fly over everyone's head on a 22 yd FG attempt and it turned into a 49 yard loss. In the NCAA statistics, KSU was credited with a -49 yard rush. They actually had 392 yards rushing on 74 carries for a 5.3 ypc but the final stats showed them with 343 yards on 75 carries and only a 4.5 ypc. I added the 49 yards back into KSU's rush offense to correct that problem in the Power Plays system, making Power Plays more accurate.

Here is an example from the 1998 season that shows another factor, that being the strength of opponents faced. In their 3rd and 4th games, the Houston Cougars allowed a total of 84 points and 999 yards. Now if you were looking at straight statistics, you could surmise that 42 ppg and 500 ypg are very poor averages and that their defense was extremely weak. A closer inspection shows that they faced the potent offenses of UCLA and Tennessee in those two weeks, so the performances were not as bad as it seemed. The next week vs a more manageable foe (Memphis) they allowed just 8 FD's, 200 total yards of offense and 14 points.

Let me give you yet another example from that season. After 3 games New Mexico was a 2-1 football team and looked like it statistically. On offense they were averaging 379.6 ypg and 35 ppg. Anyone who studied pure statistics would call that a potent offense. The defense was allowing 24.3 ppg which is not overwhelming but still a solid effort. Just looking at the stats, you would have called them a Top 40 contender. San Diego St plays in the same conference. After 3 games things did not look too bright. They stood at 0-3 straight up for the season and statistically they were very poor. Their offense was averaging a poor 264 ypg and only scoring 13 points per game. The defense looked very weak as they were allowing 32 ppg to opposing offenses and 374 ypg. This was clearly a team that was going nowhere and ranked in the bottom of the NCAA in almost every category.

The only thing that the statistics do not tell you is the strength of opponents that each faced. In their first three games, New Mexico took on Idaho St, Utah St and New Mexico St. While that may be a decent docket for a Big West school, for a WAC team that was a soft slate. San Diego St, on the other hand, faced a killer schedule with Arizona, Wisconsin and USC. Arizona and Wisconsin would end the year in the Top 5 and USC was a bowl team. Could the strength of opponents really skew the statistics that much? You bet it did!

They played a similar schedule of WAC teams down the stretch. San Diego St, with the defense that looked horrible allowing 32 ppg to open, got much tougher vs the easier competition. They allowed just 16 ppg over the final 8 games or 50% less. The Aztecs were 7-1 over their last 8 games which to a pure stats man, would have come as a complete surprise.

New Mexico, which appeared poised to win the WAC Title based on their early season stats, faltered vs the now stronger competition. Their offense, which had been averaging 35 ppg, only had 19 ppg in their final 8 outings. New Mexico would go just 1-8 down the stretch with their defense giving up 36 ppg. These two teams prove that statistics can indeed lie and strength of opponents must be weighed into the analysis of a team.

Some folks have adapted their power ratings to take into account the strength of opponents faced. This too can be a flawed method. As an example: You could correctly deduce that for the most part a team would be better than their statistics indicated if they faced a team like Nebraska. By the same token you could come to the conclusion that your statistics would be better than they should be if you faced a team like Duke (0-11 last year). There are two obvious exceptions. Using a straight power rating to modify the statistics would be accurate for the most part but passing-wise it would be entirely wrong. Let me clarify.

Let's say Baylor gave up 400 yards rushing and 150 yards passing in a blowout loss to Nebraska. On the same day, Texas A&M allowed 30 yards rushing and 250 yards passing to Louisiana Tech. Now let's use a straight power rating number to modify the numbers. Let's say you counted Baylor's performance at 125% since they were taking on a powerhouse. You would probably have used a 75% rating for the much weaker La Tech squad. That sounds good but the area that is seriously flawed is pass defense. The straight stats would show that Baylor's pass defense (allowed 150 yards) had a much better day than the Aggies' which allowed 250. Modifying the result by the overall strength of opponents would only skew the results worse. However, for a defense to hold the high flying Bulldogs to only 250 yards would have been an outstanding effort. If Baylor held the Huskers to 95 yards passing but only because NU ran at will and rarely passed the ball, that would not be a solid effort, just a lack of the Huskers trying to pass. This method would also contain a poor analysis of misleading numbers.

So, if you cannot trust the numbers alone and cannot trust the numbers with the strength of opponents rating, what are you to do? That is the dilemma I faced during the mid 1980's. I then devised my Power Plays system. My Power Plays system not only looks at statistics but also the strength of opposing units faced. As an example in the Nebraska/Louisiana Tech scenario I just listed, my Power Plays system would have come out with an entirely different way of looking at the outcome.

Odds are my Power Plays numbers would have called for Nebraska to pass for about 135 yds vs Baylor. With the Bears allowing 150 yards passing, my Power Plays method would actually have DOWNGRADED their pass defense numbers, even though they were better than average in yards allowed. My Power Plays system would probably have forecasted Louisiana Tech to pass for about 320. When A&M allowed just 250, my Power Plays would actually UPGRADE them in the rankings for a solid performance.

Going back to my earlier example of San Diego St and New Mexico will help you see the advantage of Power Plays. My Power Plays power ratings for the Aztecs' defense actually got stronger over the first 3 weeks of the season as they allowed less points and yards than PP expected them to. This was surprising considering how bad their raw stats were. On the other hand, New Mexico's Power Plays ratings were coming down on both offense and defense as PP expected more out of them vs their overmatched opponents. After 3 games the NCAA statistics clearly said that New Mexico had the far superior defense to San Diego St. My Power Plays had San Diego St's D rated higher and that was correct, especially looking at the results of the 1998 season.

Another area I will look at is the end-of-the-year analysis. Texas gave up 139 ypg rushing on defense in 1998 with a 3.4 ypc and ranked 45th in the NCAA rush D rankings. I felt that they were much better than that as they played in the then run dominated Big 12 conference and faced rush attacks like Nebraska and Texas A&M on a weekly basis. Even Colorado was a run oriented team that year.

Let's get a distinct comparison in pass defense rankings. Kansas St always ranks high in the NCAA pass D ratings and finished #9 in 1998. They were only #32 in mine. Auburn was #43 in the NCAA rankings but #3 in mine. The key difference was the strength of opponent. KSU took on opponents like Indiana St, N Illinois, NE Louisiana and the aforementioned run dominated teams of the Big 12. Even facing a soft slate of opposing QB's they allowed over 200 ypg 6 times and even gave up 324 yards to a run based Texas A&M team. KSU did have a good pass D (ranked #32) but not a great one. Auburn finished the year with 19 interceptions and just 14 TD's allowed on defense, giving up 56% completions. A closer look shows they took on quarterbacks like Doug Johnson of Florida, Aaron Brooks of Virginia, Romaro Miller of Ole Miss, Herbert Tyler of LSU, Tim Rattay of La Tech, Daunte Culpepper of Central Florida, Clint Stoerner of Arkansas and Quincy Carter of Georgia. Seven of those 8 QB's are in the NFL, with three of them being NFL starters! Three of those teams ranked in the top 10 in passing in the NCAA and the 11 opponents combined averaged 256 ypg passing but only 187 vs the Tigers. They faced just 1 opponent that ranked in the bottom 50 of pass offense. Kansas St played NINE! As you can see, the strength of opponents' units faced is very important indeed.

If this is the type of statistical analysis that you would like on a weekly basis, then I recommend my Power Plays newsletter. It forecasts not only the point forecast for each team for the week but also projects the yards rushing, passing, and turnovers for each team. The Power Plays newsletter, however, is almost strictly a statistical analysis based on this fine method that I have developed. Each week there are usually 7 to 9 4★ plays. To be a 4★, the Power Plays forecast must be strongly on one side of the game and I have to agree with it. I do not agree with all of the PP forecasts, (no one should use just one method to handicap) but I do not make a final analysis of a game without at least considering what the Power Plays numbers are calling for.

PHIL STEELE'S POWER PLAYS

For a FREE sample issue of the Power Plays newsletter, simply call the Northcoast office at 1-800-654-3448 or visit our website at www.ncsports.com

A HAT TRICK WITHOUT PRECEDENT!!!

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-by Arne Lang

America's top newsstands seem to carry as many football magazines as Baskin-Robbins has ice cream flavors. In the college category, there's one that stands above the pack. It bears the name of its architect and builder, Phil Steele.

This is not just one man's opinion. At the venerable and venerated Gamblers Book Shop, one of the last vestiges of old Las Vegas, consumers voting with their dollars have voted Steele's publication the best. An independent survey, uncorrupted by advertising sales, has rated Steele's College Football Preview magazine tops in its class three years running, a Hat Trick Without Precedent.

The survey – the only one of its kind – rates preseason football publications using a host of different variables blended into a complex mathematical formula that eliminates subjective opinions. Categories include forecasting accuracy, information quality, information quantity, recapping information, and price. Each category is assigned a different weight for the purpose of determining the final numerical rating. Forecasting accuracy is the category weighted highest to determine the overall score.

Michigan St WR Charles Rogers

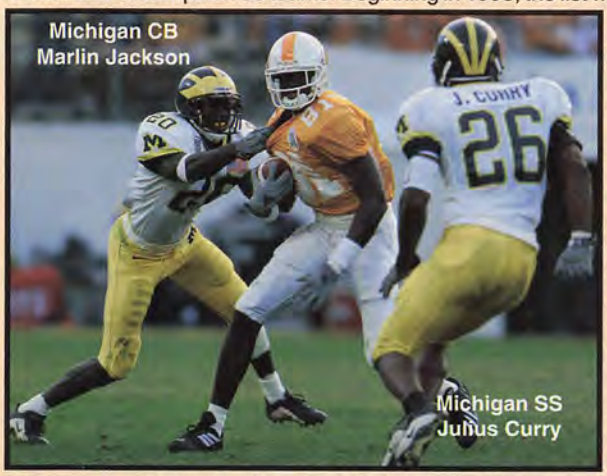
The ratings, the brainchild of a man named Chris Stassen, were first published in 1993 – two years before the advent of Phil Steele's first preseason annual – but Phil had no knowledge of these ratings until 1997 when he stumbled across Stassen on the Internet. This serendipitous encounter was disconcerting.

Phil's publication was rated sixth, a ranking influenced heavily by his below average performance in prediction accuracy. While this placement was above the norm, Phil was chagrined. He was also mystified, as he knew that his preseason Top 25 identified more bowl-bound teams than several of the rival publications that were accorded a higher ranking.

Probing deeper, Phil found the reason for the discrepancy. Stassen's assessment was based on final conference standings and not total wins and losses, a criterion that carries more favor with bowl committees. As an example in 1997 Phil forecast that Cincinnati would finish with a stronger record overall than would East Carolina and the Bearcats went 7-4 that year and East Carolina was just 5-6. Phil was correct but in the Stassen ratings he did not fare well. The Stassen ratings go by conference record and EC was 4-2 in CUSA play and Cincy was just 2-4.

This artifice penalized Steele enormously, reducing his overall score below what it would have been if he had configured his forecasts to fit the Stassen model. However, his dissatisfaction was tempered by his respect for the integrity of the Stassen ratings. The whole point of the survey was to identify the best value for the consumer. The scope of Stassen's study was impressive and his purpose was noble.

Phil accepted his 1997 ranking as constructive criticism. He tweaked his publication with an eye toward winning the Stassen competition. This meant not only adjusting his long-range forecasts, but also adding teams to better satisfy the yardstick of information quantity. His first college football annual had write-ups on 88 teams. Beginning in 1998, the list was expanded to include the full gamut of Division IA schools. The smaller schools initially had only a summary paragraph, but this was bumped to a full page in 1999 and subsequently to two full pages for teams in the MAC in 2000. Phil adds more every year so I am sure he has some more surprises for 2002.


Michigan CB Marlin Jackson

Michigan SS Julius Curry

Let me delve a little deeper into the accuracy aspect of the magazines. In 1998, Steele's magazine started to project the teams in order of Conference finish and NOT overall record. That year Steele's magazine finished fifth in forecasting accuracy, but there was considerable bunching at the top of the scale and he finished only four points off the leader. In 1999 Steele came in 3rd in accuracy out of the 16 publications and websites that Stassen monitored. Street and Smith's had the best score at 138 points (like golf the lower the score the better) and Steele's magazine was at 143.

In case you're curious, Stassen tabulates each magazine's forecasting accuracy by comparing the predicted finish with the actual finish of each team in each conference. In cases where two or more teams shared a placement by finishing with identical conference records, the score for that team is derived from the most favorable of the tied positions. For example, Purdue, Iowa, Penn State, and Indiana all finished 4-4 last season in conference games. Only three Big 10 teams had better records inside the conference: Illinois (7-1), Michigan (6-2), and Ohio State (5-3). For purposes of the Stassen survey, the four 4-4 teams finished fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh, whatever placement was most favorable for the forecaster. A publication that pegged Purdue to finish third would be assessed 1 point. Likewise, a publication that pegged Purdue to finish eighth would also be assessed 1 point. As in golf, the lower the score, the better the score.

The Big 10 was especially problematic for preseason forecasters last season. Steele swung and missed by tabbing Penn State to win the league title, and yet still outperformed the competition with a score of 24 points. Here is how his score was derived:

Team	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
Illinois	7-1	1st	8th	7
Michigan	6-2	2nd	3rd	1
Ohio St	5-3	3rd	4th	1
Purdue	4-4	4th-5th-6th-7th	5th	0
Iowa	4-4	4th-5th-6th-7th	7th	0
Penn St	4-4	4th-5th-6th-7th	1st	3
Indiana	4-4	4th-5th-6th-7th	10th	3
Michigan St.	3-5	8th-9th	2nd	6
Wisconsin	3-5	8th-9th	6th	2
Minnesota	2-6	10th-11th	11th	0
Northwestern	2-6	10th-11th	9th	1
				Total Pts: 24

Phil's top finish in Big 10 forecasting accuracy was largely a residue of his perspicacious assessment of Northwestern. The Wildcats received the most first-place votes of any team in the Stassen survey. Likewise, Phil's first-place finish in Pac 10 forecasting accuracy was abetted by his knack for correctly identifying the most overrated team. His publication was one of only three in the Stassen survey that did not project Oregon State to finish in the Top 25. Picked to win the National Title by Sports Illustrated, the defending Pac 10 Co-champion Beavers finished with a losing record and slumped all the way to seventh place in their league, precisely as Steele prognosticated.

The Stassen site tabulates all of the conferences and then comes up with the overall ratings for the magazine accuracy. Last year, Steele vaulted to first place in forecasting accuracy, outdistancing his nearest competitor by 7 points, the widest gap between the first and second place finishers since 1995. Listed below is the final chart for the 2001 season.

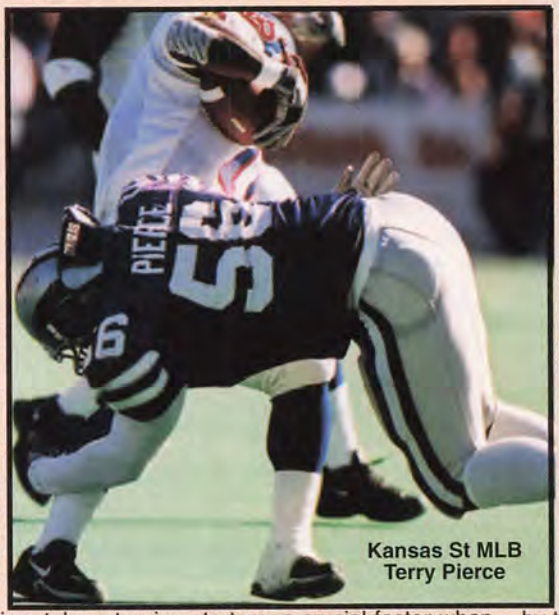
Publication	Phil Steele	Lindy's	CPA Rankings	ATS Consultants	Athlon	Jim Feist	Preview Sports	The Sporting News	Blue Ribbon	CNN/SI	College FB News	Street & Smith's
Ttl Score	148	155	155	158	162	162	168	173	177	177	180	180
ACC	11	12	12	10	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	15
Big East	7	3	5	7	7	3	8	6	5	5	7	8
Big 10	24	33	33	25	25	37	30	33	38	27	33	33
Big 12 (N)	3	5	4	3	4	2	6	5	6	4	5	6
Big 12 (S)	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
CUSA	17	15	12	8	15	16	19	15	17	21	21	17
MAC (E)	8	9	9	10	10	7	11	11	11	11	9	11
MAC (W)	2	3	3	7	3	5	3	3	3	3	2	5
Mt West	15	13	14	15	12	11	10	15	11	14	16	14
Pac 10	14	14	17	19	19	21	15	23	24	23	27	18
SEC (E)	2	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	2	2	4	4
SEC (W)	7	11	8	7	9	8	8	7	9	9	11	9
Sun Belt	9	8	8	10	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
WAC	29	25	26	33	31	26	34	29	29	34	25	30

The Most Accurate Preseason Magazine The Last 3 Years!

The Stassen site is so complete that it keeps tabulations of how the magazines have fared in each of the past seasons and also has charts based on the past 3 years and even an all-time chart which rates just the 5 magazines that have been around from 1993-2002. Steele's magazine did not get placed on the all time list because it was not around until 1995. It did however come up #1 in the past three years (1999-2001) Prediction Accuracy. Here is the chart from Stassen's site.

	Rank	Ttl Score	2001	2000	1999
Phil Steele	1	421	148	130	143
CPA Rankings	2	423	155	119	149
Lindy's	3	431	155	124	152
Athlon	4	445	162	134	149
CNN/SI	5	446	177	125	144
Jim Feist's	6	453	162	129	162
Preview Sports	7t	454	168	133	153
Street & Smith's	7t	454	180	136	138
ATS Consultants	9t	463	158	147	158
The Sporting News	9t	463	173	135	155

It will be very interesting to see if Steele's publication can hold onto this title after the 2002 season as Street and Smith's and Lindy's both have proven track records. Street and Smith's has finished #1 in the accuracy rankings four times since 1993 with their most recent #1 finish in 1999. Lindy's has finished in the top spot twice (1995 & 1998).



Kansas St MLB
Terry Pierce

Forecasting accuracy is not the most salient consideration when this reporter goes shopping for football magazines. Paramount is the density of information and the trustworthiness of that information, and in this regard the Steele publication is unsurpassed.

By way of illustration, take returning starters, a crucial factor when developing a mental picture of each team before the season starts. The problem that one encounters is a lack of uniformity. Theoretically, a returning starter is a player that started more than half his team's games, but some schools count players that fell a tad shy of this requirement. Complicating matters, some schools platoon extensively and are inclined to list both players as returning starters if they shared a position. One can usually sort this out by going to a team's web site, but why even bother? For a mere $7.95, one can have this information right at his fingertips.

Rated best overall in 1999 and 2000, Steele's magazine was accorded its highest rating ever in 2001, scoring 78 of a possible 80 points!! Steele's overall rating for 2001 was 17 points higher than the runner-up (a thicker and much more expensive publication that is a spin-off of a distinguished college basketball annual) and a mind-boggling 50 points higher than the publication that finished at the bottom of the Stassen survey! (For verification, dial up the Stassen Report at http://preseason.stassen.com, or take a bit longer road and type in the keyword "stassen.")

The Steele publication lists the number of starts for each player on the preseason two-deep – career starts as well as the previous season – plus relevant statistics, including defensive statistics that one simply doesn't find in other publications. Moreover, he identifies which players were blue-chip recruits coming out of high school, allowing us to better evaluate the impact of suspensions and injuries.

The inclusion of such an awesome amount of information demands abbreviations, artifices that function as shoehorns. The gifted wordsmith Mort Olshan fairly invented a new form of literature, deploying acronyms and slang in such a fastidious manner that he was able to squeeze a ton of information onto a multi-paneled "sheet" that fit neatly into the breast pocket of a sports jacket. Phil Steele has elevated the circumvention to new heights.

By now, it seems that every adult male in America knows the meaning of ATS (against the spread). But what about KD (knockdowns by an offensive lineman) or TFL (tackles behind the line of scrimmage) or VHT (very highly touted recruit)? Steele's magazine is replete with acronyms of this sort, with a handy reference table. A casual fan of college football might find these tidbits somewhat hard to digest, but the result is an astoundingly meaty publication that makes it an essential reference source for anyone that is serious about beating the bookie.

Perhaps only another compiler can fully appreciate Phil Steele's work ethic. Last year, I prepared a college football annual of my own, a modest 56-pager that was loosely modeled on Phil's preseason magazine. The publication was not widely disseminated on newsstands. More than likely you never saw it. But trust me. It was a very time-consuming endeavor. Excavating data on 115 teams and then stitching that info into a coherent presentation is labor-intensive, even if the end product is skimpy.

The hours were long, but the work was hardly tedious and it served a dual purpose, sharpening my effectiveness as an odds consultant. Likewise, Phil Steele produces his magazine for reasons other than profiting from newsstand sales. The painstaking research gives him a leg up when the season starts. The information he needs to make sound judgments during the course of the season is now right at his fingertips.

Phil has reached the point of his career when he could rest on his laurels and assign the work to subcontractors, but that would inevitably reduce his handicapping proficiency. He'd be the first to concur that there's no substitute for doing one's own homework, but that's easier said than done. There are only 24 hours in a day.

I do my own homework (while readily acknowledging that Steele's magazine is an indispensable crutch), and often draw conclusions that do not jibe with Mr. Steele. Back in 1919, Chicago Tribune sportswriter Ring Lardner – not yet famous as a critically acclaimed author of short fiction – prefaced his analysis of the upcoming Willard-Dempsey fight by telling his readers "I can point with a whole lot of pride to some of my pickings in the past."

Me too. And a being a fellow with a sporting disposition, I'm willing to back my opinions with a friendly wager, even against an adversary as formidable as Phil Steele.

Tennessee TE
Jason Witten

But let's get one thing straight: my mama didn't raise no fool. I'm not about to joust with the reigning three-time Stassen champion unless he is willing to lay me odds. And for the record, no I was not around in 1919 to heed Ring Lardner's recommendation to bet the barn on poor Jess Willard who would be beaten into a bloody pulp.

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TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

By Phil Steele

Turnovers can have a big impact on games and on a team's season. They can also lead to many misleading final scores. ALL of the previous week's misleading final scores are listed on the front page of my Power Sweep Newsletter and by reading about them each week you can uncover some solid line value for the upcoming week's games. Let's take a look at seven examples from last year.

Colorado stunningly lost to Fresno St in their opener 24-22. Many CU fans thought it would lead to a 2nd consecutive losing season. A closer look showed the Buffs had a 412-287 yard edge and a 23-17 FD edge but were -5 in turnovers including an interception in the end zone when they only needed a FG to win. Colorado would rebound by taking home the Big 12 Title and almost played in the Rose Bowl.

On the scoreboard it looked like Syracuse had an easy time beating West Virginia 24-13. A closer look shows the Orangemen had just 11 FD's while yielding 22 and they were outgained 328-212!!! The difference was Syracuse benefitted from a +4 in turnovers. The next week Syracuse travelled to Miami, Fla and was waxed by a 59-0 margin.

A quick check of the standings would have shown North Carolina as a noncompetitive team as they stood 0-3 after 3 weeks of play and were reeling from a 44-14 "blowout" at the hands of Texas. A closer look shows that NC faced 3 top teams, were -8 in turnovers and they were only outgained by an average of 27 ypg. The next week I used the 0-3 Tar Heels as the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep and NC (+17) rolled to a 41-9 outright upset stunner over Florida St!!! They would go 8-2 in their last 10 games.

Temple appeared to be pummeled by Virginia Tech 35-0 but the FD's were actually even at 13 apiece! The next week Temple went out and simply upset West Virginia by a 17-14 margin.

S Mississippi suffered back to back defeats to Memphis and Louisville despite having a 490-410 yard edge in the two games combined. The culprit was -8 in turnovers. The next week USM destroyed Houston by a 58-14 margin.

Arizona outgained Stanford by a 578-445 yard margin but lost 51-37 as they were -4 in turnovers. The next week the Cats were +7' at Arizona St, who needed a win to keep their bowl hopes alive. The Cats clawed the Sun Devils by a 34-21 margin, ending their bowl hopes.

New Mexico outplayed Colorado St everywhere but on the scoreboard as they had a 21-15 FD edge and 411-299 yard edge but due to -4 in turnovers they lost at home 24-17. The next week the Lobos hammered their instate rival New Mexico St by a 53-0 margin.

I could list many more examples, but as you can see, turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. They also can lead to some solid line value during the course of the season. **Each week in Power Sweep I provide a section called "Misleading Final Scores" which allows you to take advantage of the public's perception of a final score.** Turnovers not only can be a difference in a game, but the difference between a winning and losing season.

Stanford went to the Rose Bowl in 1999 thanks in part to being +10 in turnovers for the season. In 2000, they did not get the benefit of those turnovers and after 10 games had more FD's, more rushing yards and more passing yards than their opponents did. Yet they were 4-6 due in part to their -4 turnover ratio and they did not get to a bowl game.

In 1998 Illinois was -11 in turnovers and lost their games by an average of 29-13. In 1999 they had 14 starters returning and went from a 3-8 team to 8-4 including a 63-21 rout of Virginia in their bowl game. The difference? The Illini profited from +13 turnovers. In 2000, they had an even more talented team returning but did not make a bowl game as the turnovers disappeared and they finished the year with a -2 margin and a 5-6 record. Last year the Illini turned it around with a +4 turnover ratio and a 10-2 record.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were foreshadowed in this article. Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 in the '98 season!!! In 1999 those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 in 1998 in turnovers but finished +1 in 1999. Here are some more examples.

In 1998, a couple of teams that made this article had big dropoffs. Colorado St was an 11-2 team in '97 and returned 14 starters. They were thinking about a possible Jan 1 bowl game. In '97 they were +27 and in '98, without that benefit, they were home for the holidays at 8-4 (still +7). LSU was the SEC West favorite with 15 returning starters from their 9-3 team of '97. They went from +13 in turnovers to +1 and had a shocking fall to 4-7. Two other big droppers were Navy (from 7-4 to 3-8) and Oklahoma St (bowl to no bowl).

Duke was a Cinderella team in 1994. They went 8-3 thanks in part to a +15 turnover edge. They made this article in '95. The Blue Devils were only +2 in '95, and without all the breaks, fell to 3-8.

In 1991, California was 10-2 with a win in the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, they fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? They went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

In 1995, Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with a more talented squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7. They had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a miserable year turned out shockingly well. S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters. A bowl seemed in the offing. Their 1993 record was only a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers. It looks like good luck or bad luck can also have an impact on a team's final record.

Last year 18 teams made this article after benefitting from double digit turnovers in 2000. Of those 18, only 3 ended 2001 with a stronger record than the year before and 13 had weaker records (2 had the same record). Some notables from last year were Northwestern which went from 8-4 to 4-7, Florida St (11-2 to 8-4), Miss St (8-4 to 3-8), Notre Dame (9-3 to 5-6) and Oregon St which went from 11-1 in 2000 to just 5-6 last year.

Teams that benefitted from double digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 9 years, 138 teams have had this good fortune. Of those 138, 87 have had weaker records the following year (63%). Only 35 teams (25%) have improved their record and the other 16 had the same record. Listed below are last year's fortunate teams:

GOING DOWN?

Bowling Green	+17	Purdue	+11
Fresno St	+21	Syracuse	+18
Iowa St	+13	Texas	+10
Louisville	+10	USC	+16
Maryland	+18	Virginia Tech	+10
Miami (Fla)	+27	Washington St	+12
Oregon	+16		

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

In 1996, there were two big gainers. North Carolina was -16 in turnovers in '95 but rebounded and ended up 10-2. Wyoming had been 6-5 in '95 with -12 turnovers but improved to 10-2 in '96.

In 1996 Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this column. They went from 5-6 all the way to 10-2 losing in a close Rose Bowl game. Two teams (Missouri and Pitt) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in '96 and turned into bowl teams in '97.

In 1998, 8 of the 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column!

In 1999, 10 teams went from double digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons including Hawaii, who simply went from 0-12 in 1998 to a super 9-4. Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

Iowa St was a poor 4-7 in 1999 but were actually only outscored by an average of 2 points per game despite being MINUS 10 in turnovers. Naturally they made this article and not only achieved a winning record but went 9-3 with a bowl win as they finished +5 in turnovers for the year.

Last year 15 teams made this article after having double digit negative turnovers in 2000. **Only 2 of the 15 teams had a weaker record in 2001!!!** Teams like Utah, USC, North Carolina and Louisiana Tech all made it to bowl games after sitting home for the holidays in 2000.

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they are usually headed for better fortune the next year. In the past 9 years, there have been 101 teams that have finished the season minus double digits in turnovers. Of those 101 teams, 72 (71%) have had better records the next year! Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

Army	-16	N Carolina	-10
California	-18	Penn St	-11
Duke	-14	Rutgers	-22
Houston	-11	Utah St	-13
Idaho	-16	UTEP	-11

If you like this type of information, you will love the front page of Power Sweep. Each week in "This Week's News and Notes," I review such information as well as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2002!

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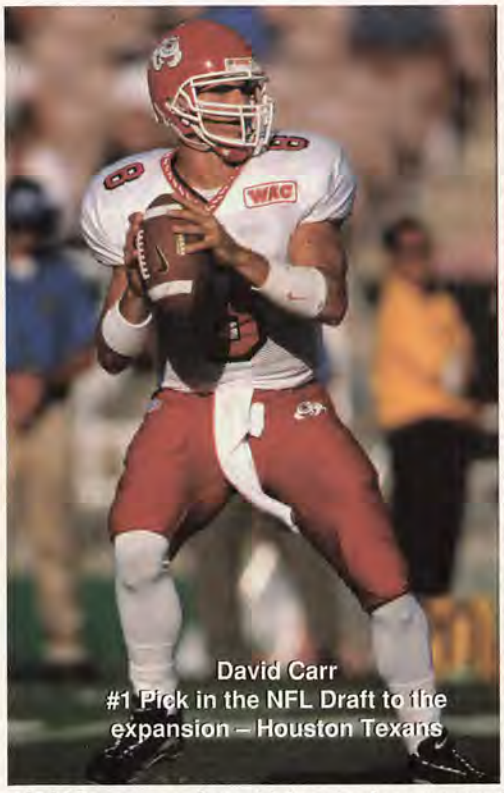
DRAFT DAY PARTY HANGOVER

By Phil Steele

Draft day is an exciting day for many college football players as they find out which professional team they have a shot at playing for in the future. Many players who will be 1st or 2nd round draft picks have draft parties to celebrate their high selection and the upcoming riches they will receive by signing an NFL contract. College football teams also enjoy draft day as having players selected to the NFL gives coaches a recruiting edge in the future as they can tell incoming high school recruits how many different players they have sent on to NFL careers. The more successful programs will always land the top-notch athletes who want to seek a pro career.

While there is a lot of happiness on draft day it can be a precursor for trouble for many college programs. My staff and I went back and researched how teams did after having a large amount of players selected in the draft. We have found that almost 4 out of every 5 teams that rank among the top in the NCAA in players drafted struggle the next year and have a weaker record. I call it the Draft Day Party Hangover Effect.

Let me explain how I came up with this theory. I took the last five years' drafts and analyzed not only the amount of players selected but also the rounds in which they were selected. Let's face it, there are only 32 players in all of college football who end up being a 1st round draft pick in a season. Replacing a player with that ability is often very difficult. For the system that I created, 7 points are awarded if a player was picked in the 1st round. A 2nd round pick garnered 5 points and a 3rd round pick four, 4th round three, 5th round two and a sixth or seventh round pick just one point. In the NFL there's not much difference between a 6th or 7th round pick and a high quality free agent signee, so I did not lend a high level of merit to that category. Using this point system I went back and plugged in the last 5 years' draftees and found some interesting results. I limited my research to those teams that totaled 12 or more points which make them among the best in the NCAA. I will now go over these results year-by-year for you.



David Carr
#1 Pick in the NFL Draft to the expansion – Houston Texans

Starting with the 1997 draft, there were 17 teams that had 12 points or more lost in the draft. Of those 17 an amazing 14 did not improve upon their previous year's record and the 17 teams went from a combined 147-43 (77.4%) record to 121-69 (63.7%). The biggest losers on the year were Houston, which went from 7-4 down to 3-8, Texas, which fell from 8-4 to 4-7, Colorado, which dropped from 9-2 to 5-6, and 3 teams were -3 in the net win category during the regular season in Arizona St, California and Virginia Tech. Of the top 10 teams in this survey, only one managed a stronger record the next year but ironically it would be the 1997 National Champion, Nebraska!

In 1998 there were 21 teams that totalled 12 points or more in my "Hangover" system. Of those 21, EIGHTEEN did not improve upon the previous year's record. This time, out of the top 11 qualifiers, 10 teams did not improve upon their record with the only exception ironically being Tennessee, which ended up being the National Champ in 1998! The 21 teams that made my list had gone a combined 180-58 (75.6%) in 1997 but with their draft losses stumbled to a combined 136-102 in 1998 (57.1%). The biggest losers on the year were Washington St which went from the Rose Bowl and a 10-1 record down to 3-8, Auburn, which dropped from 9-3 all the way down to 3-8, Cincinnati, which fell from 7-4 down to 2-9, N Carolina, which dropped from 10-1 to 6-5, and Clemson which went from 7-4 to 3-8.

In 1999, there were 23 teams that lost enough players in the NFL Draft to total 12 points or more. Of the 23 teams, 17 (73.9%) had weaker records in 1999. In 1998 the 23 teams record combined for a 188-79 (70.4%) and fell to a combined 153-112 (57.7%) record in 1999. Those who felt the draft's effect the most were Arizona, which plummeted from 11-1 to 6-6, UCLA, which dropped from 10-1 to 4-7, Ohio St, which went from 10-1 to a stunning 6-6, Notre Dame fell from 9-2 to 5-7, while W Virginia went from a solid 8-3 season to a 4-7 year. Of the top 8 teams that made my list, seven had weaker records in the 1999 season.

In 2000, 25 teams "earned" 12 points or more. Those 25 teams combined for a 209-81 (72.1%) record in 1999 but in 2000 the same 25 teams combined to go 174-114 (60.4%). The biggest loser on the year was Alabama, who went from 10-2 and thinking National Title to a massively disappointing 3-8 season after incurring the sixth biggest loss on draft day. Other big losers were Marshall, which went from a perfect 13-0 to an 8-5 season, Michigan St, which plummeted from a Citrus Bowl winning 10-2 year to 5-6, and Penn St, which went from 9-3 to one of Joe Paterno's worst seasons ever at 5-7. Nineteen out of the 25 teams failed to achieve a stronger record the next year (76.0%). Amazingly, for the third time in 4 years, one of the teams that made this list won the National Title, as Oklahoma had to replace 1st and 2nd round draft picks.

Last year 25 teams "earned" 12 points or more in 2001. Those 25 teams combined for a 208-94 (68.8%) record in 2000 but last year the 25 teams dropped to 184-114 (61.7%). The biggest losers on the year were Florida St who was at the top of the chart and fell out of the final Top 5 at the end of the season for the first time in 14 years, Kansas St went from 11-3 to 6-6, Washington who went from 11-1 to 8-4 and 4 teams who went to a bowl in 2000 that did not make a bowl last year in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Notre Dame and Arizona St. Again, for the 4th time in 5 years one of the teams that made this list won the National Title and that was Miami, Fla, who was #2 on the list. Out of the 25 teams, 11 of them (highest percentage in 5 years) did manage to improve their record.

If you add up the last 5 years, there have been 111 teams that totaled 12 points or more. An amazing 82 of them (73.8%) have failed to improve upon their record the next year and in the 5 years combined, the teams have gone from a combined 932-355 (72.4%) overall record the previous year to a combined 768-511 (60%) the year after losing quality players to the draft. That is almost a full 13% drop from the previous year's record.

With that in mind, this past year there were 27 teams that earned 12 points or more from their losses in the NFL draft. The results of this survey indicate that there is a 73.8% chance that these teams will have weaker records in the upcoming season. One note, however, is that my Preseason #1 team (Tennessee) is on this list but as I mentioned earlier 4 of the last 5 National Champs also qualified for this list. Qualifying for the list even further becomes an over 80% proposition by eliminating the teams that lost fewer points in 2001 than they had the previous year. The list to the left will eliminate those teams for this year. Some teams normally graduate a large amount of NFL players and are actually in better shape than the previous year as they lose less points. The teams that qualify in that category this year are: Georgia (23), Arizona St (14), Texas (14), Kansas St (13), Nebraska (13), Notre Dame (13), and Wisconsin (13).

TEAM	MOST POINTS LOST IN 2002 NFL DRAFT	TEAM	MOST POINTS LOST IN 2002 NFL DRAFT
Miami, Fla	49	UAB	17
Tennessee	37	Michigan St	16
Florida	31	Virginia Tech	15
Ohio St	22	Boston College	14
Oregon	21	BYU	14
Colorado	20	LSU	14
N Carolina	20	Stanford	14
UCLA	20	Washington	14
S Carolina	19	Fresno St	12
Auburn	18	Northwestern	12

PHIL STEELE'S CAN'T LOSE SYSTEM!!!

By Phil Steele

This year marks the 21st year of Northcoast Sports and this article will contain a lot of interesting information for you, including some handicapping tips for the 2002 season. Best of all it features my special CAN'T LOSE SYSTEM - a system play so special it is GUARANTEED not to lose and has NEVER lost!

Before I get to this great system, I do want to go over some other handicapping tips that will help you this season. I will start by looking at bye weeks, which can be very important for teams. More coaches and athletic directors are realizing this and more bye weeks are popping up on the dockets of many programs. During the course of a long football season, an off week gives the players' bodies a chance to fully rejuvenate and gives their minds a much needed break. The team also gets to spend a couple of weeks preparing for their upcoming opponent. This has proven to be a large advantage, especially late in the season. Pac 10 teams with an extra week to prepare are 42-23 SU in league games since 1990 and if you exclude Oregon St and Washington, the record improves to 32-11. Those numbers don't include occasions when both teams didn't play the prior week.

Giving top-notch coaches an extra week to prepare is usually an even greater advantage. We know how well coaches like Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden do in bowl games. Given extra time to prepare they make sure all the details are covered. This also applies during the regular season. Here are some coaches & programs and their records the week after a bye.

For years Oregon played on a hard home surface that took its toll during a long season. They recovered nicely whenever given a bye and were 10-3 ATS the next week. Oregon upgraded their stadium by installing NeXturf last year and were 0-2 ATS following bye weeks. We will continue to watch this trend in 2002. One other team that fits into this situation is the Lobos of New Mexico. They are 8-1 ATS in their last 9 home games after a bye, probably due to the fact that they are much more acclimated to the altitude than their opponents. This also holds true when looking at New Mexico's 2nd straight home game, as they are 15-5-1 ATS their last 21 tries when they are hosting back-to-back games. They are in that spot again this year, so make sure to mark your calender.

Here is another fine winning trend in college football. What if I told you that over the last 19 years there was a certain situation in which underdogs have covered 65% of the time! This system went 11-2 (85%) in 1995! Of those 11 wins, EIGHT were outright upsets! In 1997 this situation for the underdog produced a remarkable 13-1 93% record!! The last five years this system has gone 42-23 (65%). Now what if I told you that no research was necessary to find out the weekly play?

Quite simply, this "system" is to play the Underdog Play of the Week in my Power Sweep weekly newsletter. For 19 years it has been located on page 6 each and every week of the college season. On Sunday night just as the pro games are finishing, I already have the upcoming week's college games analyzed. I get the Vegas lines Sunday night and then decide which underdog I like best for the upcoming week. Sixty-five percent is a great 19 year record and the 42-23 record the last 5 years has made a lot of my readers happy.

I put a lot of hard work into Power Sweep each week and pack it with information just like this magazine. If you have not yet read an issue of Power Sweep, call our offices at 1-800-654-3448 and we will send you an issue absolutely free during the football season with no sales pressure! We will not even ask for your phone number so no salesperson will call you.

Moving to another subject, some teams have no trouble adapting to turf changes during the year. Others really struggle on a surface different from their own. Army is a prime example. They are very tough on the artificial turf of their home stadium. When they go on the road and play on natural grass they struggle. They are now 3-28 SU on natural grass in their last 31 games. Nebraska is built for speed and artificial turf. Their option offense thrives on the fake stuff. They are just 7-13-1 ATS on natural grass during the regular season the last 9 years. Some teams excel on foreign turf. Ohio St always has one of the top recruiting classes each year and the team is built with speed in mind. The Buckeyes play their home games on natural grass but when they get on an artificial surface they take advantage of that speed. They have an outstanding record of 14-5 ATS over the last 8 years on artificial surfaces and their players enjoy the surface because it allows them to display their speed.

One other thought while discussing turf, even though there is not enough statistical data to develop an ATS trend. There are several schools that are changing from the hard surface of "traditional" artificial turf & going with synthetic blends that hold up just as well but are not as hard physically on the players. The intent of this change is to prevent injuries and it has seemed to work in the places that have already switched (just like Oregon). I feel more schools should do this because it will only serve to keep the players healthier & fresher for the key late season games. Now, back to handicapping...

I find misleading final scores to be a major source of winners during the season. If you check out my *Turnovers=Turnaround* article on page 295 you will get an in-depth explanation of some misleading final scores from last year. I have a section entitled "Misleading Final Scores" on the front page of Power Sweep each week.

I owe a lot of my handicapping and football knowledge to my late father Hank. He was a big football fan and I took it up with the same enthusiasm. I can still remember devising my Power Ratings as a young teenager, with a lot to learn. My very first lesson on rivalry games was a memorable one. I do not remember the year, but it was a Kansas/Kansas St game. My Power Ratings (yes, I did them even then) showed that one of the teams should win by 30 and the Vegas line was just 13! My dad said that rivalry games tended to be closer than expected many times. He was right about that game and since then I have always kept an eye on rivalry games.

The following is a list of some big rivalries and their recent ATS histories.

USC/UCLA - These two don't have to travel far and it is one of the biggest rivalries in NCAA football. Not surprisingly the underdog has now won ELEVEN of the last 13 ATS in this series with many outright upsets!

Clemson/South Carolina - Once again the two schools do not have to travel far and this one favors the visitor. The visiting team has also won 11 of 13 ATS and is 17-4 ATS the last 21 years.

Army/Navy - The underdog is 9-5 ATS the last 14 meetings in their fierce rivalry.

Oklahoma/Texas - The underdog is a super 11-3 ATS in this matchup. As you can see, rivalry games can bring out the best in an underdog team.

Every year prior to the football season, I go over every single college football matchup. I look at how the two teams matchup against each other, how they have fared in the past in the series, turf, let down, look-ahead, bye weeks, etc. I then come up with a Preseason "Northcoast Line" on the game. Since this is prepared prior to the season, many things can change by the time October or November rolls around and sometimes the actual line that week is off by as many as 10 to 21 points from my Preseason Northcoast Line. The key to a winning season is line value. There is a section in Power Sweep entitled "Line Value Plays of the Week" that details these discrepancies on a week to week basis. I think it is a valuable handicapping tool and our subscribers seem to agree.

Earlier in this article, I told you about an incredible can't lose system and here it is and it is the only system in the entire world which is guaranteed not to lose. The system is, DO NOT GAMBLE. I've seen some great systems and angles as well as situations in my handicapping career and have won a high percentage of my big 5★ plays. Our NFL Playoff Play of the Year is now 11-1 the last 12 years but keep in mind, there is one loss in that stretch showing it can indeed lose. However, there is absolutely no play that can be guaranteed to win and there is no service or handicapper that can guarantee they will not have a losing week. As an example, I will walk you through last season here at Northcoast.

Preseason football has traditionally been an outstanding time of year for us and it looked like last year would be no exception, as we posted a 4-2 mark over the first two weeks and that did not even count a 2★ Monday Night Football winner. However, as I mentioned above nothing is foolproof, and despite all the success that we have had in the past we did struggle down the stretch of the preseason, and we finished the year with an 11-10 overall record for our Preseason Late Phone Plays. I am happy that it still finished over .500 as I have had only two losing preseasons in my history, but it was far from the great preseason that I was hoping for. We did go 4-2 on our Best Bets (plays rated 4★ or higher) and that brings our Best Bet record to 9-3 (75%) over the last two seasons. Using $100 per star as a basis, our preseason Late Phones accounted for a profit of $125 last year, and although it is small, it was still a profit!! Factoring last year in, our 12 year preseason record is 130-82 (61%).

Last year during the college football season we had a steady, but for the most part unspectacular year. Our College Play of the Year for the regular season was New Mexico -2' over UNLV, a solid winner. We went 45-40-1 for the year which is 53% winners for the season and had you played $100 per ★, you would have ended the year with a profit of $1,100. No, it didn't compare to our 1989 season where we hit a specular 53-23 70% winners as documented by The Sports Monitor, but that's a decent chunk of change for a season's work. Although the season itself was not overwhelmingly successful, there was a part of the colleges that was PHENOMENAL, and that was our Top Weekly College Late Phone Play. Every week there are 35-40 college games to choose from, and that variety gives me the opportunity to select what I feel is the absolute STRONGEST play of the week that is released anywhere in the country. My competitors may boast about Million ★ "locks" or "Never Lose Situations", but I feel that my top college play is without doubt the strongest play released by anyone in the industry. The numbers bear that out, as last year this play went 11-2 (85%) and that was not a one year wonder, as this play has been a consistent winner and in fact has hit 67% over the last 10 years. You can get this play every Saturday morning for just $25 by calling my Inner Circle Line, 1-900-288-6225 after 11:15 am ET.

The College Totals once again had a great year. They went 17-8 68% winners overall in 2000 and took home the #1 Title in College Totals for the entire country as documented by The Sports Monitor. Last year the record was actually better at 18-8 (69%) and finished in the top 3 in The Sports Monitor's rankings. That is two straight years of great success in College Totals (35-16 - 69% in that span) and playing these plays at $100 per ★ would have netted you a tidy profit of $3,160.

Our 2001 NFL season was very strong overall, as we ended up posting a 31-20-1 (61%) record, and hitting over 60% in the NFL is quite an accomplishment that we are very proud of. However, there are peaks and valleys in everything, and despite having that great record, we did suffer through two weeks when we did not win a single NFL play on Sunday!! As I have said, any play CAN lose, and while we do our best to provide a large amount of winners, there is no such thing as a sure thing. Using the $100 per ★ basis that I have throughout this article, our NFL selections would have netted $2,430. We also won our NFL Play of the Year when the Rams beat the Niners 27-14 in the regular season in the game that decided the NFC West.

Monday Nights are important to every football player. For the athletes it is a chance to impress their peers on a national stage. For the gamblers it is a chance to finish off a great week!! Notice that I did not say bail out from a bad week, as I firmly believe that the best way to win money during football season is to devise and stick to a money management plan, and "bailing out" on Mondays is not part of that plan!! Every Monday we run a promotion called Monday Night Magic, which is simply that we must win our play or the customers do not have to pay. Last year MNF certainly was magical, as we went 14-3 (82%) on these Pay After You Win selections, certainly one of our best years yet on Monday Night. All of these plays were rated as 2★ plays, so at $100 per ★ our MNF profit was $2,140.

I could go on, but you get the idea. Add all the profits above up and you can see

that we had a good year, and that does not include the bowls or the post season, and we did well in both of those as well, highlighted by wins with our Bowl and Playoff Plays of the Year. We are proud of the season that we put together last year, but we did suffer some losing weeks and lost some big plays, so as I mentioned, nothing is guaranteed, and the only way to be positive that you will not lose is to not gamble.

Now let's get back to some interesting handicapping tidbits to help you out for the upcoming season. Let's look at overtime. Mike Bellotti said about overtime games, "the last time we were in one, we didn't win the next 2 games. It does take something out of you. It's like having to play another half a game." In 2000 long OT games not only affected teams, but so did teams that played in consecutive OT games. Washington St was one of those teams that actually played in 3 OT games in a 4 game stretch. The Cougars lost in OT to both Arizona and Arizona St on successive weeks. The game after their second draining OT loss, they travelled to Oregon St and were simply pounded 38-9 in a game OSU dominated from start to finish. WSU then lost a hard fought 3rd OT game to Oregon. Arizona St played an amazing 3 consecutive OT games, defeating WSU but then losing to Oregon by 1 point and fell to USC 44-38 for their second straight OT loss. Just like Washington St, ASU was simply destroyed the next week at Stanford which came into the game just 3-6 SU but handed ASU an embarrassing 29-7 defeat. Last year's record breaking 7 OT game between Arkansas and Ole Miss left both teams severely banged up (22 Ark players were in the training room following the game). Arkansas barely squeezed by UCF the next week and still felt the effects 3 weeks later, barely beating Miss St and losing to LSU. Ole Miss took a nose-dive after that game, losing their last 3 games ATS (1-2 SU), even with a bye week following the game.

During the regular season and even in bowl season, it pays to know how many seniors a team has on it. A senior in college football is much different than a freshman, not only experience-wise but in maturity level and generally from a physical standpoint. Teams with a large senior class have done extremely well through the years. In 2000 there were 2 bowl games where a team had a large senior edge. Iowa St had 25 seniors on the roster and went from years of losing to not only a bowl game but a victory over Pitt, which had very few senior starters. When Kansas St played Tennessee in their bowl, the Wildcats had an 11-5 edge in senior starters and overall KSU had 27 seniors. You might ask who are the teams with the most amount of seniors on it this year? Here is a handy little chart for you for the upcoming season.

MOST RETURNING SENIORS IN TWO-DEEP IN 2002

1. Navy	**24**	**7. S Carolina**	**17**
2. Troy St	**21**	**7. W Virginia**	**17**
3. Temple	**20**	**7. Alabama**	**17**
3. UNLV	**20**	**7. W Michigan**	**17**
4. Army	**19**	**7. Indiana**	**17**
4. Boise St	**19**	**7. USC**	**17**
4. Nebraska	**19**	**7. SMU**	**17**
5. Cincinnati	**18**	**7. Rutgers**	**17**
5. Louisiana Tech	**18**	**7. New Mexico**	**17**
5. California	**18**	**7. Colorado**	**17**
6. San Jose St	**18**	**7. Oklahoma St**	**17**

Keep your eyes on how these teams do during the course of the season and if they get to a bowl game and have a large senior advantage, those players will be playing their final college game and it may mean more to them than to some sophomores and freshmen who know they'll have 2 or 3 more bowl games left in their career.

REVENGE - POWERFUL BUT OVERUSED

When is revenge a factor? I look at teams that have just one or two losses from the previous year, especially when one or two of those losses kept them from a bigger goal such as a conference championship or the NCAA Title Game. Teams will get more fired up for the team that ruined their season the previous year. Revenge can be a factor in the NCAA. Many times powerful teams that lose very few times circle those particular games the next year and are out to get their "payback" or "revenge" for the previous year's loss. Later in this article I will go through some situations from the past few years in which revenge has been a very important part of the outcome of a game.

Before we take a look at some scenarios, how revenge is used in predicting games is also important, Revenge is also an often overused term by other sports services. There are numerous newsletters in the country. Some talk about revenge in every game. If a team was 1-10 the previous year, they talk about having 10 straight revenge games. Do you really think that a team that had suffered 10 losses the previous year can even think about revenge? The answer is no, as it's more important to get their own team focused and win a couple of games. Revenge is not a motivation for these teams, in fact, if a team stumbles to just a few wins over the previous few years, revenge has absolutely nothing to do with any of their games. Starting the game believing that they can win football games is the most important thing and only success will breed success. If anything, a team that has an 8 of 9 game losing streak in a series begins to doubt whether it can win and those that are banking on 8 game revenge streaks are being ludicrous.

I'll give you a couple of examples where revenge was a factor and why. One game that really speaks of revenge was the 1999 season opener featuring S Mississippi and Tulane. USM had dominated CUSA for the previous 3 years but somehow ended up with just one conference title. Tulane defeated USM in 1998 to win the title and go to the Liberty Bowl. It was only USM's second CUSA loss in 3 years. They returned a veteran team but were taking on a Tulane team that had lost their coach, offensive coordinator, QB and 8 starters. The game was at S Mississippi and their players wore shirts with the date of the game on them (9/6/1999). S Miss was hell-bent on revenge and I used a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on the Golden Eagles. They were -10 at home versus a team that was 12-0 the previous year but when the smoke cleared USM had a 48-14 win in a game they dominated from start to finish. Vanderbilt, which has not had a winning season since 1982, rarely wins a lot of SEC games. They did put together a long winning streak against Kentucky and those wins over the Wildcats did not lead to Kentucky revenge but to Vanderbilt confidence. Vanderbilt did not have that confidence vs the rest of the SEC however. Does anybody really think Vanderbilt gets more fired up to face a Tennessee or a Florida that beats them each & every year than they would for a team that they have a chance of beating? To think that a team will play on a higher level simply because they have lost to the opponent the previous year shows questionable logic.

Another example is Iowa/Iowa St. Hayden Fry, for years, knew that defeating his instate rival would help his area recruiting and keep his program on top, especially instate. He also made a point to roll it up versus his rival. Iowa won 51-10 in 1983. The next year, Iowa St, playing with "revenge," was thrashed 59-21. The next year, playing with "double revenge" they were killed 57-3. The next year with "triple revenge" they were annihilated 43-7. The next year with "quadruple revenge" they were destroyed 48-9. In 1994 after losing 10 straight times, they were whipped 37-9. In 1997, playing with "13 time revenge" they were crushed 63-20. Series domination can be an important factor to handicapping and is much more important than saying a losing team that annually gets whipped by an opponent is playing with revenge.

COMPUTERS

Computers will come up with all kinds of outstanding records on certain situations. These are not created equal. Let me give you a few examples. You can check a team's history and see if they perform well in their first game of the season, or perhaps first road game of the season and that is a solid angle should one develop. It tells how the coach is able to prepare his young players for the first road game. Also, some coaches thrive in their final home game or perhaps the final game of the year is when they're doing the best. You can note that some teams play very well in the second half of the year. BYU starts off the season slow because they have a large amount of JUCO transfers but by season's end, they are on top of their game. Some teams start off the season better and finish weaker. This could be due to the lack of depth a team has. Washington St does extremely well in the first five games of the year with a 27-12-1 ATS record but over the last five games when injuries start to take their toll, so do the results. As I mentioned earlier in the article, some records that a computer comes up with are not created equal. By flipping a coin you will find some statistical aberrations which could result in 8-1, 9-0 or 10-0 records.

Overall, I love computers. They make organizing information like power ratings and stats easily accessible. However, overuse of silly use of technology is often only a crutch that other handicappers use, and as I am sure you can tell by my detailed write-up of every position, I think talent evaluation is the most important.

INJURIES CAN HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON A TEAM'S PERFORMANCE

Much like in my *Turnovers=Turnaround* article where I point out that turnovers can have an effect, not only on individual games but on the team's overall performance for a season, the same can be said for injuries. As an example, let's look at the Arizona offensive line. In 1999 they averaged 5.2 ypc rushing and no starter missed a single game due to injury. In 2000 they returned 5 of the top 6 players to the OL but suffered through a spate of injuries during the course of the year and the team averaged just 3.6 ypc rushing and, of course, Arizona finished with a losing record and missed out on a bowl. Michigan St beat Florida in the Citrus Bowl at the end of the 1999 season and had a solid team back in 2000 but suffered through a 5-6 season. At one point during the year Coach Bobby Williams said that his injury report was two pages long and it definitely had an impact on the team's performance on a week-to-week basis and over the course of the entire year.

The loss of a star player is something that most people note on a week-to-week basis, however, I have a great injury system which has worked very well through the years. The system is to play on a team that is missing a star player in the first week of the injury. Three things happen in this injury system. First of all, the rest of the team responds to the fact that they must play harder due to the fact their star player is out. Secondly, especially in an NFL game, most teams have a capable replacement who may not have stats simply because he's playing behind the star player. The third thing that happens is that the other team lets down a little bit and doesn't prepare as hard for their opponent thinking that the top guy is out. Many times through the years there have been examples where a team missing its star player upsets a superior opponent. The best example would come in the 1978 Orange Bowl. Arkansas Coach Lou Holtz suspended 3 of his top players prior to the Orange Bowl. They were already a good sized underdog to a powerful Sooner team and they were given very little chance of winning due to the suspensions. Oklahoma clearly let up knowing that Arkansas was not at full strength and the Razorbacks, out to prove that there was more to their team than just those few suspended players, not only upset Oklahoma but pounded them 31-6. One game emotional surges like that are commonplace and you also benefit from line value that week. The second part of this system is to play against those teams that suffer injuries over long periods of time. Should an offensive line suffer cluster injuries, missing 3-4 players, while it will not make the headlines as they are not star players, it has a major effect on the teams (just ask Arizona and Michigan St in 2000).

I love the Internet. It allows us to read the local newspapers for all of the college and NFL teams on a daily basis. I have a staff of close to 30 people and one of our duties on a daily basis is to pull down all of the articles from all of the teams and sift through them for injuries and other information. On my Full Service Lines on Button #5 I list an injury report on a weekly basis and I do mention when players are lost for the season. There is an easy way to keep track of injuries through the year. Simply use this magazine. Go to the 2 deep (or sometimes 3 deep) that I provide at each position. If a player is lost for the season, circle them. When you're flipping through the pages, you will notice teams that have suffered a high amount of injuries through the year and it will help tell you which teams are healthy and which are thin.

I hope you have found these handicapping tips helpful. They are a part of my handicapping arsenal. Good luck in 2002, have a great season!

NCAA TEAM EXPERIENCE RATINGS

Experience can be a big thing in college football. A player gains valuable experience for every year he plays in college football and becomes a better player because of it. Players also mature physically while they are in college and there is a big difference between a raw 17 or 18 year old true Freshman and a mature and physically stronger 22 year old Senior. Some teams that send their players away on missions like BYU, routinely have Seniors up to 25 years old. There is also a coaching adage that for every Freshman starter you have, you lose one game. Therefore this year we compiled the following chart. It lists the total amount of Senior starters on the team as well as Seniors in the two deep. It also shows all of the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen starters and the total amount in the two deep. I then devised a point system to break down the most experienced teams. I awarded 3 points for every Senior starter and 2.5 for every Senior in the two deep. 2 points for every Jr starter and 1.5 for every Jr in the two deep. I gave out 1 point for a Sophomore starter and .5 for a Soph in the 2 deep. I then subtracted 1 point for every Frosh starter and .5 for every Frosh in the two deep. The final number is the points awarded in the total points column. This page ranks the conference in total points order and the number before the team is where they came up in the overall ranking of all the teams in the NCAA. This list was compiled in April and there have been some changes to the 2 deep in May that might not be accounted for but it will give you an idea of the most experienced teams (and least experienced) in the NCAA this year.

NCAA RANK	ACC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
30	GEORGIA TECH	10	14	9	15	19	29	3	11	0	4	112
44	N CAROLINA ST	10	15	7	11	17	26	4	13	1	5	105
57	FLORIDA ST	9	13	10	12	19	25	2	14	1	5	103
65	CLEMSON	8	13	6	14	14	27	8	13	0	4	102
84	MARYLAND	4	9	13	19	17	28	5	11	0	5	97
87	N CAROLINA	8	10	6	15	14	25	7	16	1	3	96
90	WAKE FOREST	9	13	6	12	15	25	6	10	1	9	95
115	VIRGINIA	5	7	10	14	15	21	4	12	3	11	75
117	DUKE	2	2	12	13	14	15	7	19	1	10	65

NCAA RANK	BIG 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
26	ILLINOIS	7	12	12	21	19	33	3	9	0	2	113
42	IOWA	9	11	10	20	19	31	2	6	1	7	105
48	INDIANA	11	17	5	8	16	25	5	12	1	7	104
62	MICHIGAN	9	12	8	19	17	31	3	6	2	7	102
86	PENN STATE	12	13	4	10	16	23	5	11	1	10	96
102	PURDUE	9	10	7	14	16	24	5	7	1	13	88
104	OHIO STATE	6	9	11	16	17	25	4	7	1	12	87
108	MICHIGAN ST	6	8	8	15	14	23	6	13	2	8	83
110	WISCONSIN	8	10	2	6	10	16	11	22	1	6	80
112	MINNESOTA	6	8	7	14	13	22	7	12	2	10	79
113	NORTHWESTERN	6	7	5	12	11	19	10	18	1	7	78

NCAA RANK	BIG 12	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
13	KANSAS ST	11	15	9	19	20	34	1	6	1	4	118
15	COLORADO	7	17	14	18	21	35	0	4	1	5	117
22	NEBRASKA	12	19	4	12	16	31	4	9	2	4	114
27	BAYLOR	7	14	12	18	19	32	3	9	0	3	113
37	OKLAHOMA ST	10	17	7	12	17	29	4	8	1	7	108
43	KANSAS	11	14	6	14	17	28	4	9	1	7	105
55	MISSOURI	11	13	7	12	18	25	4	11	0	8	103
63	IOWA STATE	6	9	11	22	17	31	4	10	1	3	102
64	TEXAS TECH	9	13	8	13	17	26	4	13	1	5	102
95	TEXAS A&M	11	12	5	10	16	22	6	9	0	13	92
107	TEXAS	6	8	11	16	17	24	3	9	2	11	84
111	OKLAHOMA	6	9	8	11	14	20	6	15	2	9	80

NCAA RANK	BIG EAST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
10	TEMPLE	14	20	5	12	19	32	2	5	1	7	120
33	W VIRGINIA	13	17	5	12	18	29	3	7	1	8	111
36	BOSTON COLLEGE	11	13	8	17	19	30	2	9	1	5	110
49	RUTGERS	10	17	6	8	16	25	5	13	1	6	104
93	MIAMI (FLA)	8	12	6	11	14	23	8	13	0	8	93
94	VIRGINIA TECH	7	9	8	15	15	24	7	14	0	6	93
103	PITTSBURGH	7	10	9	15	16	25	3	11	3	8	88
105	SYRACUSE	5	5	13	20	18	25	4	9	0	10	87

NCAA RANK	CONF USA	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
4	ARMY	14	19	2	11	16	30	6	14	0	0	123
7	CINCINNATI	14	18	5	12	19	30	3	11	0	3	122
23	TCU	12	15	8	13	20	28	2	11	0	5	114
24	MEMPHIS	11	16	8	13	19	29	3	10	0	5	114
28	E CAROLINA	10	14	11	16	21	30	1	8	0	6	113
47	LOUISVILLE	11	12	8	13	19	25	2	15	1	4	105
54	S MISSISSIPPI	10	13	8	12	18	25	4	13	0	6	104
74	UAB	10	15	5	8	15	23	7	14	0	7	100
89	TULANE	6	12	9	13	15	25	7	13	0	6	96
100	HOUSTON	8	9	9	17	17	26	3	8	2	10	90

NCAA RANK	MAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
14	W MICHIGAN	12	17	7	15	19	32	2	8	1	4	118
31	MARSHALL	10	14	8	14	18	28	4	14	0	2	112
34	KENT ST	9	16	7	13	16	29	6	12	0	3	111
60	TOLEDO	10	14	7	10	17	24	5	14	0	6	103
61	C MICHIGAN	10	11	6	15	16	26	6	14	0	4	103
69	N ILLINOIS	9	11	10	14	19	25	2	14	1	5	101
70	UCF	8	13	9	11	17	24	5	15	0	5	101
75	BOWLING GREEN	10	13	6	14	16	27	5	9	1	8	100
76	OHIO	8	10	7	20	15	30	6	9	1	5	100
79	BUFFALO	7	14	8	12	15	26	7	11	0	7	99
82	AKRON	8	9	9	18	17	27	4	12	1	5	98
85	BALL STATE	9	12	9	13	18	25	2	12	2	7	97
101	MIAMI (OH)	7	10	9	13	16	23	6	11	0	10	90
116	E MICHIGAN	6	6	5	11	11	17	10	19	1	8	74

NCAA RANK	INDEPENDENTS	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
1	NAVY	13	24	8	18	21	42	1	2	0	0	144
12	TROY STATE	16	21	3	6	19	27	3	10	0	7	120
35	UTAH STATE	9	14	9	15	18	29	4	12	0	3	111
71	NOTRE DAME	9	13	10	12	19	25	2	11	1	8	100
81	S FLORIDA	9	10	9	17	18	27	3	10	1	7	99
114	CONNECTICUT	6	7	7	13	13	20	6	17	3	7	77

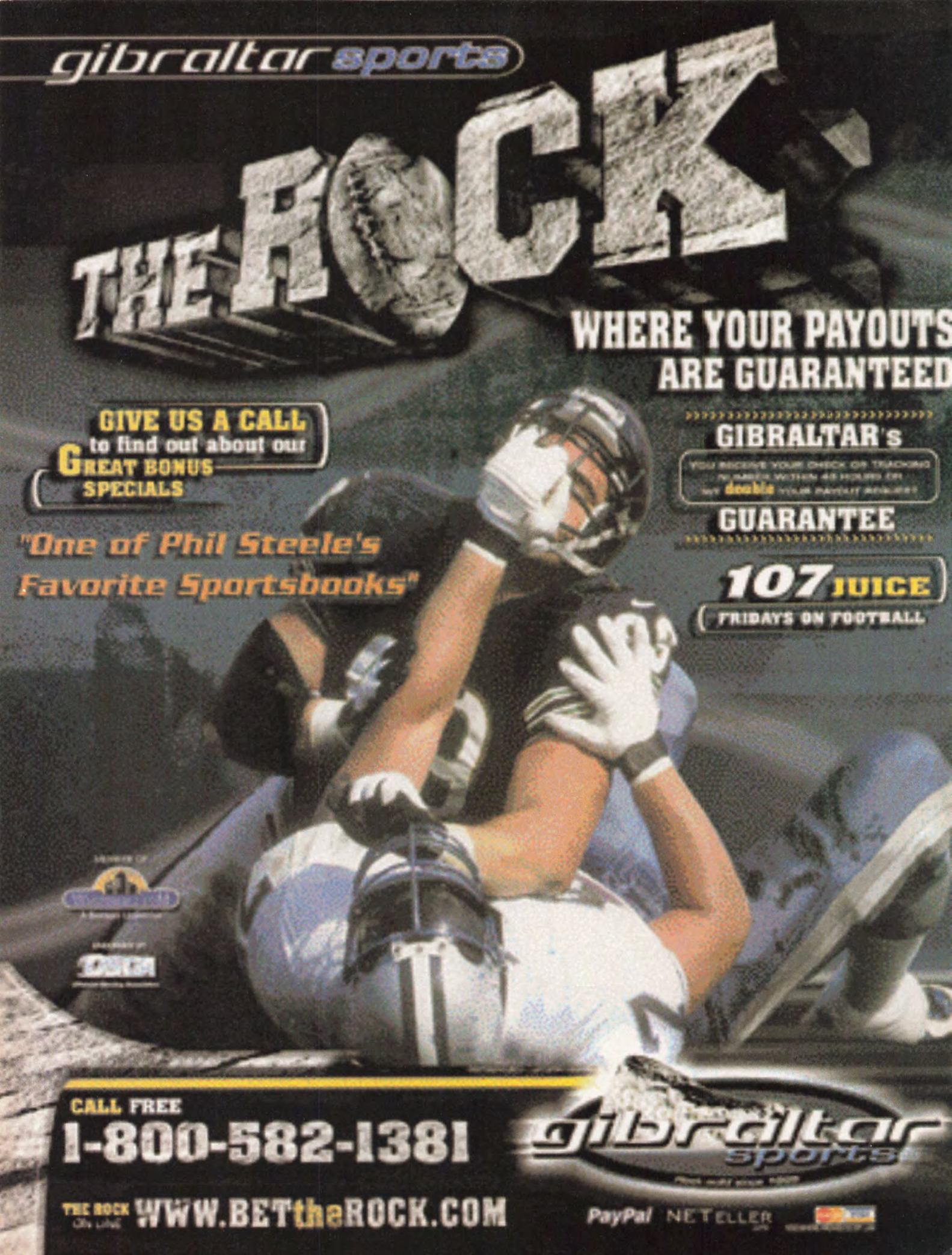
NCAA RANK	MOUNTAIN WEST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
2	UNLV	14	20	5	14	19	34	3	9	0	1	130
6	AIR FORCE	10	13	11	21	21	34	1	10	0	0	122
20	UTAH	9	15	10	17	19	32	3	8	0	4	115
46	SAN DIEGO ST	9	16	5	11	14	27	8	12	0	5	105
59	WYOMING	7	11	11	17	18	28	4	11	0	5	103
67	COLORADO ST	8	10	10	18	18	28	4	10	0	6	102
73	BYU	7	11	10	17	17	28	4	11	1	5	100
78	NEW MEXICO	7	9	10	20	17	29	4	10	1	5	99

NCAA RANK	PAC 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
5	CALIFORNIA	13	18	6	13	19	31	3	10	0	3	122
16	USC	11	17	8	13	19	30	3	10	0	4	117
50	WASHINGTON ST	8	12	10	17	18	29	3	10	1	5	104
51	OREGON	7	12	11	15	18	27	4	13	0	4	104
56	OREGON ST	8	13	6	16	14	29	8	10	0	5	103
77	WASHINGTON	7	11	9	13	16	24	6	17	0	3	99
83	ARIZONA	10	11	7	14	17	25	4	11	1	8	97
96	ARIZONA ST	5	10	11	14	16	24	6	13	0	7	92
98	STANFORD	10	13	6	11	16	24	3	10	3	10	91
99	UCLA	8	11	7	12	15	23	6	12	1	9	90

NCAA RANK	SEC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
11	S CAROLINA	15	17	6	11	21	28	1	11	0	5	120
19	ALABAMA	13	17	6	13	19	30	2	9	1	5	116
38	LSU	11	16	5	12	16	28	6	9	0	7	108
39	FLORIDA	8	13	11	16	19	29	2	11	1	4	107
52	MISS ST	10	14	8	13	18	27	3	10	1	7	104
66	TENNESSEE	8	14	9	13	17	27	4	11	1	6	102
72	MISSISSIPPI	8	14	7	12	15	26	6	13	1	5	100
88	ARKANSAS	4	11	10	19	14	30	7	9	1	5	96
91	GEORGIA	9	12	8	12	17	24	5	9	0	11	95
97	KENTUCKY	9	12	8	11	17	23	4	10	1	11	92
106	VANDERBILT	10	12	4	10	14	22	4	13	4	9	85
109	AUBURN	5	10	9	10	14	20	8	14	0	10	83

NCAA RANK	SUN BELT	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
8	LOUISIANA LFT	10	16	11	18	21	34	1	7	0	3	122
17	IDAHO	9	16	11	18	20	34	1	6	1	4	117
21	NORTH TEXAS	11	14	8	16	19	30	3	11	0	3	115
25	MIDDLE TENN ST	11	15	7	17	18	32	3	8	1	4	114
29	N MEXICO ST	10	17	6	13	16	30	6	10	0	4	113
32	ARKANSAS ST	11	16	7	13	18	29	3	11	1	4	112
80	UL MONROE	7	10	8	16	15	26	6	17	1	1	99

NCAA RANK	WAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
3	SAN JOSE ST	8	18	13	22	21	40	0	2	1	2	127
9	BOISE STATE	13	19	4	14	17	33	4	8	1	3	121
18	LOUISIANA TECH	14	18	4	15	18	33	1	7	3	4	117
40	FRESNO ST	10	10	10	19	20	29	2	9	0	6	107
41	SMU	11	17	8	9	19	26	2	10	1	8	107
45	UTEP	8	14	8	12	16	26	6	15	0	3	105
53	HAWAII	8	13	8	16	16	29	5	11	1	4	104
58	RICE	10	14	7	12	17	26	3	14	2	4	103
68	NEVADA	7	11	10	17	17	28	5	11	0	5	102
92	TULSA	6	10	9	16	15	26	5	15	2	3	94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SPRING GAME NOTES. . .

AKRON - Showing increased enthusiasm in the program, 2,000 fans showed up for the Blue/Gold game in which the Blue won 24-0. QB Charlie Frye hit 16 of 26 passes for 206 yards...**AIR FORCE** - The Silver defeated the Blue 16-2. RB Leotis Palmer rushed for 97 yards on 11 carries as QB Chance Harridge hit just 2 of 11 passes for a total of 3 yards. Harridge was forced to wear a red jersey (limited contact) and they ran a restricted offensive game plan. They also missed 5 FG's in front of a crowd of about 1,000 fans. AF's offense ran roughly 8 different plays and the defense pretty much knew what was coming. FS Adam Larson led the team with 12 tackles and DE Monty Coleman had 10 tackles and a sack. The most effective passer was backup Brad Baca, who hit 4 of 7 passes and all the rest of the AF QB's combined to hit just 6 of 31 passes...**ARMY** - Mike Sehzue blocked a FG which was returned 75 yards for a TD to give the Gold a 14-13 win over the Black. No injuries occurred during the 87 snaps of action in the spring game. QB Reggie Nevels struggled a bit hitting 4 of 11 for 63 yards but is clearly the top QB heading into fall. Army has a new favorite route this year and it's the fade route to 6-5 Aaron Alexander who caught a 15 yard TD with :18 left in the half. Sehzue also had a 47 yard int return to set up a TD...**BOWLING GREEN** - Andy Sahm, who lost his QB job last year, led the White team to a 27-7 victory over the Orange. Sahm passed for 166 yards and 2 TD's and may have won back his starting job. Josh Harris had a couple of int's for the Orange with 1 TD...**CALIFORNIA** - Kyle Boller hit 10 of 11 for 154 yards and 2 TD's in the Blue's 42-0 win over the White in front of about 1,500 fans at Memorial Stadium. TB Adimchinobe Echemaandu, who went by Joe Echema for his first 2 seasons, was the most impressive TB in spring drills but tore the ACL and MCL in his right knee and may miss the season...**CINCINNATI** - Gino Guidugli threw for just 29 yards in the 1H but ended up with 146. He tossed 58 and 54 yard TD passes in the 3Q as the Black beat the Red 37-8 on a rainy day in Nippert Stadium. PS#41 RB Richard Hall (OSU trans) rushed for 91 yards on 22 carries and backup TB David Harris had 83 yards on 17 carries. Second string QB George Murray hit 4 of 13 passes for 116 yards for the Red team. The defense controlled matters for most of the spring and recorded 11 sacks in the game...**FLORIDA** drew an estimated 39,500 nonpaying fans for its Orange & Blue game. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays average just 15,174 fans and the Marlins just 10,622 in comparison. Rex Grossman passed for 257 yards and a TD to lead the Orange to a 20-10 win over the Blue...**HOUSTON** - The Cougars gave up a school record 432 points last year but the defense played well in the spring as the White beat the Red 17-13...**INDIANA** - The Hoosiers played before 3,233. Backup QB Hamdan led the Crimson (1st string) 80 yards in 11 plays and got a TD pass with :20 left to pull out a 24-20 victory. Crimson had a 251-47 yard edge at the half and finished with 260 yards of offense (Just 129 yds for Cream and Crimson had a 25-6 FD edge) but 2 defensive scores by the Cream (backups) took it to the wire...**IOWA** had 20,451 on hand for their spring game...**IOWA ST** had 3,304 in attendance as the 1st teamers defeated the 2nd & 3rd string 57-40. The Cardinal and White teams combined for 954 yards...**KANSAS** - The game was played before 3,600 on a chilly night and the Blue romped 42-3. RB Reggie Duncan was impressive with 84 yards on 15 attempts and backup RB Clark Green had 75 yards on 20 carries. QB Zach Dyer threw for 163 yards and 2 TD's...**KANSAS ST** - KSU played their Purple and White game in front of 5,832 at Bishop Stadium. Coach Snyder used a coin flip prior to the game to determine the starter at QB. Marc Dunn hit 7 of 15 passes for 85 yards and engineered 5 scoring drives through the first 3Q's. Ell Roberson threw for 214 yards (88 on a short screen pass to Taco Wallace) but was only 7 of 21 with 1 int. 3rd string QB Jeff Schwinn, playing against the #1 defense, hit 10 of 23 for 105 yards...**MIAMI, FLA** - The Hurricanes' rushing attack sputtered without TB Frank Gore who missed the game with a torn ACL. They had just 60 yards on 57 carries. UM yielded 9 sacks in the spring game after giving up just 4 in the entire 2001 season and the running game averaged just 1.1 ypc but they were, of course, working against perhaps one of the top defensive front 7's in the country...**MISSISSIPPI** - Eli Manning threw for 378 yards hitting 25 of 38 passes guiding the Red team to a 49-28 win vs the Blue in front of a school record spring turnout of 27,215...**NAVY** - Navy's Blue team (1st & 3rd teamers) beat the Gold (2nd & 4th teamers) 31-27 in front of a decent crowd at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. QB Craig Candeto got a 67 yard TD run and led the Blue to a 28-0 halftime lead. They finished with 418 yards. The Gold made a comeback behind QB Aaron Polanco who rushed for 89 yards on 25 carries while hitting 9 of 18 passes for 142 yards and the Gold pulled within 31-27 for the final...**NEBRASKA** - Set a spring record with 48,659 fans to its Red and White game...**NORTHWESTERN** - NU's spring game was played inside Trienens Hall, a 80 yard long indoor practice facility. They put in some new formations including the QB taking snaps from under center, the TB in I-formation and some 2 TE sets. They also ran the option and say they have added almost 3 times as many plays as they had last year. True frosh QB Alexander Webb who was in for the spring, was the most impressive QB hitting 6 of 7 short passes for 51 yards and rushed for 2 TD's. First stringer Tony Stauss tossed 2 int's...**NOTRE DAME** - Ty Willingham showed very little of his West Coast offense in the spring game and in fact did not allow it to be televised. The game was played on a rainy day with a sped up play clock and the final score was 3-0. The game lasted 1 hour and 22 min's including a 20:00 halftime. 17,025 were on hand. Carlyle Holiday hit 3 of 7 for 27 yards for the winning Gold team while Matt LoVecchio hit 6 of 14 for 58 yards with 3 int's for the Blue team...**OHIO ST** - 37,783 were on hand at Ohio Stadium for the Scarlet and Gray game which the Gray won 6-3. The 2 teams combined for just 257 yards. After the receivers dropped 7 passes, Craig Krenzel was just 14 of 26 for 155 yards with 1 int and 3 sacks. Scott McMullen was 10 of 23 for 113 yards with no int's and 4 sacks but the offenses were running behind makeshift O-lines and with a limited game plan. The two teams combined for -11 yards rushing but the QB's only needed to be tapped to be considered down...**OKLAHOMA** - Had 20,000 fans on hand as the White (1st team) beat the Red (backups) 28-0...**OKLAHOMA ST** - Their scrimmage came before a few hundred fans at Lewis Field and featured 99 plays. RB Seymore Shaw (PS#14) had TD runs of 20, 12 and 4 to go along with a 50 yard run...**OREGON** - The Green team (starters) rolled to a 51-3 victory. QB Jason Fife cemented his #1 spot by hitting 12 of 15 passes for 217 yards and 2 TD's. Frosh backup Kellen Clemens (PS#7) hit 8 of 13 for just 72 yards and Bellotti said that he was a little bit lost during the spring. 12,524 fans paid to watch the UO spring game which is a huge change as in 1975 UO only drew 12,500 fans for a regular season game against Utah...**PURDUE** - Purdue's Gold team beat the Black team 27-14 in front of a crowd of about 5,000. QB Kyle Orton hit 18 of 24 passes for 202 yards. The Black outgained the Gold 378-230 but turned the ball over 7 times and backup QB Kyle Smith hit 20 of 38 for 242 yards...**RUTGERS** - The White squad (2nd team offense, 1st team defense) held on for a 9-7 victory over the Scarlet squad (1st team offense, 2nd team defense) thanks to Shawn Seabrooks' int in the EZ off of QB Cubit with :28 left. RB Clarence Pittman rushed for 77 yards on 22 carries which was the bulk of the White's 192 total yards. Cubit hit 9 of 26 for 119 yards with 1 TD and 1 int and backup Ted Trump hit 11 of 22 for 137 yards and 2 int's...**SAN JOSE ST** - If there was an upset in the spring it was that SJS's defense dominated the spring game. Last year the Spartans scored 63 points against Tulsa and 64 against Nevada but their defense yielded 38.4 ppg. In the spring game the defense stopped the offense from scoring on 16 of 17 possessions, intercepting 3 passes and recovering a fumble. The offense managed just 188 yards in 57 snaps and did not score until the 15th possession. Five QB's combined to hit just 11 of 30 (36.7%)...**SOUTH CAROLINA** - In the spring game the first team defeated the backups 78-6 which left Lou Holtz concerned about the lack of depth on the team. QB Cory Jenkins threw for 245 yards and 4 TD's and rushed for 91 yards on 8 carries...**SYRACUSE** - 4,000 fans showed up for Syracuse's spring game in the Carrier Dome. The defense was banged up missing 3 key starters and the offense rolled to a 50-23 victory. RJ Anderson hit 8 of 14 passes for 162 yards and 2 TD's and ran for one TD. Cecil Howard threw 9 of 14 for 182 yards and 1 TD in the 75 play scrimmage. He also rushed for 36 yards as well. The Orange had 492 yards of offense with 4 TD's and a FG. Points were awarded for a variation of plays. The offense beat the defense 50-23 with a scoring system awarding points for many different reasons, including giving offense points for FD's. WR Jemel Riddle (PS#29) had just 3 rec's but they went for 128 yards and TE Joe Donnelly had 3 rec's for 124 yards and 2 TD's...**TEXAS** -34,500 showed up at Darrell Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium for Texas' spring game. The starters played very little and Chris Simms hit 4 of 5 passes for 49 yards. After the scrimmage Brown declared that this was the best spring of the 5 he's conducted at Texas...**TEXAS TECH** - Kliff Kingsbury hit 25 of 38 passes for 263 yards and a TD in the Tech spring game in which the squads were evenly split up. BJ Symons firmed his hold on the backup job hitting 14 of 26 for 149 yards with 1 TD and an int...**UCLA** - QB Cory Paus directed the Blue team to TD's on all 4 of its poss with him at QB and he hit 9 of 13 for 211 yards with a TD and no int's as he tries to work his way out of Bob Toledo's doghouse. Toledo would still not anoint him as starter saying that true frosh Matt Moore (PS#19) and Drew Olson (PS#17) have a shot at the job. If Paus gets in trouble again Toledo said he would be gone. RFr Wendell Mathis had 88 yards rushing on 4 attempts. QB John Sciarra, playing with the backups on the White team, hit 11 of 22 for 178 yards and they were shutout by the first string offense (Blue team)...**UTAH** - 500 fans showed up in Rice-Eccles Stadium braving rain and cold weather for a 48:00 game in which the clock ran continuously. HC McBride said, "I didn't pay much attention, I just kept moving to stay warm." The White team, QB'd by Brett Elliott, won 10-6 because of a long fumble return for a TD. Lance Rice hit 8 of 11 for 93 yards while backups Ryan Bresca (hit 1 of 5 for 36) and Brett Elliott (4 of 10 for 57) struggled...**WASHINGTON ST** - The Gray beat the White 49-7 in the WSU spring game. QB Matt Kegel hit 11 of 16 passes for 203 yards for 2 TD's and starter Jason Gesser hit 16 of 33 passes for 214 yards. The 1st string D held the gray to just 74 yards passing and -27 yards rushing. Both Kegel and Gesser wore yellow jerseys making them off limits for tackling...**WISCONSIN** - The score was insignificant as the White team beat the Cardinal 35-28. The most important thing of the spring game was that WR Lee Evans suffered a serious knee injury and is now questionable for the season.

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4★	Missouri +2'	over Iowa St	14-20	loss
4★	Arizona St -3	over Oregon St	41-24	WIN!
5★	Arkansas +1	over Auburn	42-17	WIN!
4★	Penn St -1'	over S Mississippi	38-20	WIN!
5★	New Mexico -2'	over UNLV	27-17	WIN!
4★	Georgia +3	over Mississippi	35-15	WIN!
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2001	5★	College Play of the Year	New Mexico (-2') UNLV	27-17	WIN!
2000	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	NY Giants (-4) Philly	20-10	WIN!
2000	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	L'ville (+2) Colorado St	17-22	loss
2000	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Washington (-6') Dallas	13-32	loss
2000	5★	College Play of the Year	Wisconsin -6' Indiana	43-22	WIN!
1999	5★	Playoff Play of the Year	UNDER 37' TB/WASH	14-13	WIN!
1999	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Washington +10' Kan St	20-24	WIN!
1999	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Carolina +7' Green Bay	33-31	WIN!
1999	5★	College Play of the Year	Nebraska -9 Kansas St	41-15	WIN!

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WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss records from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from last year. Let's look at a clear cut example from last year. Nebraska opened with a pair of games vs TCU and Troy St. Troy St was in their first year of IA ball. TCU was a Top 20 team in 2000 but were in a rebuilding year with a new coach last year. San Jose St opened with a pair of teams that were in my Top 20 in terms of talent last year in Colorado and USC. Both made it to bowls last year with Colorado just missing out on playing in the National Title game. Clearly San Jose St faced the much tougher pair of opening games. However, based on 2000's records, the NCAA would say that Nebraska, whose foes were a combined 19-4 (83%) in 2000, faced a VASTLY tougher schedule than San Jose St did whose foes were a paltry 8-15 (35%)!!! That is a MAJOR flaw as USC and Colorado would both have been prohibitive favorites over TCU and Troy St last year.

USC QB Carson Palmer

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall record. If a team plays a IAA school that was 12-0 in 2001, that would count as a tougher game than facing a team like Nebraska, Florida or Tennessee which all had 2 losses. They would be considered substantially better than teams like Florida St (8-4 last year), Oregon St (5-6) and Kansas St (6-6) who all will contend for Top 20 honors this season and FSU and KSU are National Title contenders again.

Listed to the right are my rankings for the nation's toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my personal power ratings. At the start of every year I grade each team position by position & assign a grade from 4 to 10. Next I add up all the grades & come up with the total team power rating. This insures that a IAA team is rated much lower than Florida St or Nebraska. Every preseason I do 7 sets of power ratings and I run 5 of those sets through each team's schedule and come up with one final number.

The second area is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year there are eight teams with eight home games on the schedule including Ohio St, Nebraska and Virginia Tech. In contrast, San Jose St has nine road games. Naturally, if a team plays more games on the road, their schedule is tougher.

At the bottom of this page is this year's schedules rated from the most difficult to the easiest. The toughest schedule goes to USC which plays in a tough and balanced Pac 10 and the only team they miss in league play is the team I have pegged for last place (Arizona). Their non conference schedule has Notre Dame and Auburn visiting USC, and the Trojans have road trips vs Colorado and Kansas St!!! Last year 3 of the teams that faced the toughest 4 schedules did not make it to a bowl. Notre Dame faced my 2nd toughest schedule last year and went from 10-2 to a losing season. In 2000, nine of the Top 15 also did not go bowling, including FIVE that had been to a bowl the previous year. Of course that means that 6 teams took on a killer schedule and still made it to a bowl.

How did the teams that faced the toughest 20 schedules in my ratings fare last year? Only 1 team made it into the 10 at the end of the year (Tennessee) while none of the teams that faced the Top 20 toughest schedules in 2000 made it in!! The highest finisher in 2000 was Michigan at #11. South Carolina and Georgia were the only other teams in my Top 20 toughest rated schedules to finish in the Top 20 two years ago. They barely did it with bowl wins to finish #19 and #20 in the AP Poll.

In 1999 two perennial powerhouses faced among the Top 10 toughest schedules and ended up home for the holidays as both Ohio St and Notre Dame not only failed to crack the Top 20, but did not even achieve winning seasons!! That year there were some teams that stood toe to toe with a ferocious schedule and still had success, as six teams that faced the toughest 10 schedules made it to a bowl as Michigan (#5) and Mich St (#7) both ended up in the final Top 10 that year. None of the other 4 bowl teams from that Top 10 toughest schedule cracked the final Top 20 in the polls.

In 1998 only two teams that battled the Top 10 toughest schedules managed to be ranked at the end of the year but they were two of the strongest teams in the NCAA in Ohio St and Florida. They ended up #2 and #3 in the polls, but both had National Title caliber teams. Three additional teams that faced the grueling schedules made it to bowls (that means that 5 did not), but none had a great record and as mentioned none were ranked after the season.

In 1997 only 2 teams that took on a Top 10 toughest schedule managed to be ranked at the end of the year but one of them was Michigan. UM, which somehow went undefeated vs a killer slate, finished #1 in the AP Poll and split the National Title. UCLA also finished in the Top 5.

In 1996 Purdue faced the toughest schedule and it ended up getting Jim Coach Colletto fired. The schedule got easier for the Boilers in 1997 and Joe Tiller benefitted from it as they landed a bowl bid.

Looking at this year's Top 10 toughest schedules, I am going against the weight of history as there are some very talented teams taking on tough slates. They are teams that are capable of overcoming the slate and having successful seasons. I have numerous teams that make the list ranked in my Preseason Top 25.

Conversely, in 1996 Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similar soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999 I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" and answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! TCU had a shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and simply went 10-1 in the regular season.

This year Marshall plays the 7th easiest schedule of ALL 117 IA teams and has a very good shot at a huge year (my computer says 12-1). Boise St plays the 19th easiest schedule and could also have a big year.

The computer tells me that there are some other teams that one or more of the sets of power ratings call to have undefeated seasons. Naturally if a team is projected at the top of my power ratings they have a great chance of going unbeaten. Last year two sets called for Miami, Fla to go unbeaten despite tough road trips to Penn St, Florida St and Virginia Tech. This year the teams in which at least two sets of ratings project a team to go unbeaten are Tennessee, Florida St, Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio St and Miami, Fla. Keep in mind that good health, positive turnovers and a little luck is needed to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.

1	USC	31	Georgia	60	San Diego St	89	Tulsa
2	Michigan	32	Miami, Fla	61	San Jose St	90	Utah St
3	Texas Tech	33	LSU	62	Colorado St	91	Tulane
4	Florida St	34	Tennessee	63	Boston College	92	N Texas
5	Notre Dame	35	Arizona	64	Cincinnati	93	Ohio U
6	Stanford	36	Mississippi	65	Louisville	94	New Mexico
7	Alabama	37	Northwestern	66	Wyoming	95	UL Monroe
8	UCLA	38	Ohio St	67	Minnesota	96	Army
9	Colorado	39	Wake Forest	68	Louisiana Tech	97	UTEP
10	N Carolina	40	Syracuse	69	UAB	98	New Mexico St
11	Oklahoma St	41	Baylor	70	Maryland	99	Boise St
12	Virginia	42	Clemson	71	Houston	100	Hawaii
13	Florida	43	Washington St	72	NC State	101	Toledo
14	Wisconsin	44	Oregon St	73	Fresno St	102	C Michigan
15	Vanderbilt	45	Arkansas	74	Nevada	103	Troy St
16	Penn St	46	Oregon	75	Utah	104	Buffalo
17	S Carolina	47	Iowa	76	Miami, Oh	105	W Michigan
18	Missouri	48	Washington	77	E Carolina	106	UCF
19	Texas A&M	49	Temple	78	S Mississippi	107	Connecticut
20	Kentucky	50	Nebraska	79	BYU	108	Akron
21	Iowa St	51	Illinois	80	TCU	109	S Florida
22	Texas	52	W Virginia	81	UNLV	110	Middle Tenn St
23	Indiana	53	Kansas St	82	Memphis	111	Marshall
24	Mississippi St	54	Virginia Tech	83	Louisiana-Lft	112	Kent St
25	Arizona St	55	Pittsburgh	84	Air Force	113	N Illinois
26	Auburn	56	Georgia Tech	85	Rice	114	Ball St
27	Duke	57	Kansas	86	Idaho	115	Bowling Green
28	California	58	Michigan St	87	Navy	116	E Michigan
29	Oklahoma	59	Purdue	88	SMU	117	Arkansas St
30	Rutgers						

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O 14	**Oakland +3'**	**over Indianapolis**	**23-18**	**WIN!**
N 4	**NY Jets +6'**	**over New Orleans**	**16-9**	**WIN!**
N 11	**Seattle +6**	**over Oakland**	**34-27**	**WIN!**
N 18	**New England+8**	**over St Louis**	**17-24**	**WIN!**
N 25	Minnesota -3	over Chicago	6-13	loss
D 2	Over 44	San Fran/Buffalo	35-0	loss
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D 16	**Over 33**	**Baltimore/Pittsburgh**	**21-26**	**WIN!**
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Most of our Power Sweep readers are familiar with the weekly News & Notes and College Fax Report sections in Power Sweep. These sections are filled with the hard to find information that just did not fit into the weekly college writeups. Well, with SO much information gathered for this year's magazine, on this page we will feature some information that just wouldn't fit on the individual pages. We hope you enjoy the added information as we try hard to satisfy your desire for detailed college football news.

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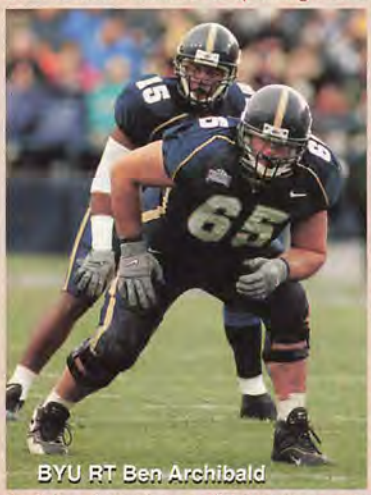
ARIZONA - When John Mackovic was an assistant at Tucson in 1976, the average attendance at a Wildcat home game was 48,939. The population in Tucson at that time was just 300,000 and they were playing in the WAC. Since then the population has almost tripled in Tucson and they are now playing in the prestigious Pac 10 but somehow only averaged 44,383 last year...On special teams, Clay Hardt was the Most Valuable Special Teams player last year for his tackling and he returns this season...Arizona is the only team in the Pac 10 with players returning from the top 10 in rushing, passing, receiving and scoring in the Pac 10 conf statistics...Arizona had 6 QB's in the spring of 2001 battling Jason Johnson which meant splitting up the reps. Of the QB's, Cliff Watkins had the strongest arm and PS#9 John Rattay, who transferred in from Tennessee, was the lone VHT. One of the backup QB candidates from last year, Steve Fleming, moved to TE and after the season was over, both Rattay and Watkins opted to transfer. The two had combined for 69 attempts, completing just 31 for 406 yards. **BYU** - BYU has been the home to 4 Davey O'Brien Award Winners for Top QB in the country including Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Ty Detmer who brought home the award twice...BYU has a storied history with 21 league Titles since 1965, a National Title in 1984, one Heisman Winner and two Outland Trophy winners...The OL struggled from 1997-2000 not averaging more than 3.2 ypc rushing. They appeared to be struggling again last year despite 5 returning starters as they managed just 57 yards rushing on 51 carries in the spring game but those games are not always an accurate assessment of the upcoming season. The line performed much better in the regular season and the team averaged an amazing 5.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks despite 523 attempts. While BYU's secondary had 2 starters coming back last year, CB Danny Phillips did not work hard enough during the offseason and wasn't even in the 2 deep during the year, finishing the season with just 4 tackles so basically only 1 starter returned. **CALIFORNIA** - Tom Holmoe's big signing was QB Boller (PS#3) in 1999. He took over and started 8 games as a true frosh but completed just 38.6% with a 9-15 ratio while rushing for 90 yards. He piloted a young offense with a WR corps that was decimated by injuries and inexperienced. Boller figured to be much improved in 2000 with 7 returning starters but the Bear's OL was hit hard by injuries as was the receiving corps. He threw for 2,121 yards (46.7%) and improved his ratio to 15-13 while rushing for 216 yards. Chad Heydorff (PS#11JC) had hamstring and hip injuries and redshirted. Derek Swafford was slowed by injuries and Chase Lyman had his appendix removed in August and was never 100%. Against Wash St dropped passes plagued them as Sean Currin dropped a TD pass and Charon Arnold dropped two. When Cal was 0-6 last year and Washington St 7-0 and ranked 14th in the country, Cal fans proved to be stronger at that point as they actually averaged 10,000 more fans for their home dates than did the Cougars up to that point in the season. **E CAROLINA** - EC Coach Steve Logan is just 3-10 against ranked teams but 4 of the 5 home crowds last year ranked in the school's overall top 12, showing a solid increase in fan support...The Pirates never finished higher than #77 in my special teams rankings until 1998 and 1999 when led by super punter Andrew Bayes. They finished #47 and #34 in my rankings. In 2000 they had some problems as bad snaps on punts cost them vs both Virginia Tech and W Virginia. Last year true frosh Brandon Howard took over at long snapper and did a great job and that part of the special teams will be a strength for four years and was part of the reason that EC moved up to #7 in my special teams rankings last year...QB Sakeen Wright (PS#40) actually had a benign brain tumor removed in 1996 and was not allowed to play until 2000 but could take over the backup spot this year now that he is fully healthy...WR Torey Morris broke his foot vs Syracuse and missed 4 games. Aaron Harris broke his leg versus NC and missed the rest of the season and Terrance Copper was also injured missing several games. Against Army, EC played 4 true frosh at WR due to the injuries...I've taken some liberty with the 2 deep on the EC page as two players who I project as eventually starting at ILB, Vonta Leach (PS#31) and Christshawn Gilliam (PS#41) are listed as backup OLB's in the spring. Leach and Gilliam will be battling five speedy underclassmen for the starting ILB spots and it is possible with the change in system that speed may win out but I still list the top 4 LB's as starters. **FLORIDA** - UF's secondary allowed just 5 TD passes while recording 13 int's. They would have had a lot more int's last year but they dropped 2 vs ULM and 4 vs Florida St. The Gators lowest finish in my pass D rankings over the last 5 years has been #20 and despite having to replace 3 starters this year, they should remain at the top again. Steve Spurrier's offenses at Florida have thrown 423 TD passes since 1990 which is the most in the NCAA. The 2nd most in that span trails by almost 100 and it is Florida St which has 330...UF has been ranked in the top 15 for 11 straight years and had some incredible records but surprisingly the last 5 years of the Steve Spurrier regime, they lost 13 games which averages out to over 2.6 per season. **GEORGIA TECH** - Last year Will Glover and Kerry Watkins each topped 100 yards receiving in a game when starter Kelly Campbell was out. They became just the 3rd tandem in GT history to ever have 100 yards receiving in the same game...Luke Manget set the ACC record for consecutive xp's but actually had that streak snapped last year vs Syracuse in the opener. He missed an xp after the first TD but a penalty allowed him to re-kick and he converted on that xp. He went on and hit every xp the rest of the season and needs just 30 more to set the NCAA record. **KANSAS ST** - The OL lost starting RG John Robertson to a season ending injury after just 4 games. Backup G Ben Rettele was lost for the year during the A&M game. They were forced to move DL Dralinn Burks to the OL midyear as well as TE Jon Doty. Versus the Aggies, they had a RB and 2 TE's on the scout team OL as they didn't have enough players to field the unit. One of the biggest wastes last year was taking off the redshirt of WR Taco Wallace (PS#23JC) against Texas A&M due to injuries. He had 2 rec's in that game which would be his only action of the entire year and cost him a season of eligibility...Aaron Lockett averaged 21.9 on PR's (#1 in the NCAA in 2000). Last year he took an illegal hit on one of his first PR's of the season and was averaging just 6.0 yards per return early on. He improved that to 10.1 for his final average for the season despite TD's of 43, 77 and 49 yards being called back...Looking at the KSU QB situation last year QB Ell Roberson sprained his ankle vs Colorado and his mobility and effectiveness was reduced the rest of the year. Marc Dunn started against Texas Tech the next week but hit only 16 of 40 passes. Roberson returned to the lineup vs Texas A&M but hit just 4 of 13 and Dunn came off the bench to hit 8 of 11. Against Kansas Dunn was just 3 of 11 with 2 int's. Roberson had back to back 100 yard rushing efforts vs Iowa St & Nebraska and became the first QB in school history to have four 100 yard rushing games. Against Nebraska Roberson was just 1 of 11 passing and he reinjured his ankle against Louisiana Tech after hitting 6 of 8. The bowl game was a nightmare as Snyder switched the QB's six times and they hit just 14 of 40. **KENTUCKY** - In 1999 Hal Mumme was forced to replace the #1 pick in the NFL draft, Tim Couch, with lightly recruited Dusty Bonner. Bonner had a sensational year throwing for 3,574 yards (65.6%) with a 26-14 ratio. Jared Lorenzen was PS#19 and beat him out for the starters job and Bonner opted to transfer to Valdosta St where he won the Harlon Hill Award for best Div II player each of the past 2 years. UK's DL was banged up on the inside last year as the 3 star DT's were all injured. Caudill was considering a redshirt after missing the first 2 games as he lost his starting job but he should reclaim it this year...DT Dewayne Robertson missed 2 games and was banged up in others, but he returns healthy. They have a 3rd VHT inside in Ellery Moore (PS#34) who missed the last 3 games with a knee injury. With those 3 back they look very strong inside...Ryan Murphy, the top returning tackler, was ruled academically ineligible. VHT true frosh Chad Anderson did not qualify. True frosh Dustin Williams was forced to play LB instead of his projected position of DE. He suffered a concussion in Wk 3 and missed the rest of the year. LB Jamal White was suspended for the first 2 games and ex-WR Mike Beirne was forced into the LB rotation. Returning starting ILB Ronnie Riley was injured in the opener and out for the year...The OL was also banged up last year. There were just 12 scholarship OL's last season and 4 of 5 starters missed practice in August due to injuries. C Nolan DeVaughn started 5 games before suffering a season ending shoulder injury. LG Keith Chatelain started the first 5 and then was lost with an ankle injury. They had only 7 healthy OL's heading into LSU and had to cut back on practice. LT Matt Brown got in 4 starts before being lost for the season and 2 true frosh and a soph started down the stretch...Their WR coach is Harold Jackson, a former NFL star. Dropped passes were a burden for this unit last year, as they had six each vs Mississippi and S Carolina... In 1999 UK surprisingly improved from #61 in my special teams rankings all the way up to #8, thanks mostly to punter Andy Smith who was 1st Team SEC and averaged 42.9 per punt with a 39.9 net, which was a UK record. He departed in 2000 and UK fell all the way to #91. They did get a new special teams coordinator last year in Mark Nelson and Kentucky moved to #33. **LSU** - In 1999 Josh Reed was a backup RB who moved to WR for the final 3 games. All he did in 2000 in his first full-time year as a starter was lead the SEC in rec ypg and receiving yards. His TD's were also 2nd best in school history. Last year he shattered LSU's record for receiving yards in a season with 1,979, the old LSU record was just 1,244...DC Gary Gibbs departs and the new DC is Will Muschamp who was the LB coach here and is only 30 years old. He was the defensive coordinator at Valdosta St in 2000. He does have a veteran unit to work with...As usual, there were a lot of coaching rumors in the post season as to whether Nick Saban would go off to the NFL or Notre Dame but he remains here once again...LSU's offensive front was injury plagued in 1998, 1999 and 2000 and in those 3 years only 1 player in 1998, 2 in 1999 and 1 in 2000 managed to start every game of the season. **LOUISVILLE** - The Cardinals had an AP jinx under John L. Smith as they entered the AP Poll 3 times but each time lost in their first week in the polls. Last year they ended the streak and actually moved up to #17 in the polls, which was their highest finish since 1991...The Cards best OL performance in John L. Smith's 4 seasons was in 1998 when they averaged 4.4 ypc rushing and allowed just 15 sacks. They slipped a little in 1999 to 4.0 and 22 sacks. In 2000 they had to replace both starting OT's who were 1st and 2nd Team CUSA but signed 3 JUCO's and had 3 seniors on the offensive front. Surprisingly they slipped even further to 3.6 ypc rushing and 31 sacks allowed...Last year they swept the conference honors with QB Ragone winning Offensive Player of the Year, DE White with Defensive Player of the Year and Smith as Coach of the Year...QB Gerry Ahrens (PS#36) made a huge mistake last year when after playing in just 1 game in 2000, he opted to transfer to Arkansas. He then opted to transfer back to Louisville and it cost him a season. He is still my favorite for the 2nd string job...John L. Smith has done a fine job developing the RB's, mostly using big backs with solid speed. LeRoy Collins rushed for 1,228 yards (5.3) in 1998 and Frank Moreau had 1,400 yards (5.4) in 1999. They signed JUCO transfer Chris Lester (6-1 210, 4.4 speed) but he suffered through 2 injury plagued seasons and did not have anywhere near the impact expected. Ex-LB Tony Stallings led the team in rushing in 2000...Eric Shelton (PS#3RB) transferred in from Florida St but he will not be eligible this season and should be CUSA's top RB next year...WR Damien Dorsey had a hard luck season but played with a lot of heart. He dislocated his wrist early in the year and missed a couple of games. When he returned he broke his toe vs Tulane and was out for the year. He still managed to return for the bowl game. DE Dewayne White had a tremendous game vs E Carolina where he played with a broken hand for 3Q's. **MEMPHIS** - Memphis had a tough luck season in 2000 and the same thing happened in 2001. They started out 4-2 but lost their final 5 games with 4 defeats coming by 12 points including 2 in OT. Tennessee got a FG with :13 left to avoid one of those upsets...Memphis' special teams were special under Rip Scherer and Chuck Stobart. In fact, since 1990 Memphis has blocked a



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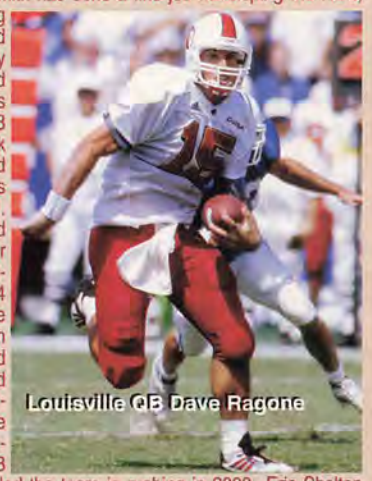

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total of 47 kicks including 27 punts...UM ranked in my Top 25 twice from 1994 to 1996 in my special teams rankings but in Scherer's last 3 years, they ranked #66, #87 and #89...Last year UM had snapping problems for the 2nd straight year. They used a true frosh long snapper in Gene Frederic and in the opener against Miss St a low snap led to one punt being blocked which was then run back for a TD. There also was another snap mishandled. Against S Miss it happened again with 3 punts being blocked, a game tying FG against UAB was blocked and vs Tennessee a low snap to Gaither saw him go to a knee to field it and he was ruled down. Frederic will battle Matt Gehrke for the duties this year...At WR, Von Webb (6-0 184 So) was expected to contribute in spring but tore knee ligaments and should be back in the fall. Webb, who has blazing 4.38 speed, was a member of the 4 x 100 relay team that set a CUSA record with a 40.19 performance in the spring of 2001. **MISSOURI** - Last year Justin Gage set a school record for a single game receiving yards with 236 against Baylor but the Bears were missing both of their starting CB's. In fact, Gage's best days came against the lackluster defenses. Against Nebraska, Texas, Colorado and Kansas St, Gage averaged just 4 catches for 43 yards. He averaged 9.2 rec's and 128 ypg vs the 5 non-bowl teams they faced. Gage almost turned pro but came back to school to work on his speed. He was also a key bench player for the Missouri hoops team and missed part of spring due to his involvement with the basketball squad. **NEW MEXICO ST** - NMS finished a surprisingly #29 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 but in 2000 the tallest starter at DB stood at just 5-10. They dropped to #94 in my pass D rankings. Last year SS Siddeeq Shabazz, in his first year as a starter had a huge game against Oregon St with 19 tackles and a blocked FG earning him Sun Belt Def Player of the Week honors. This year they add another top-notch JUCO in Jeremiah Imperial (PS#421JC) who was in for the spring...Last year NMS averaged 18,845 fans per game, the third best in school history...The athletic department is in the red so they are forced to play a lot of road games, at some very tough sites. Such is the case again this year as they have 7 road trips, 2 of them to SEC country. **NOTRE DAME** - RB's Fisher and Jones were questionable for a good portion of the games at midseason. Fisher missed two games and got in just 4 starts rushing for just 384 yards (4.9). Both players had missed all of spring practice as well. Jones, who added 15 lbs in the offseason, but maintained his 4.34 speed, did not show the same burst to the outside during the year. He did lead the team with 718 yards (4.3). He had 106 yards against Stanford in the 1H but then was injured and missed the 2H. If he remains healthy, he should maintain the starters role and he has slimmed back down to 200 this year. **OREGON** - Oregon has had more victories (60) than any other Pac 10 team in the past 7 years and has been to 10 bowls since 1989. In 2000 they went 10-2 despite having the fewest amount of starters in the league (9). They finished #7 in the polls that year and their Top 10 final ranking was their first in 52 years at the end of a season...Bellotti has had success with RB's, in 1997 Saladin McCullough became the first UO RB to lead the Pac 10 in rushing since 1971. Reuben Droughns was PS#5JC and rushed for 1,234 (4.5) in 1999. Bellotti went the JUCO route again bringing in PS#3JC Maurice Morris (#2 DC of SEA) in 2000. Bellotti said that Morris had McCullough's speed and Droughns' ability to break tackles and I made him 2nd Team Pac 10 before he even took a snap. In 2000 he had bruised ribs, a shoulder ailment, a sprained toe and a lacerated thumb during the year and while never 100% was still #25 in the NCAA in rushing with 1,188 yards (4.2). In his first 5 games he had 125 ypg but over the last 7 a beat up Morris averaged just 80.2...One thing Bellotti has also done extremely well is develop the DL. I must admit the last couple of years I looked at the fact that they had to replace 3 starters. I thought teams would be able to run quite effectively on them. Instead in 2000 UO trimmed the ypc allowed from 3.9 to 3.4 with a unit that averaged 278 lbs across the front. Last year's DL had players returning with just 5 sacks but amazingly trimmed the ypc to just 2.3. The Ducks finished #17 in my pass D rankings in 1999. They had to replace 4 players who combined for 40 starts but did get back a 1999 starter so basically had 2 starters back and moved up to #4 in my rankings allowing a stingy 43.6% completions...Perhaps one of the reasons that Mike Bellotti has the best record in the Pac 10 since his arrival is because of the job he's done with special teams. The Ducks finished #30, #22, #4, #15, #13 in the past but in 2000 dropped to #47, the lowest in his tenure. He plays a lot of front line regulars on this unit. UO has been in the Top 3 in net punting in the Pac 10 four times (#1 in 2000) and was ranked in the Top 25 in KR's in six of the last seven years and in each of the last seven years have been in the Top 2 in KR defense in the Pac 10 (#1 in 2000, 16.1). Tom Osborne (no, not that one) was the special teams coordinator since 1995 but left last year and was replaced by Robin Ross. The team finished at #34 last year. **STANFORD** - Ty Willingham did a tremendous job at this academic institution and in 5 of his 7 years, the team finished in the top 4 of the Pac 10 and led the league with the least amount of penalties for 6 straight years...The Cardinal defense has been criticized for good reasons throughout the years but their strength in their Rose Bowl season was their DL, the "Trench Dogs". That unit had 3 of 4 starters returning and only allowed 3.7 ypc rushing which contributed heavily to a school record 56 sacks. In 2000 5 of the top 6 returned and the front 4 averaged 284 lbs per man but surprisingly the sack total dropped to 37 and they allowed 3.9 ypc. **TENNESSEE** - Surprisingly the year Tennessee won the National Championship (1998) they finished #86 in my special teams rankings with net punting being the problem. They improved to #24 and #19 the next 2 years and in 2000 blocked 4 kicks, the most since 1995. That ranking in 2000 did not include kicker Alex Walls who hit a super 18 of 20 FG's with a long of 47. Last year everyone returned with the exception of their super punter David Leaverton who had a net of 39.8 in 1998 and 1999 but only 36.6 in a banged up 2000 season and Tennessee placed #58 in 2001...Last year WR Donte Stallworth fractured his wrist vs Syracuse missing a couple of games and then played with a cast for part of the season, but still finished as the team's #2 receiver...Last year TE Jason Witten (PS#13DL) had 34 rec's despite just 3 starts. UT's TE's had a combined 17 rec's the previous FOUR years. OC Sanders finally delivered on his promise to throw to the TE's more and Witten should be the best TE in the SEC and he is listed on my All American team...Head Coach Phil Fulmer has had 10 winning seasons in his first 10 years, the 3rd most years by any active coach without a losing season...FB Troy Fleming missed the first 2 games but then was used predominantly in the one-back sets against Arkansas with 8 rush attempts. He finished the year with just 107 yards rushing, playing mostly FB after that. **UCF** - Due to budget constraints, UCF is not allowing athletes to attend summer school unless they need it to graduate or keep their eligibility. Given the new summer class limits, it's possible that many of UCF's players will opt to go home for the summer and not participate in workouts. **UCLA** - Cory Paus (PS#15) got in 7 starts as a rFr in 1999 and was the team's Offensive Rookie of the Year, throwing for 1,336 yards (48.2%) with a 7-9 ratio while rushing for 110. He broke his collarbone in Wk 10 of that year. In 2000 Paus, who has an accurate arm and strong leadership qualities, won the starter's job but was injured in Week 1 and missed 3 games. He reclaimed his starting job vs Ariz St and he threw for 2,154 yards (56%) with a 17-9 ratio on the year. He also scrambled 13 yds for the game winning TD vs Arizona. Paus was just 4-5 SU as a starter that year despite the impressive stats. Ryan McCann (6-4 213 Jr, PS#21) is a left hander with a powerful arm. He had one start in '99 and in 4 games threw for 388 yards (52%) with an 0-3 ratio. He led the Bruins to the win over Alabama in 2000 and had 2 more starts but was benched after the loss to Oregon and then was injured and out for the year. He threw for 688 yards (50%) with a 4-2 ratio. Scott McEwan (6-3 200 Sr, PS#30) hit just 2 of 15 passes in '99. He was the team's backup QB for the 2nd half of 2000. Paus was the clear leader of the group and his pass efficiency rating of 145.8 would have led the Pac 10 in 2000 had he played enough games...UCLA's receiving corps was hit hard by injuries last year, especially late in the year. Ryan Smith was injured vs Stanford missing a couple of games and their top WR, Brian Poli-Dixon, missed four games due to injury. Against Wash St, walk-ons Garret Lepisto and Devon Reese saw the majority of playing time as the entire receiving corps was banged up. **UNLV** - The knock on RB Deon Burnett when he was at WSU was that he did not gain a lot of yards after contact. After he set the Pac 10 rushing record, the next season (2000) he gained 345 yards (3.7) as well as 204 yards receiving in 6 starts. He quit the team in their final game against Washington at halftime. He sat out last year after a transfer and has vowed to make up for that faux pas...UNLV had a punting battle and Gary Cook barely beat out Ryan McDonald for the starting punting job but McDonald came in for the final punt against Arkansas and dropped the snap setting up Arkansas's go-ahead score and costing them the win. In the next game against Northwestern a bad snap on a punt saw the punter tackled and a bad snap on the extra point cost them points as long snapping was a problem early on. Cook improved as the year went on and was even named MWC Special Teams Player of the Week vs Nevada, averaging 45.3 on 6 punts with 3 inside the 20. **VIRGINIA TECH** - VT's special teams are always incredible. After a "poor" #16 finish in 1999 they had to replace their kicker, punter and top returnman but still moved up to #6 in 2000. In 174 games under Beamer the team has blocked 80 punts including 5 more last season. K Carter Warley was bothered by back problems throughout the offseason and it hurt him during the season. He started the season just 4 of 9 but hit 8 of his last 13 although his long was only 39 and he was 0 for 4 from 40+...While Frank Beamer has done an incredible job at VT, one thing VT has had trouble with is beating highly ranked programs. Never in their school history have they beaten a team ranked higher than 9th in the polls and Beamer is actually 2-20 SU against top 10 teams, 0-6 in Blacksburg. Their 2 wins were beating #9 W Virginia in 1989 and #9 Texas in the Sugar Bowl...VT is in fine shape at DE, last year's starters, Lamar Cobb (8 sts) and Nathaniel Adibi (9 sts) both return but during the year Beamer said the backups, Cols Colas and Jim Davis, did a better job pressuring the QB's and those two combined for 8 sacks and 10 tfl while Cobb and Adibi combined for 5 sacks and 4 tfl. **W VIRGINIA** - W Virginia was very solid on special teams from 1997 through 1999 as they were ranked #29, #34 and #29. They had a horrible year in 2000 at #92 with breakdowns being common. They had trouble with long snapping and had 4 punts blocked and while WV scored 3 TD's, they also allowed a pair and gave up 14.6 per PR...Don Nehlen usually did a good job with the secondary as they ranked #28, #7, #48 and #49 in my pass D rankings from 1995-'98. They dropped to #67 in 1999 despite returning all 4 starters. In 2000, the losses were heavy as they had to replace 6 of their top 8 DB's and finished #59. The 2000 version did snag 19 int's during the regular season...Last year they did better ending up at #48...QB Brad Lewis had an up and down year last year and had just 317 yards passing with an 0-2 ratio in the first 2 games of 2001. When Antonio Brown returned in Week 3, Lewis was the Big East Offensive Player of the Week throwing for 286 yards and completed 27 of 34 passes. He had another good game the next week against Maryland but then was injured vs VT. Derek Jones (6-4 190 So) was called the best pure passer of his incoming frosh class but was moved to WR at the start of the year. When Marshall went down, Jones was moved back to QB and he hit 6 of 15 for 42 yards vs VT. He also saw significant playing time against Miami, Fla with 4 int's and a fumble but Lewis returned to health and started the rest of the games. Jones opted to transfer after the season. **WASHINGTON ST** - The Cougars usually have a decent special teams unit but ranked #71 in 1999 and while they moved up to #66 in 2000, last year they surprisingly dropped down to #81 due to a poor return game which finished #9 in the Pac 10. This was surprising as Erik Coleman was back at KR after averaging a lofty 25.4 in 2000 before breaking a hand and he averaged 22.1 on 9 returns last year. Collin Henderson led the team in PR's in '99 and 2000 but only averaged 6.1 and 5.8 and Coleman averaged 6.4 on PR's last year. In 2000 the Cougars only had 2 touchbacks all year and last year Adam Holiday had 2 in the first game and prior to the Oregon game he had 36 of his 56 KO's into the endzone with 24 TB's. Surprisingly the team allowed 24.4 per KR which hurt their ranking. Those numbers are a bit misleading due to the amount of touchbacks Holiday had. In the bowl game, Purdue came in with an All American punter and kicker but WSU's counterparts, Drew Dunning and Alan Cox outdid them. Long snapper Alex Johnson has departed and last year's backup Mike Isaacson decided to leave the team after not being awarded a scholarship. Tomasi Kongaika took over the LS duties but struggled and Troy Bienemann finished the spring as the starting LS...WSU's backup QB situation is interesting. Matt Kegel, who is Ryan Leaf's cousin is faster, can jump higher, lifts more weights and is a better athlete than Leaf. He threw for 535 yards in 2000 but only completed 44% with a 1-1 ratio. Last year he threw for 289 yards but only completed 46.5% with a 1-1 ratio. He has to battle Chris Hurd who had a 25-2 ratio in his senior year in HS. Hurd has a powerful arm and hit the goal post while kneeling at midfield. He also has spent more time studying film than anyone (even Gesser) on the team in his redshirt season. He showed some great command running the scout team last year...Head Coach Mike Price is #1 among current Pac 10 coaches in wins due to his longevity. **WISCONSIN** - Barry Alvarez normally does an excellent job with his special teams as he's had some amazing KO men through the years who have recorded a high percentage of TB's. Vitaly Pisetsky handled those duties for four years and in 2000 the Badgers allowed 18.1 per KR with a lot of touchbacks. He was also an excellent FG man. Last year the Badgers finished #102 in my special teams rankings due to a myriad of mistakes. Opponents blocked 4 punts against Wisconsin, returning two of them for TD's. FG's were tough as Allen missed 2 FG's and an xp vs Penn St and later Mark Neuser missed crucial FG's vs Iowa, Mich and Minn. Of course, vs Mich, late in the game the Wolves punted and UW had nobody back but Brett Bell was blocking a defender and let the ball hit him in the leg. The Wolves recovered the ball and went on to win that game after a crucial missed FG by Neuser could have won it.

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I know this magazine is about college football, but I could not resist telling you about a great system for the most watched sporting event in the world...The Super Bowl. You will notice that the title of this page is the AMAZING Super Bowl System. Now that you have read my magazine, you can tell I do not throw around terms like amazing very often. The dictionary defines amazing as "to fill with astonishment." I must admit, I have seen a lot in my 21 year handicapping career and little amazes me anymore.

Back in 1990, I developed a Super Bowl System for picking pointspread winners of the big game. This system awards points for 17 different categories including things like better overall ATS record and even superior net penalty yards. The 17 categories are all weighted differently. Now, I will admit that the system was retrofitted. I played around on the computer for about a week until I found just the right combination to predict all the past Super Bowls with the least amount of losses. I fine-tuned it to give me only two losses in the history of the Super Bowl. Not too shabby. Now the big question was, would it work for future Super Bowls? The first year I did the math and it produced an easy Super Bowl winner and I began to get excited. The next year, another winner. The next year, another winner. Each year the excitement has built. It is now to the point that I will not make my Super Bowl prediction without at least consulting this amazing system. I usually figure it out during the second half of the 2nd Conference Title game so I have the result as soon as the matchups are known.

The system itself is **16-0-2 ATS over the last 18 years**. Even more amazing is that in 12 of the last 13 years it has picked the outright winner as well. Nine times in the last 13 years it has picked the favorite and they have won both SU and ATS. Once, in Super Bowl XXX, it called for Pittsburgh to stay within 10 points of Dallas and the Steelers were +13'. Amazingly the Cowboys won by exactly 10 points and the Steelers covered which was exactly what the system called for. Twice in the last 11 years it has called for an OUTRIGHT upset. The first was the NY Giants +7 over Buffalo and the Giants won outright. Five years ago, I sat down to write Power Sweep and was torn as to which team to pick, as I could make a good case for both teams. The Super Bowl System stunned me by picking Denver to win the game outright as an 11' point dog! I took note but merely called for them to cover the spread in Power Sweep. I was amazed when, as the system said, Denver won Outright!! Playing Denver with the Money Line would have meant a HUGE profit in Las Vegas. In 2000, I had to clarify whether the best SU record was regular season or current (including the playoffs) as it was not in the wording. By defining with the word current, the Super Bowl System picked Baltimore and had yet another winner. Here are the complete results of the Super Bowls and what the Super Bowl System forecasted each year.

Here is a look at all 36 Super Bowls vs the spread with this revised Super Bowl System:

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II	Green Bay 47 (-13') over Oakland 30.5	3	WIN 33-14
III	NY Jets 24 (+18) over Baltimore 35.5	6.5	WIN 16-7
IV	**Kansas City 35 (+12) over Minnesota 24.5**	**22.5**	**WIN 23-7**
V	**Baltimore 42.5 (+2') over Dallas 22**	**23**	**WIN 16-13**
VI	Dallas 54 (-6) over Miami 13.5	34.5	WIN 24-3
VII	**Miami 60.5 (+1') over Washington 4**	**58**	**WIN 14-7**
VIII	Miami 48.5 (-6') over Minnesota 23	19	WIN 24-7
IX	Pittsburgh 43 (-3) over Minnesota 24.5	15.5	WIN 16-6
X	Pittsburgh 62 (-7) over Dallas 16.5	38.5	Loss 21-17
XI	Oakland 44.5 (-4') over Minnesota 12	28	WIN 32-14
XII	Dallas 34.5 (-6) over Denver 22.5	6	WIN 27-10
XIII	Pittsburgh 40 (-3') over Dallas 13.5	23	WIN 35-31
XIV	Pittsburgh 57 (-10') over LA Rams 16.5	30	WIN 31-19
XV	**Oakland 37 (+3) over Philadelphia 30.5**	**9.5**	**WIN 27-10**
XVI	San Francisco 44.5 (E) over Cincinnati 15	29.5	WIN 26-21
XVII	**Washington 34 (+3) over Miami 25.5**	**11.5**	**WIN 27-17**
XVIII	Washington 39.5 (-3) over LA Raiders 14	22.5	Loss 9-38
XIX	San Francisco 57.5 (-3') over Miami 12	42	WIN 38-16
XX	Chicago 45.5 (-10) over New England 6	29.5	WIN 46-10
XXI	NY Giants 54.5 (-9') over Denver 13	32	WIN 39-20
XXII	**Washington 43.5 (+3) over Denver 12**	**34.5**	**WIN 42-10**
XXIII	Cincinnati 28 (+7) over San Francisco 27	8	WIN 16-20
XXIV	San Francisco 40.5 (-12) over Denver 20	8.5	WIN 55-10
XXV	**NY Giants 33.5 (+7) over Buffalo 24**	**16.5**	**WIN 20-19**
XXVI	Washington 53 (-7) over Buffalo 6.5	39.5	WIN 37-24
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XXIX	San Francisco 53 (-18) over San Diego 14.5	20.5	WIN 49-26
XXX	Pittsburgh 29.5 (+13') over Dallas 40	3	WIN 17-27
XXXI	Green Bay 50.5 (-14) over New England 9	27.5	Push 35-21
XXXII	**Denver 35.5 (+11') over Green Bay 34**	**13**	**WIN 31-24**
XXXIII	Denver 37.5 (-7) over Atlanta 26	4.5	WIN 34-19
XXXIV	St Louis 51 (-7) over Tennessee 9.5	34.5	Push 23-16
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15'-20	3	0	0	100.0
20'-25	5	1	0	83.3
25'-30	4	0	1	100.0
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In 1998, I listed Ricky Williams of Texas as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when the Longhorns were humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in back to back weeks and he had average games in both. It was said at the time that his Heisman chances were gone. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

In 1999, I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and when he fumbled late in the Badgers' upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over Wisky was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne had broken Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

In 2000, I believe I was the only preseason publication in the country to call for QB Chris Weinke to win the Heisman and he delivered my THIRD straight winner.

Last year I missed with Chris Simms but did have Heisman winner Eric Crouch listed as #3 in the Heisman chase coming into the year.

This year I go for FOUR OUT OF FIVE. The 2002 race may be even more wide open than last year. There are many quality contenders. Here are the top candidates for the award including my #1 selection.

FAVORITES

1. Casey Clausen, Tennessee
After a slow start last year, Casey hit 67% over the last 6 games, throwing for 292 ypg with a 17-3 ratio and was the Citrus Bowl MVP. He has a veteran OL in front of him and WR Kelley Washington to throw to. The Vols 3 biggest games (Florida, Miami, Georgia) come against teams with a combined 2 starters returning in the secondary. Peyton Manning deserved this award in 1997 and the writers should make it up to Tennessee for their faux pas.

2. Byron Leftwich, Marshall
Byron will have the best stats of any QB this year. He is 6-6 240, mobile, has NFL arm strength and my #7 set of receivers to throw to. He also has the benefit of facing SEVEN defenses that rank in my BOTTOM 20 this year and that does not even include a IAA foe. That could translate to a lot of 400 yard plus efforts and the key may be their early season trip to Blacksburg. If he can guide an upset, he would vault to the top of the charts and probably lead an undefeated team.

3. Charles Rogers, Michigan St
He is 6-4 with 4.3 speed and set an MSU record with 1470 yards receiving, including 270 in the bowl and had a super 21.9 ypc. He also has the added advantage of returning kicks and I look for him to really emerge in that area this season. He will need the Spartans to pull a road upset at Michigan to really grab the votes (especially if he gets some TD's in Ann Arbor).

4. Ken Dorsey, Miami (Fla)
Dorsey was surrounded by talent last year and the overall talent of the team was the main reason for the National Title. If the Hurricanes are to repeat, they will rely more on their senior QB. An undefeated season would make him 38-1 as a starter. That stat alone would pretty much clinch the Heisman. He also has a career 65-19 TD/Int ratio, showing that he makes good decisions.

5. Rex Grossman, Florida
Last year I picked the Florida QB as #4 on this list and Grossman finished #2 with a super 4144 yds (66%) with a 38-12 ratio. I would have rated him higher but Spurrier is no longer around and the new offense will run the ball a little more and his WR corps and O-Line are being rebuilt.

6. Chris Simms, Texas
OK, quit laughing. I had Chris as my choice last year and if not for his abysmal performance in two key games, he would have had a shot. He has my #1 rated receiving corps, a top-notch OL and will put up huge stats this year. Should he engineer road wins vs Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas St and the Longhorns go undefeated, he could take home the hardware.

7. Carson Palmer, USC
Last year a banged up offense did not help Carson adjust to the new offensive schemes of coordinating legend Norm Chow. This year he is surrounded by talent and now has experience with Chow's system. Two sets of my power ratings have the Trojans going undefeated vs the nation's toughest schedule and that is the stuff that makes Heisman winners.

8. Chris Rix, Florida St
The Seminoles were VERY inexperienced as a team last year. However, in his first year as a starter Rix threw for 3060 yards (57%) with a 26-14 ratio and had 576 gross rushing yards. Now FSU is a title contender, has my #3 rated O-Line and #2 set of receivers to work with!! He would be rated higher but sophomores sometimes face bias in the voting (ask Grossman about 2001).

9. Dave Ragone, Louisville
I think Ragone could be one of the top 3 QB's in the NFL draft next year. He has made his hometown, Cleveland, proud. Ragone has thrown for 6226 yards (61.1%) with a 55-19 ratio the last two years. If he can engineer an upset over Florida St and should Louisville go undefeated, he would move to the top. However, he has a rebuilt O-Line, loses his top two WR's and when the coach changed his mechanics in the spring, he struggled.

10. Reggie Williams, Washington
Normally a QB or RB is the focal point of an offense but Reggie is the main threat in the Huskie attack. He averaged 17.3 on receptions last year as a true frosh and may add return duties to his resume this year.

11. Lee Suggs, Virginia Tech
I would have had Lee rated higher but he is coming off of major knee surgery and must share carries with the very talented Kevin Jones. Still, he is 201 lbs with 4.27 speed and had 30 TD's in his one full year as a starter.

12. Roy Williams, Texas
Williams is a big part of the UT offense, he is 6-4, 210 with blazing speed. He averaged 20.3 ypc as a true frosh and managed 78 receptions last year despite a lingering ankle injury. He is healthy this year and a junior, making him a bigger threat.

13. Dahrran Diedrick, Nebraska
The TB's will carry a much bigger part of the load now with Eric Crouch departing for the NFL. Diedrick is 225 lbs with good speed and runs behind a massive O-Line in an offense that is built for running the ball.

14. Cedric Benson, Texas
The Longhorns' offense got a lot stronger last year when Benson emerged as a true frosh starter. He has the size and speed and defenses can't stack the line vs the run with Simms and my #1 rated receiving corps on the field.

15. Onterrio Smith, Oregon
He rushed for 1058 yards with a super 6.0 ypc as a backup last year!! Now he is the main man. He has blazing speed and will be the focal point of the Harrington-less offense.

16. Eli Manning, Mississippi
He is clearly one of the top QB's in the country and his name alone makes him a candidate. He showed a lot in his first year as a starter last year and should have a fine junior season.

17. Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech
He is in his 3rd year as a full time starter in an offense geared towards big QB stats. Last year he completed 68% and this is Tech's best team in a long time. Should he guide them to a Division Title (same division as Texas, Oklahoma, A&M) he would vault up towards the top.

18. Carnell Williams, Auburn
I think he will be the MVP of the Auburn offense if he can stay healthy and he proved to be a star RB as a true frosh last year. Some guy named Bo won the Heisman playing RB at this school and Carnell looks like the 2nd coming.

19. Anthony Davis, Wisconsin
Barry Alvarez loves to run the football and he has another workhorse, as Davis rushed for 1466 yards last year (5.0), despite missing a game with injury and has 4.36 speed. Ron Dayne won the Heisman at this school just a few short years ago.

CONTENDERS

20. Kelley Washington, Tennessee
Now in just his 2nd year at WR and turned down the NFL.

21. Earnest Graham, Florida
Was PS#1 but Florida will now run the ball more under Zook.

22. Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech
If Suggs was not in the same backfield he would be near the top.

23. Michael Doss, Ohio St
The top S in the country on a talented D and he may also return kicks.

24. Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky
J-Lo should put up big stats and is fun to watch with his DL size.

25. Seneca Wallace, Iowa St
Speaking of fun to watch, he is like tackling the wind.

26. Dwone Hicks, Middle Tennessee St
Should produce some eye popping stats with lightweight foes on the schedule.

27. LaBrandon Toefield, LSU
He will be the focal point of a potent offense with Davey and Reed gone.

28. Jason Thomas, UNLV
Thomas has NFL talent and will be a comeback POY candidate with a new QB coach.

29. Bruce Perry, Maryland
Was simply the ACC Offensive POY in his 1st full year as starter.

29. Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas
If he stays healthy and out of trouble, he could be the SEC's best back.

DARKHORSES

The following players are my darkhorses to take home the trophy. They are not highly hyped preseason contenders, but they should have great seasons in 2002!!

Sultan McCullough, USC
Clarence Farmer, Arizona
Dennis Weathersby, Oregon St
EJ Henderson, Maryland
Jeff Smoker, Michigan St
Greg Jones, Florida St
Dontae Walker, Mississippi St
Thomas Tapeh, Minnesota
Colorado Feature RB
Julius Jones, Notre Dame
Derrick Nix, S Mississippi
Kareem Kelly, USC
Philip Rivers, NC State
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Aug	19	San Francisco	at	Denver
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2002 Monday Night Games

Sept	9	Pittsburgh	at	New England
Sept	16	Philadelphia	at	Washington
Sept	23	St Louis	at	Tampa Bay
Sept	30	Denver	at	Baltimore
Oct	7	Green Bay	at	Chicago
Oct	14	San Francisco	at	Seattle
Oct	21	Indianapolis	at	Pittsburgh
Oct	28	NY Giants	at	Philadelphia
Nov	4	Miami	at	Green Bay
Nov	11	Oakland	at	Denver
Nov	18	Chicago	at	St Louis
Nov	25	Philadelphia	at	San Francisco
Dec	2	NY Jets	at	Oakland
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Dec	30	San Francisco	at	St Louis

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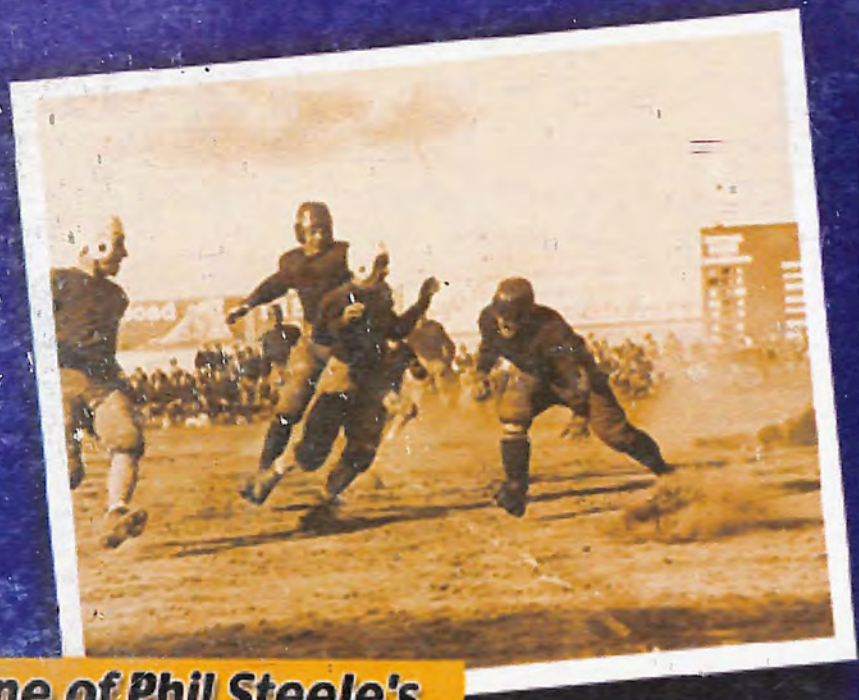

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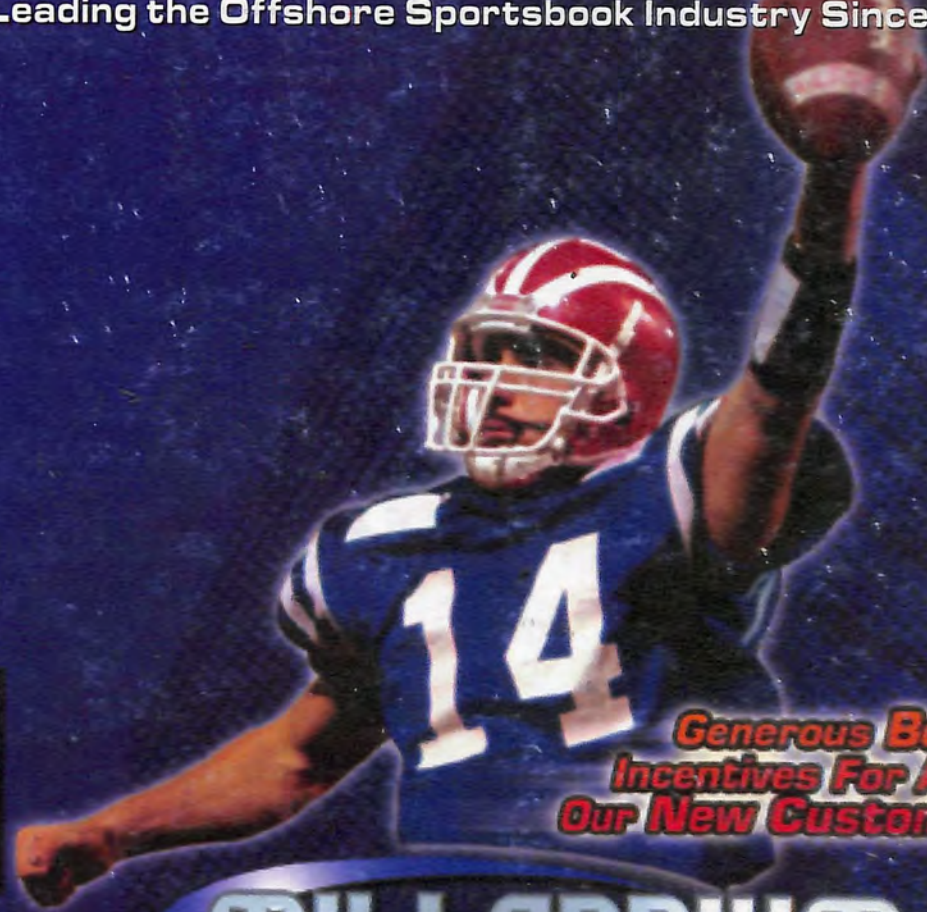

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